

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008



# ALBANY PORT DISTRICT COMMISSION

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#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As New York State and the Albany Port District Commission celebrated the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hudson River, the Port of Albany and Rensselaer continues to be one of the region's strongest economic engines.

With the invaluable guidance of Albany Mayor Gerald Jennings, the Albany Port District Commission received two grants totaling \$11.5 million (\$6.5 million from New York State and \$5.0 million from Federal Stimulus Funding) for approximately 800 feet of dock and wharf reconstruction. This critical work will enable the Port to grow and prosper for decades to come.

During fiscal year 2009, the Port implemented the above-mentioned dock and wharf reconstruction project – an infrastructure investment that was much needed. The Commission believes that the timing of this project could not have been better, as the worldwide economy significantly slowed down, the Commission actively pursued this major infrastructure project. With the assistance from State and Federal stimulus money the project will be completed and actively marketed to meet the needs of many new and different cargoes.

Following this MD&A are the basic financial statements together with the notes thereto which are essential to a full understanding of the data contained in the financial statements. In addition to the notes, this section also presents certain supplemental information that will assist in understanding the Commission's financial operations.

	2007	2008	2009
Ships Barges-Heavy Lift	76 5	76 <u>3</u>	54 4
Total	81	79	58
Tonnage:			
Inbound Outbound	120,800 648,034	227,299 362,050	34,357 217,388
Total	768,834	589,349	251,745
Longshoremen Man Hours	51,695	70,421	35,604

A comparative summary of maritime activity follows:

## **Financial Operation Highlights**

Total fund equity increased \$3,348,084 for 2009 compared with a \$882,754 increase from the prior year.

The \$3,348,084 increase for 2009 can primarily be attributed to the following:

- Increase in Capital Contributions \$3,229,341
- Decrease in Operating Revenues \$934,714
- Decrease in Operating Expenses \$622,483

# **Financial Position Summary**

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of the Commission's financial position. The Commission's net assets exceeded liabilities by \$24,015,069 at December 31, 2009, an increase of \$3,348,084 from December 31, 2008. A three-year comparison is shown below:

	2007	2007 2008	
Assets			
Current and other assets	\$ 2,986,552	\$ 3,845,902	\$ 4,264,868
Capital assets	20,224,481	19,784,207	22,916,849
Total assets	\$ 23,211,033	\$ 23,630,109	\$ 27,181,717
Liabilities			
Current and other liabilities	\$ 992,431	\$ 708,358	\$ 1,107,672
Long-term liabilities	2,434,371	2,254,766	2,058,976
	\$ 3,426,802	\$ 2,963,124	\$ 3,166,648
Net Assets			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 17,497,068	\$ 17,489,438	\$ 20,977,648
Unrestricted	2,287,163	3,177,547	3,037,421
Total net assets	\$ 19,784,231	\$ 20,666,985	\$ 24,015,069

#### Future Operations

- The Commission's 2001 purchase of a new \$2.4 million mobile harbor crane, the largest of its type in New York State, continues to enhance revenues.
- The Commission's wharf and dock reconstruction project commenced in 2009. The total cost of these Capital Improvements is estimated to be \$12.7 million. The project is currently under construction with an anticipated completion date of December 2010.
- The Albany Port District Commission issued a request for proposal for developing 18 acres of real property located in the Albany Port. The Port received proposals from seven different entities. After lengthy staff and board deliberation the successful bidder was Albany Renewable Energy, LLC. This organization plans to develop a renewable energy center with the construction and operation of two world class, state-of-the-art dry mill ethanol plants. The energy center will bring jobs and waterborne transportation benefits to the Port of Albany and to the Capital District region.
- The Commission issued a Request for Proposal for a Port Master Plan study. The Board has awarded the contract to Moffat Nichol. This study is in draft form and its anticipated to be approved in the upcoming fiscal year.
- The Commission is planning to design and build a geographic information system (GIS) for their real property during 2010 to assist in the management of their real property assets.

#### Financial Statements

The Commission's financial statements are prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles promulgated by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The Commission recognizes revenue when earned, not when received. Expenses are recognized when incurred, not when they are paid. Capital assets are capitalized and (except land) are depreciated over their useful lives.

# Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Commission's finances for all those interested. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or request for additional information should be addressed in writing to the Chief Financial Officer, <u>thurley@portofalbany.us</u>.



# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Commissioners Albany Port District Commission

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Albany Port District Commission (a component reporting unit of the City of Albany) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of revenues and expenses and changes in fund equity, and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Commission's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Albany Port District Commission as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated March 22, 2010 on our consideration of the Albany Port District Commission's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's discussion and analysis on pages 1 through 3 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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Albany, New York March 22, 2010

# ALBANY PORT DISTRICT COMMISSION BALANCE SHEETS December 31, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Investments Accounts receivable Other	\$ 1,448,235 2,106,439 484,730 184,502	\$ 493,509 2,798,823 348,947 157,434
Total current assets	4,223,906	3,798,713
NET PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	22,916,849	19,784,207
CASH, SECURITY DEPOSITS	27,831	31,342
OTHER	13,131	15,847
	\$ 27,181,717	\$23,630,109
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES Current maturities of long-term debt Deferred revenue Accounts payable Accrued expenses OPEB obligation, current portion	\$ 368,274 - 388,167 279,400 44,000	\$ 354,722 2,869 30,348 247,077 42,000
Total current liabilities	1,079,841	677,016
SECURITY DEPOSITS	27,831	31,342
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES OPEB obligation net of current portion Long-term debt, net of current maturities	488,049 1,570,927	314,719 1,940,047
Total long-term liabilities	2,058,976	2,254,766
Total liabilities	3,166,648	2,963,124
FUND EQUITY Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Unrestricted	20,977,648 3,037,421	17,489,438 3,177,547
Total fund equity	24,015,069	20,666,985
	\$ 27,181,717	\$23,630,109

# ALBANY PORT DISTRICT COMMISSION

# STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
OPERATING REVENUES Property rentals Dockage fees Wharfage fees Stevedore fees Crane/equipment rentals Security fees Cargo storage and other services charges	\$ 2,961,690 195,902 326,754 134,359 66,525 252,513 129,569	\$ 2,873,791 470,160 538,319 431,331 189,350 324,967 174,108
Total operating revenues	4,067,312	5,002,026
OPERATING EXPENSES Payroll and related costs Maintenance expense Material handling Dredging Insurance Professional and consulting fees Other operating expenses	1,489,991 118,517 77,873 - 203,712 344,340 518,210	1,357,449 130,665 113,318 626,359 224,268 366,764 556,303
Total operating expenses	2,752,643	3,375,126
OPERATING INCOME, BEFORE DEPRECIATION AND OTHER ITEMS	1,314,669	1,626,900
DEPRECIATION AND OTHER ITEMS Depreciation and amortization Grant revenue Waterfront development expenses Other revenue Decrease in fair value of investments Interest income Interest expense	(1,248,113) - (216,040) - (26,604) 19,821 (72,790)	(1,307,554) 446,674 (234,422) 24,900 (5,995) 69,172 (84,721)
Net depreciation and other items	(1,543,726)	(1,091,946)
(DECREASE) INCREASE IN FUND EQUITY BEFORE CAPITAL FUNDING	(229,057)	534,954
Capital contributions	3,577,141	347,800
INCREASE IN FUND EQUITY	3,348,084	882,754
Total fund equity, beginning of the year	20,666,985	19,784,231
Total fund equity, end of year	\$ 24,015,069	\$ 20,666,985

# ALBANY PORT DISTRICT COMMISSION STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received from rentals	\$ 3,021,171	\$ 3,031,538
Cash received for facility usage	730,431	1,271,865
Cash received from other services	382,082	499,078
Cash payments to employees and professionals	(1,614,914)	(1,736,214)
Cash payments for materials and maintenance	(178,919)	(237,861)
Cash payments for insurance	(248,856)	(229,864)
Cash payments for other expenses	(529,975)	(1,165,901)
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,561,020	1,432,641
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received for easement rights	-	24,900
Cash payments for waterfront development	(216,040)	(234,422)
Net cash used in noncapital financing activities	(216,040)	(209,522)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received from operational grant funding	-	446,674
Cash payments for capital assets	(4,037,691)	(864,565)
Cash received from capital grant funding	3,369,518	347,800
Interest expense	(72,790)	(84,721)
Cash payments on long-term debt and other obligations	(355,568)	(432,644)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(1,096,531)	(587,456)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		<u> </u>
	22.654	75.050
Cash received from interest	22,651	75,853
Cash paid for purchase of investments Cash received from sale of investments	(7,161,315)	(6,034,659)
Cash received from sale of investments	7,844,941	5,289,661
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	706,277	(669,145)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	954,726	(33,482)
Cash, beginning of year	493,509	526,991
Cash, end of year	\$ 1,448,235	\$ 493,509
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME, BEFORE DEPRECIATION AND OTHER ITEMS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	¢ 4 244 660	¢ 1 626 000
Operating income, before depreciation and other items	\$ 1,314,669	\$ 1,626,900
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash		
provided by operating activities:		
Changes in:		(457.004)
Accounts receivable	69,240	(157,321)
Other assets	(45,144)	(5,596)
Accounts payable	17,471	6,122
Accrued expenses	32,323	(171,197)
Deferred revenue	(2,869)	(42,227)
OPEB obligation	175,330	175,960
Total adjustments	246,351	(194,259)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 1,561,020	\$ 1,432,641

# NOTE 1 — ORGANIZATION AND STATUTORY COMMISSION

The Albany Port District Commission (the Commission) was established in 1925 under Chapter 192 of the Laws of the State of New York. The law, as amended, grants the Commission regulatory powers over the development and operations of the facilities of the Albany Port District. The Commission, a Public Corporation with perpetual existence, has the power to construct, develop and operate Port facilities, including a terminal railroad; to fix fees, rates, rentals and other charges for its facilities; to regulate and supervise the construction and operations of the Port facilities by private enterprise; to issue bonds and notes; and to do all other things necessary to make the Port useful and productive. The Commission also has the right of eminent domain.

The Laws of 1925 provide that the municipalities of Albany and Rensselaer be assessed for the Commission's deficit, if any, which might result from operations and financing. A 1932 reapportionment determination established rates which approximate 88 percent for Albany and 12 percent for Rensselaer. Although rates are subject to change under the provisions of the law, in recent years, there have been no such assessments.

The Commission is a component reporting unit of the City of Albany and, as such, is included in the City's general purpose financial statements.

# NOTE 2 — SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The Commission follows the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 "Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments" and GASB Statement No. 37 "Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments: Omnibus." Statement 34, as amended by Statement 37, establishes standards for external reporting for all state and local government entities. It also requires the classification of fund equity into three components – invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted; and unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

- <u>Invested in capital assets, net of related debt</u> This component of fund equity consists of capital
  assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds,
  mortgages, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement
  of those assets. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds at year-end, the portion of the
  debt attributable to the unspent proceeds is not included in the calculation of invested in capital
  assets, net of related debt. Rather, when applicable, that portion of the debt is included in the same
  fund equity component as the unspent proceeds.
- <u>Restricted</u> This component of fund equity, when applicable, consists of restrictions placed on fund equity use through external constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), by law or regulation, or through enabling legislation. No component of fund equity was restricted at December 31, 2009 and 2008.
- <u>Unrestricted</u> This component of fund equity consists of fund equity that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

#### NOTE 2 — SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles for governmental entities, as prescribed by GASB. In accordance with the provisions promulgated by GASB, the Commission has elected not to apply Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and interpretations issued after November 1989.

The operations of the Commission are reported as a proprietary fund and, as such, are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Within this measurement focus, all assets and liabilities associated with operations are included on the balance sheet with revenues recorded when earned and expenses recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Commission considers all liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The Commission's financial instruments that are exposed to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash, cash equivalents and investments. The Commission places cash and temporary cash investments with high quality credit institutions.

#### Investments

New York State statutes and guidelines, and the Commission's own investment policies, limit the investment of funds to obligations of the U.S. Government and its agencies, certificates of deposit, and obligations of the State of New York. Investments principally include U.S. Government Agency discount obligations with maturities of less than one year. The Commission's investments are managed by an independent investment advisor and are stated in the balance sheets at market value.

#### **Property and Equipment**

The Commission's property, equipment, and other facilities are carried at cost and include capital funding (or grant funding) from federal, state and local Governmental entities utilized to acquire, construct, and improve facilities of the Commission. Such capital funding is recorded for amounts derived from capital project grants and other resources which are restricted to facility acquisition or construction. The Commission recognizes capital funding arising from capital project grants when earned (generally when the related capital expenditure is made). Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method based on estimated useful lives of the related assets, including those financed by capital funding grants. A substantial portion of depreciation is attributable to assets purchased with capital funding under various Governmental grants.

The estimated useful lives used in the calculation of depreciation are generally as follows:

Port marine facilities	10 to 30 Years
Furniture and equipment	5 to 10 Years
Transportation equipment	5 to 10 Years

#### **Accrued Employee Benefits**

It is the Commission's policy to record employee benefits, including accumulated vacation and sick leave earned, as a liability. Commission employees are granted vacation and sick leave in varying amounts. In the event of termination, an employee is reimbursed for such time up to a stated maximum.

## NOTE 2 — SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **Operating Revenues**

The Commission's operating revenues are principally derived from three sources: property rentals, dockage fees, and wharfage fees. Rental income is earned from tenants leasing buildings and other property owned by the Commission; dockage fees are earned from ships docked at Commission owned facilities; and wharfage fees, including stevedore fees, are earned from unloading ships. Operating revenues also include equipment rentals, service charges and other fees.

#### **Operating Expenses**

Operating expenses consist principally of payroll and related benefit costs, insurance costs, professional and consulting fees, maintenance costs, advertising and promotion expenses and utilities.

#### Waterfront Development Expenses

In 2002, the Commission entered into an operating lease agreement with Albany Local Development Corporation (ALDC) for the use of the Corning Preserve and Hudson River waterfront (see Note 10). All lease payments made to ALDC for the use of this property, in addition to other waterfront related contractual costs incurred by the Commission, are expensed when incurred.

#### Capital Funding

Capital funding represents grants, generally from federal and state funding sources, which are designated for capital asset acquisition and/or construction.

#### Income Taxes

The properties and income of the Commission are exempt from all Federal and State income and franchise taxes under the provisions of the enabling Legislation.

#### **Estimates and Judgments**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### Reclassifications

Certain 2008 financial statement line items have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation.

# NOTE 3 — CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following at December 31, 2009:

	Carrying Value		Bank Balance	
	Va	lue	Ва	lance
Cash on hand	\$	335	\$	335
Deposit accounts	1,44	1,447,900		507,608
	<u>\$ 1,44</u>	18,235	<u>\$ 1,5</u>	507,943

At December 31, 2009, the Commission's deposits were covered by FDIC insurance.

## NOTE 4 — INVESTMENTS

At December 31, 2009, investments, which are stated on the balance sheets at market value, are comprised of U.S. Government agency obligations, as follows:

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	Par		(Carrying)	
Investment	Amount	Amount Maturity Value		<u>Cost</u>
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	\$ 420,000	1/6/2010	\$ 420,000	\$ 420,000
Federal National Mortgage Association	500,000	2/17/2010	500,000	500,000
Federal Home Loan Bank	385,000	3/12/2010	384,961	385,000
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	451,000	5/11/2010	450,820	451,000
Federal Home Loan Bank	350,000	3/30/2010	350,658	350,000
	<u>\$ 2,106,000</u>		<u>\$ 2,106,439</u>	<u>\$ 2,106,000</u>

At December 31, 2008, investments, which are stated on the balance sheets at market value, were comprised of U.S. Government agency obligations, as follows:

Investment	<u> </u>	Par Amount	Maturity	Market Carrying) <u>Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Federal Home Loan Bank	\$	350,000	1/2/2009	\$ 350,000	\$ 345,698
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation		396,000	1/26/2009	396,000	390,811
Federal Home Loan Bank		540,000	2/19/2009	540,000	534,312
Federal National Mortgage Association		523,000	3/13/2009	522,948	515,971
Federal National Mortgage Association		250,000	3/23/2009	249,950	249,256
Federal National Mortgage Association		295,000	4/15/2009	294,882	290,390
Federal National Mortgage Association		448,000	12/10/2009	 445,043	 445,342
	\$	2,802,000		\$ 2,798,823	\$ 2,771,780

# NOTE 4 — INVESTMENTS (Continued)

The Commission's investments are categorized in accordance with criteria established by GASB to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the entity at year end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the Commission or its agent in the Commission's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the counter parties trust department or agent in the Commission's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the counter parties, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the Commission's name. All of the Commission's investments at December 31, 2009 and 2008 are categorized as Category 1.

# NOTE 5 — PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment is comprised of the following:

	December 31 <u>2008</u> <u>Additions</u>		<b>Deletions</b>	December 31 <u>2009</u>	
Port marine facilities	\$ 63,428,294	\$ 160,915	\$ -	\$ 63,589,209	
Transportation, equipment and furniture	735,051	34,185	-	769,236	
Construction in process		4,182,939	<u> </u>	4,182,939	
Total	64,163,345	4,378,039	-	68,541,384	
Less accumulated depreciation	44,379,138	1,245,397		45,624,535	
Net property and equipment	<u>\$ 19,784,207</u>	<u>\$ 3,132,642</u>	<u>\$</u> -	<u>\$ 22,916,849</u>	

Depreciation expense was \$1,245,397 and \$1,304,838 for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

# NOTE 6 — LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt is comprised of the following:

	December 31 <u>2008</u>	Debt <u>Issued</u>		
NYS First Instance advances (A)	\$ 477,709	\$-	\$ 80,000	\$ 397,709
M&T warehouse obligation (B)	1,226,610	-	55,830	1,170,780
KeyBank crane obligation (C)	525,515	-	203,745	321,770
Real Lease capital lease (D)	64,935		15,993	48,942
Less current maturities	2,294,769 354,722	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 355,568</u>	1,939,201 <u>368,274</u>
	<u>\$ 1,940,047</u>			<u>\$ 1,570,927</u>

(A) New York State First Instance Advances are non-interest bearing advances, authorized by the State pursuant to the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 170 of the Laws of 1967, for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of facilities. The terms of the agreement, as approved by the State Division of Budget and the State Legislature, provides for equal annual payments, each in the amount of \$80,000, through the year 2013, with a final payment of \$77,709 in 2014.

# NOTE 6 — LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

(B) During 1994, the Commission entered into an agreement with Albany Industrial Development Agency (AIDA) providing for a ground lease of certain real property owned by the Commission. Concurrent with this transaction, AIDA conveyed their rights under the ground lease to the Albany Local Development Corporation (ALDC) and issued, for the benefit of ALDC, Civic Facility Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$1,675,000. The net proceeds of the Revenue Bonds were utilized to construct a 70,000 square foot warehouse facility which was subsequently leased to the Commission. The ground lease between the Commission and AIDA, which provided for no rental payments, was to extend over the 30 year term of the revenue bonds. The Commission was obligated under the facility lease to provide for payments, approximating \$11,500 monthly (through February 2024), which were to be utilized by ALDC to fund their debt service obligations over the 30 year term of the Revenue Bonds. Upon termination of the ground lease and the project facility lease, and the repayment of the Revenue Bonds, the warehouse facility and related improvements are to be conveyed to the Commission. The Commission recorded this transaction as a capitalized lease obligation with the project facility and the lease obligation both recorded on the Commission's balance sheet.

In 2004, the Commission refinanced this obligation through a mortgage with M&T Bank and, concurrently, defeased the revenue bonds. The terms of the mortgage provide for monthly payments of \$8,718, including interest at 4.07% per annum, with 20 year amortization and a 10 year balloon payment. Final maturity is November 2014. The mortgage is secured by the warehouse facility.

- (C) During 2001, the Commission acquired a heavy lift crane to improve the loading and unloading of cargo at the Port's facilities. The crane was partially funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce under a grant in the approximate amount of \$806,000. The net cost of the crane (the acquisition cost of approximately \$2,366,000, net of governmental grant funding) was funded under a capitalized lease arrangement with Key Bank. The imputed rate under the ten year lease approximates 4.76%. Monthly payments approximating \$18,700 are required through June 2011. The Commission recorded this transaction as a capitalized lease obligation with the crane and the lease obligation both recorded on the Commission's balance sheet.
- (D) During 2007, the Commission acquired two forklifts to improve the loading and unloading of cargo at the Port's facilities. The cost of the forklifts was funded under two separate capitalized lease arrangements with Real Lease, Inc (acquisition cost of both forklifts approximated \$84,000). The imputed interest rate under the capital lease agreements approximates 3.3% per annum for each lease. Combined monthly payments approximating \$1,600 are required through September 2012. The Commission recorded this transaction as a capitalized lease obligation with the forklifts and the lease obligations both recorded on the Commission's balance sheet.

# NOTE 6 — LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

At December 31, 2009, long-term debt maturities were comprised of the following:

Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
2010	\$ 368,274	\$ 59,213	\$ 427,487
2011	268,432	46,567	314,999
2012	156,622	41,849	198,471
2013	145,683	38,937	184,620
2014	1,000,190	33,303	1,033,493
	<u>\$ 1,939,201</u>	<u>\$ 219,869</u>	<u>\$ 2,159,071</u>

Interest expense, inclusive of interest imputed on capital leases and certain other related costs, was \$72,790 and \$84,721 for 2009 and 2008, respectively.

# NOTE 7 — RETIREMENT PLAN AND RELATED BENEFITS

Substantially all Albany Port District Commission full-time employees participate in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System ("System").

The System is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan. Plan benefits, including retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries are provided under the provisions of the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law and are guaranteed under the State Constitution. The System issues a financial report that includes financial statements and other information for the System which is available to the public. The financial report may be obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System, 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12244.

The Commission is required to contribute annually to the System based on a percentage rate of payrolls. The rates, which vary according to the employees' date of hire, include normal, administrative, and supplemental pension contributions and prior service costs. Substantially all Commission payroll is covered by the System. Employees who joined the system after July 27, 1976, and have less than ten years of service or membership are required to contribute 3 percent of their salary. Employee contributions are deducted from their salaries and remitted on a current basis to the System.

Pension expense for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, net of certain credits, was approximately \$20,000, \$68,000 and \$71,000 respectively.

## NOTE 8 — OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The Commission provides certain health care benefits for retired employees and their covered dependents. Employees of the Commission become eligible for those benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the Commission. The Commission recognizes the cost of providing post-retirement health insurance benefits according to GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, prospectively. This Statement establishes standards for the recognition, measurement, and display of other postemployment benefits (retiree health insurance) expenses and related liabilities and note disclosures.

# NOTE 8 — OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

#### Plan Description

The Commission administers its retiree health insurance plan (the Plan) as a single-employer defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. The Plan provides for continuation of medical insurance benefits for qualifying retirees and their covered dependents and can be amended by action of the Commission. The plan does not currently issue a stand alone financial report since there are no assets legally segregated for the sole purpose of paying benefits under the Plan.

#### Funding Policy

The Commission pays the full cost of eligible retiree health insurance. The Commission currently contributes enough money to the plan to satisfy current obligations on a pay-as-you-go basis, with the possibility of pre-funding additional benefits if so determined by the Commission. The Commission contributed approximately \$44,000 for current premiums in both 2009 and 2008). The costs of administering this plan are paid by the Commission.

#### Funded Status and Funding Progress

The schedule of funding progress presents multiyear trend information that is useful in determining whether the actuarial value of plan assets, if any, is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liability. The following table sets forth the actuarial accrued liability and funded status of the plan as of December 31, 2007, the latest valuation date. Valuations are currently prepared every three years, as required by GASB 45.

	2009	2008
Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)		
Currently retired	\$ 436,000	\$ 436,000
Active employees	1,728,000	1,728,000
Actuarial accrued liability	2,164,000	2,164,000
Actuarial value of plan assets	<u> </u>	
Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL)	\$ 2,164,000	\$ 2,164,000
Funded ratio	0%	0%
Normal cost	\$ 96,000	\$ 96,000

The following table summarizes the amortization calculation of the UAAL as of the latest valuation date:

	2009	2008
UAAL	\$ 2,164,000	\$ 2,164,000
Amortization period (years)	30	30
Amortization discount rate	3.75%	3.75%
Present value factor	17.5	17.5
UAAL amortization amount	\$ 124,000	\$ 124,000

# NOTE 8 — OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

#### Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation

The Commission's annual OPEB cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities over a period not to exceed thirty years. The following table shows the components of the Commission's annual OPEB cost:

	2009	2008
Normal cost	\$ 96,000	\$ 96,000
Amortization of UAAL	124,000	124,000
ARC	220,000	220,000
Interest on OPEB obligation	-	-
Adjustment to ARC	-	
OPEB expense	\$ 220,000	\$ 220,000

The following table reconciles the Commission's OPEB obligation at December 31:

	2009	2008
Net OPEB obligation at beginning of year	\$ 356,719	\$ 180,759
Annual OPEB expense	220,000	220,000
Annual OPEB contributions	(44,670)	(44,040)
Net OPEB obligation at end of year	532,049	356,719
Less: estimated current portion of OPEB obligation	44,000	42,000
Estimated long-term portion of OPEB obligation	\$ 488,049	\$ 314,719
Percentage of expense contributed	20.0%	20.0%

#### Trend Information

Year Ended	OPEB Obligation
12/31/2007 12/31/2008	\$ 180,759 356,719 532,049
12/31/2008 12/31/2009	

# ALBANY PORT DISTRICT COMMISSION NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2009 and 2008

## NOTE 8 — OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

#### Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The projected unit credit actuarial cost method was used to estimate the Commission's OPEB obligation. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs (if any) between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

The measurement date for the calculation was December 31, 2007 and the discount rate utilized was 3.75%. No salary increases were assumed since benefits are not based on compensation. Health care costs were assumed to increase as follows:

Year	Trend <u>Increase</u>
2007	9%
2008	8%
2009	7%
2010	6%
2011	5%
Thereafter	5%

## NOTE 9 — PROPERTY HELD FOR LEASE

The Commission has entered into various operating leases with tenants for the use of space at Port owned buildings, terminals, offices, and other facilities. The approximate minimum future rentals scheduled to be received on operating leases in effect on December 31, 2009 were as follows:

2010	\$ 2,719,800
2011	2,589,100
2012	2,320,700
2013	1,429,800
2014	1,106,300
Thereafter	9,751,000
	\$ 19,916,700

# NOTE 10 — COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

**<u>Ongoing Investigation</u>:** In 2008, during the course of a Commission security management investigation, the Commission determined that three employees were suspected of the improper use of Commission resources and/or the theft of Commission property. Management referred the results of the Commission investigation to law enforcement officials. The resulting law enforcement investigation led to the arrest/employment termination of the three Commission employees.

<u>Claims and Litigation</u>: The Commission is a defendant in various claims, lawsuits and actions arising in the normal course of operations. In the opinion of the Commission's management, the ultimate amount of any liabilities which may be incurred in connection with the settlement of claims and litigation will not materially affect the Commission's financial condition.

Lease Obligation Relating to Waterfront Development: The Commission is committed to supporting the City of Albany's efforts in developing the Corning Preserve and Hudson River waterfront. In this regard, during 2002, the Albany Industrial Development Agency (AIDA) issued \$4,390,000 in Civic Facility Revenue Bonds for the benefit of the Albany Local Development Corporation (ALDC), for construction relating to the Corning Preserve/Hudson Riverfront Development Project. The majority of the net proceeds of the Revenue Bonds were utilized to fund various improvements to the project site for recreational and entertainment uses. Concurrent with the issuance of the bonds, ALDC and the Commission entered into a shared use and lease agreement, under which ALDC leases the project to the Commission for a 30 year lease term. At the end of the lease term, in 2033, the agreement provides that the project improvements are owned by ALDC. Accordingly, all improvements made to the project by the Commission, in excess of available bond proceeds, are expensed when incurred by the Commission as waterfront development expenses.

Under the shared use and lease agreement, which is accounted for as an operating lease by the Commission, the Commission is obligated to fully fund ALDC's obligations relating to the project, including the funding of installment payments sufficient to cover all related bond debt service and certain other contractual improvement and operating expenses. The AIDA/ALDC bonds are 25 year variable rate demand obligations, initially bearing interest at 1.9%, with rates established weekly by a remarketing agent. As such, the Commission's annual lease obligation will likely change on a year-to-year basis and, in an increasing interest rate environment, these changes may be material.

The bonds are secured by a letter of credit issued by Key Bank. Under the letter of credit, any grant proceeds received for the project are required to reduce the outstanding bonds. The letter of credit requires principal debt reduction payments, ranging from \$105,000 in 2004 to \$285,000 in 2027, thus providing for the full amortization of the bonds by the 2027 maturity date.

Future debt reduction payments are expected as follows:

ar Ending	
2010	\$
2011	
2012	
2013	
2014	
Thereafter	_
	\$

# NOTE 10 — COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

The bonds have no prepayment constraints and, as such, holders have the option to redeem bonds at any time. The letter of credit terms, as disclosed above, may also materially impact the Commission's annual lease obligation.

In connection with the issuance of the bonds, ALDC paid \$200,000 in costs relating to the transaction. For reimbursement of these costs, the Commission entered into a supplemental lease agreement under which the Commission is required to pay ALDC monthly payments of \$2,425, for 120 months, beginning May 2002 and ending April 2012.

During 2009 and 2008, the Commission's total lease cost, project improvement cost, and other operating expenses related to the waterfront development project approximated \$216,000 and \$234,000, respectively. The 2005 bond principal payment was paid by the federal grant funds described above. The 2009, 2008, 2007 and 2006 bond principal payments were not paid directly by the Commission, but, rather, were funded from the balance of unexpended bond proceeds. These unexpended bond proceeds are not an asset of the Commission and, as such, are not included as an asset in these financial statements. Accordingly, the use of these funds to satisfy a portion of the Commission's 2009 and 2008 lease obligations is excluded from these financial statements. Approximately \$4,000 in bond proceeds remain unexpended at December 31, 2009 and the Commission anticipates that these funds will be utilized to pay the Commission's lease obligations related to this project until such funds are depleted.

The Commission's future lease obligations under the shared use and lease agreement and supplemental lease agreement, assuming no changes in the variable bond rate, no bond prepayments, and no receipt of grant funding (events which will likely change over the 30 year term of the lease) will approximate a minimum of \$300,000 annually.

**Real Estate Easement Revenue:** In 2007, the Commission entered into an agreement with a thirdparty to convey specific easement rights to the third-party. The third-party is seeking to construct a power-generating facility on land adjacent to land owned by the Commission. Construction and operation of the facility required the Commission to convey easements related to certain water, gas and electric transmission lines to the third-party. In exchange for conveying these easement rights, as outlined in the agreement, the Commission received a payment of \$350,000 in 2007. Further, per the agreement, the Commission may receive an additional \$350,000 payment from the third-party if the aforementioned easements are assigned by the third-party to another entity or there is a sale of a controlling interest in the third-party at any time from and after the end of the thirty-sixth month following the date that the facility commences operational use of the easements.

**Federal and State Grants:** The Commission has secured funding in the form of two separate grants from the New York State Department of Transportation for a wharf reconstruction project, to be performed in two phases, and has entered into contracts for construction in the full amount of the project's total estimated cost. The first grant provides for up to \$6,500,000 in New York State funding for the first phase of the project, over and above which the Commission must provide at least 10% of the total phase one project cost, estimated to be approximately \$7,700,000. At year end, the Commission had expended approximately \$4,175,000 under this grant. The second grant provides for approximately \$5,000,000 in federal funding for the second phase of the project, the full amount of the estimated cost to complete the project. At year end, the Commission had expended approximately \$8,000 under this grant. Both phases of the project are expected to be completed during 2010.



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE OTHER INFORMATION

To the Commissioners The Albany Port District Commission

Our report on our audit of the basic financial statements of the Albany Port District Commission for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 appears on page 1. Those audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The schedules of payroll and related costs and other operating expenses are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

UHY LLP

Albany, New York March 22, 2010

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# ALBANY PORT DISTRICT COMMISSION

# SCHEDULES OF PAYROLL AND RELATED COSTS AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
PAYROLL AND RELATED COSTS		
Administrative	\$ 523,237	\$ 381,596
Maintenance crews and supervisor	247,818	158,046
Security	240,760	271,721
Benefit costs	185,023	250,226
OPEB expense	220,000	220,000
Payroll taxes	73,153	75,860
Total payroll and related costs	<u>\$ 1,489,991</u>	<u>\$1,357,449</u>
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES		
Security	\$ 51,878	\$ 25,521
Utilities	125,380	152,561
City water	3,446	5,817
Advertising and promotion	132,315	126,365
Office supplies and expenses	62,741	43,153
Telephone	23,539	19,728
Snow removal	32,445	50,410
Equipment operating expense	46,528	99,414
Other expenses	39,938	33,334
Total other operating expenses	<u>\$   518,210</u>	\$ 556,303



#### REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS, INCLUDING COMPLIANCE WITH INVESTMENT GUIDELINES, BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Commissioners Albany Port District Commission

We have audited the financial statements of the Albany Port District Commission (the "Commission") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated March 22, 2010. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Investment Guidelines for Public Authorities issued by the Office of the State Comptroller, State of New York.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Commission's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Commission's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements and other matters, including Investment Guidelines for Public Authorities and the Commission's Investment Guidelines, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Commissioners and management of the Albany Port District Commission, others within the entity, federal awarding agencies, pass-through entities and New York State departments and agencies, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

UHY LLP

Albany, New York March 22, 2010