CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER FUND

(AN ENTERPRISE FUND OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD)
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT



FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

July 23, 2024

Members of the City Council Electric Light and Power Fund City of Springfield, Illinois

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Electric Light and Power Fund, an enterprise fund of the City of Springfield, Illinois, as of and for the year ended February 29, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Fund's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Electric Light and Power Fund, an enterprise fund of the City of Springfield, Illinois, as of February 29, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Fund, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

Electric Light and Power Fund City of Springfield, Illinois July 23, 2024

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements - Continued

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the supplementary pension and other post-employment benefit (OPEB) schedules, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted a Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

Electric Light and Power Fund City of Springfield, Illinois July 23, 2024

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Electric Light and Power Fund, an enterprise fund of the City of Springfield, Illinois' basic financial statements. The supplemental schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplemental schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Net Position February 29, 2024

See Following Page

Statement of Net Position February 29, 2024

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and Investments	\$	49,004,289
Receivables - Net of Allowances		
Billed		18,077,056
Unbilled		8,704,963
Accrued Interest		260,473
Due from Primary Government		4,284,480
Inventories		22,780,147
Prepaids		2,071,851
Total Current Assets		105,183,259
Restricted Assets		
Restricted Cash and Investments		61,586,162
Accrued Interest		144,838
Total Restricted Assets		61,731,000
Noncurrent Assets		
Capital Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment		
Construction in Progress		28,596,944
Plant Capital Assets	1	1,401,179,581
Accumulated Depreciation	((772,513,012)
Total Property, Plant and Equipment		657,263,513
Nonutility Property		
Nondepreciable		4,986,658
Total Capital Assets		662,250,171
Other Assets		
Prepaid Insurance		292,668
Total Noncurrent Assets		662,542,839
Total Assets		829,457,098
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred Items - IMRF		24,314,543
Deferred Items - RBP		8,921,626
Deferred Items - Asset Retirement Obligation		11,880,634
Unamortized Loss on Refunding		6,012,081
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources		51,128,884
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources		880,585,982

LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 10,202,592
Unearned Revenues	2,235,275
Accrued Payroll	1,793,783
Deposits Payable	2,099,531
Due to Primary Government	3,004,583
Current Portion of Long-Term Liabilities	
Workers' Compensation	256,079
Compensated Absences	3,151,957
Total Current Liabilities	22,743,800
Current Liabilities Payable from Restricted Assets	
Revenue Bonds Payable	16,745,000
Loans Payable	306,050
Accrued Interest Payable	9,921,291
Total Current Liabilities Payable from Restricted Assets	26,972,341
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Workers' Compensation	339,454
Compensated Absences Payable	1,523,401
Net Pension Liability - IMRF	33,903,869
Total OPEB Liability - RBP	71,801,380
Revenue Bonds Payable	428,464,208
Loans Payable	560,949
Asset Retirement Obligation	24,883,167
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	561,476,428
Total Liabilities	611,192,569
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Items - IMRF	218,109
Deferred Items - RBP	28,627,811
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	28,845,920
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	640,038,489
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	226,739,589
Restricted - Debt Service	33,905,038
Restricted - System Repairs and Improvements	13,206,290
Unrestricted	(33,303,424)
Total Net Position	240,547,493
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position	880,585,982

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position For the Fiscal Year Ended February 29, 2024

Operating Revenues	
Charges for Services, Net of Sales Tax Expense	\$ 205,576,949
Operating Expenses	
Fuel Costs	19,651,682
Operations and Maintenance	37,469,005
Purchased Power	32,990,280
Transmission	7,827,807
Distribution	27,081,843
Accounting and Collection	8,164,388
Customer Service	663,948
Administrative and General	11,561,299
IMRF Pension	(8,374,222)
Other Post-Employment Benefits	(12,012,930)
Depreciation	23,040,873
Asset Retirement Obligation	2,878,060
Total Operating Expenses	150,942,033
Operating Income	54,634,916
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	
Investment Income	4,107,840
Other Income (Expenses)	148,179
Nonutility Income	82,947
Interest Expense	(18,230,641)
Amortization of Surety Premium	(18,293)
	(13,909,968)
Income Before Transfers and Contributions	40,724,948
Contribution Revenue	312,480
Transfers Out	(10,113,811)
Change in Net Position	30,923,617
Net Position - Beginning as Restated	209,623,876
Net Position - Ending	240,547,493

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Fiscal Year Ended February 29, 2024

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Receipts from Customers	\$ 207,037,955
Payments to Employees	(145,410,252)
Payments to Suppliers	(5,070,795)
- my	56,556,908
Cash Flows from Capital and Related	
Financing Activities	
Purchase of Capital Assets	(20,307,351)
Nonutility Operations - Net	82,947
Contribution Revenue	312,480
Retirement of Debt	(16,251,050)
Interest Expense	(20,430,217)
	(56,593,191)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities	
Transfers Out	(10,113,811)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Investment Income	4,107,840
Net Change in Cook and Investments	((,042,254)
Net Change in Cash and Investments	(6,042,254)
Cash and Investments	
Beginning	116,632,705
Ending	110,590,451
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash	
Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	
Operating (Loss)	54,616,623
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to	
Net Income to Net Cash	
Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities:	
Depreciation and Amortization	25,937,226
Other Income	148,179
(Increase) Decrease in Current Assets	1,312,827
Increase (Decrease) in Current Liabilities	(25,457,947)
Not Cook Provided by Oreantine Activities	57.557.000
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	56,556,908

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Electric Light and Power Fund (the Fund), an Enterprise Fund of the City of Springfield, Illinois (the City), have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as applied to government units (hereinafter referred to as generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP)). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant of the Fund's accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the Fund are described below.

REPORTING ENTITY

The Electric Light and Power Fund is a fund of the City and is classified as an Enterprise Fund (proprietary fund type). Enterprise funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenue earned, expenses incurred, and/or change in net position is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

The financial statements present only the financial position, changes in financial position, and cash flows of the City's Electric Light and Power Fund. These financial statements are not intended to present fairly the financial position, changes in financial position and cash flows of the City in conformity with GAAP.

The Fund's Board of Managers administers the fund but the City owns the Fund, approves operating revenues and expenses and has ultimate authority over Fund operations.

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

In the Statement of Net Position, the Fund's activities are reported on a full accrual, economic resources basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term obligations.

The Fund uses fund accounting to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

The Fund utilizes a single proprietary fund. Proprietary funds are used to account for activities similar to those found in the private sector, where the determination of net income is necessary or useful to sound financial administration. Goods or services from such activities are provided to outside parties.

MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - Continued

Measurement Focus

All proprietary funds utilize an "economic resources" measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. All assets/deferred outflows and liabilities/deferred inflows (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported. Proprietary fund equity is classified as net position.

Basis of Accounting

The Fund's basic financial statements are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned, including an estimate of electric revenue unbilled at the end of each accounting period, and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Fund are charges for services. Operating expenses include the cost of services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

ASSETS/DEFERRED OUTFLOWS, LIABILITIES/DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND NET POSITION OR EQUITY

Cash and Investments

For the purpose of the Statement of Net Position, the cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of purchase.

Investments are generally reported at fair value. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. For investments, the Fund categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

Restricted Cash and Investments

Restricted asset accounts are utilized in the Electric Light and Power Fund to comply with revenue bond ordinances. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use restricted resources first, then, unrestricted resources, as they are needed.

Inventories

Inventories of materials and supplies are stated at the lower of cost or market, with cost determined on an average cost basis. Inventory is used for maintenance of utility plant, not for resale.

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

ASSETS/DEFERRED OUTFLOWS, LIABILITIES/DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND NET POSITION OR EQUITY - Continued

Receivables

In the government-wide financial statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. The Fund records an allowance as not all amounts are expected to be fully collectible. The Fund reports accounts and interest as its major receivables.

Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$5,000 or more, depending on asset class, are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at acquisition value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

Depreciation has been provided using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives of the assets:

Utility Plant 15 - 50 Years Equipment 5 - 50 Years

Depreciation provided during the year ended February 29, 2024 was approximately 1.65 percent of depreciable utility plant at February 29, 2024.

Nonutility and Other Property

Nonutility and other property represents property acquired for the proposed John H. Hunter Lake project. The cost of farmland, including legal and other acquisition costs, are capitalized assets. Rental revenue and operating expenses are reported on the statements of revenue, expenses and changes in net position.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

Deferred outflow/inflow of resources represents a consumption/acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and therefore will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense)/inflow of resources (revenue) until that future time.

Long-Term Obligations

In the financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as expenses at the time of issuance.

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

ASSETS/DEFERRED OUTFLOWS, LIABILITIES/DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND NET POSITION OR EQUITY - Continued

Compensated Absences

Electric Light and Power Fund employees are granted vacation and sick pay in varying amounts. In the event of termination, a nonunion employee is reimbursed for accumulated vacation days up to the equivalent of two years vacation. A union employee normally must take vacation accrued during the fiscal year of accrual. Vested or accumulated vacation leave is recorded as an expense and liability as the benefits accrue to employees.

Certain union employees may accumulate up to 90 days of sick leave to be paid upon death or retirement. Nonunion employees may accumulate an unlimited number of days of sick leave. A portion of accumulated sick leave is to be paid upon death or retirement as decided by the City Council. No sick leave is paid upon termination. An actuarially determined liability is recognized for the portion of accumulated sick leave benefits estimated to be payable upon death or retirement.

Net Position

In the government-wide financial statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

Net Investment in Capital Assets - Consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted - Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted - All other net position balances that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

The Fund considers restricted amounts to have been spent when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund position is available.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES

Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses. Retail revenue is billed monthly based on rates adopted by the City Council. In addition to the base rates established by ordinance, a fuel adjustment factor is also applied. During fiscal year 2024, the average monthly fuel adjustment factor was a charge of \$0.01059 per kilowatt-hour. For the year ended February 29, 2024, retail customers of the electric system paid an average price of \$0.1440 per kilowatt-hour. Retail customer class average prices per kilowatt-hour for the 2024 fiscal years was as follows:

	Average Prices
Residential	\$0.1337
Commercial General	0.1527
Larger General	0.1301

CONTRIBUTION REVENUE AND RELATED PROJECT COSTS

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions, the Electric Light and Power Fund is required to recognize capital contributions from nonexchange transactions as revenues. Contributions are payments received from contractors and other businesses and individuals for special electric construction projects and contributions from other City funds for certain capital projects. Costs of the projects are capitalized and depreciated, or expensed as appropriate.

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

Annually, the City adopts a budget for the Fund. The budget is adopted using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Permitted Deposits and Investments - Statutes authorize the Fund to make deposits/invest in commercial banks, savings and loan institutions, obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agencies, obligations of States and their political subdivisions, credit union shares, repurchase agreements, commercial paper rated within the three highest classifications by at least two standard rating services and Illinois Funds.

Deposits. At year-end, the carrying amount of the Fund's deposits totaled \$67,762,564 and the bank balances totaled \$67,666,164. Additionally, at year-end, the Fund has \$23,297,117 invested in the Illinois Funds, which is measured at net asset value per share as determined by the pool, and \$19,530,770 in certificates of deposit, which are measured using level 2 inputs. Debt Securities classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

Following are the components of the Fund's cash, cash equivalents and investments:

	Unrestricted		Restricted	Total
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	31,647,152	36,115,412	67,762,564
Certificates of Deposit		15,518,738	4,012,032	19,530,770
Illinois Funds		1,838,399	21,458,718	23,297,117
		49,004,289	61,586,162	110,590,451

Interest Rate Risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. In accordance with the master revenue bond ordinance, the Fund limits investments to those with a maturity of ten years or less. City policy places further limits stating that the City will not directly invest in securities with a maturity of greater than five years three months from the date of purchase. Reserve funds, however, may be invested in securities exceeding five years three months if the maturity of such investments is made to coincide as nearly as practicable with the expected use of funds. At year-end, the Fund does not have any investments subject to interest rate risk.

Credit Risk. Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The City is empowered by statute to invest in certain types of securities as provided in the Public Funds Investment Act, 30 Illinois Compiled Statutes 235/1 et seq. The Fund may only invest in certain securities in accordance with a master revenue bond ordinance. Investments are restricted to U.S. Government issued or secured debt, insured or collateralized certificates of deposits, highly rated state and municipal debt, and state pooled investments. Investments may not mature beyond five years. The Fund's investments in the Illinois Funds is rated AAAmmf by Fitch Ratings and the certificates of deposits ratings are not available.

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS - Continued

DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - Continued

Custodial Credit Risk. In the case of deposits, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to the investment, the Fund will not be able to recover the value of its investments that are in possession of an outside party. The City's investment policy requires that deposits with financial institutions be collateralized at 105 percent of the market value of the principal and interest of the deposit. The collateral is to be held by an independent third party with whom the entity has a current custody agreement. The City's bank balances are covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago irrevocable Letter of Credit, Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) accounts maintained in a deposit placement service, or collateral held at Independent Bankers Bank, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago or Associated Bank Corporation. At year end, the entire bank balance was covered by collateral, federal depository or equivalent insurance.

Concentration of Credit Risk. This is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the Fund's investment in a single issuer. The City's investment policy calls for diversification of its investments by security type and institution. With the exception of U.S. Treasury notes and authorized pools, no more than 50 percent of the City's total investment portfolio will be invested in a single security type or with a single financial institution. The City's investment policy is written to encompass all City investments. Diversification levels in the policy are for the total investment portfolio. At year-end, the Fund does not have any investments over 5 percent of the total cash and investment portfolio (other than investments issued or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government and investments in mutual funds, external investment pools, and other pooled investments).

TRANSFERS OUT - PAYMENTS TO THE PRIMARY GOVERNMENT

The Electric Light and Power Fund makes payment in lieu of tax contributions to the primary government whereas the City passed Ordinance 628-11-04, later amended by Ordinances 729-10-05, 355-05-08, and 117-02-09, defining and codifying the financial relationships between City agencies, departments, and funds as to place a limit on the Office of Public Utilities' contributions/payments from the Electric Fund to the City's General Fund. During fiscal year 2016, the PILOT transfer calculation for the Electric Fund was amended by Ordinance 337-10-15. Transfers shall be made in an amount approved through the annual appropriation ordinance. Transfers are capped at the amount available after providing for System expenses, current annual debt service payments, required deposits to the Renewal, Replacement and Improvement Account and other required deposits to other funds and accounts of the Electric Light Revenue Fund ("Amount Available"). In addition, transfers were capped at 3.35% of "operating revenues, electric revenues and other revenues" as defined in the preceding year's annual audit. The transfer cap increased to 3.75% in March 2019. During fiscal year 2021, the PILOT transfer calculation for the Electric Fund was amended by Ordinance 067-02-21. This increased the transfer cap to 4.50% in March 2021 and 5.00% in March 2022.

During fiscal year 2024, the annual appropriation ordinance budgeted transfer amount was \$10,220,668, which was higher than the 5.00% of fiscal year 2023 revenues cap amount of \$10,113,811, but lower than the amount available of \$49,004,288. The transfer amount paid was \$10,113,811. The program allocation and the contributions to the primary government are shown as a transfer out, in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position.

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS - Continued

DUE TO/FROM PRIMARY GOVERNMENT

The following are the amounts due to/from the primary government as of year-end:

	Due from		Due to
		Primary	Primary
		Government	Government
General	\$	251,103	98,508
Lincoln Library		31,893	_
Convention and Visitors		34	_
Recycling		86	187,359
Water		4,000,000	12,479
Sewer			2,690,229
Oak Ridge Cemetery		458	522
Motor Vehicle Parking		72	_
Self-Insurance	834		15,486
	_	4,284,480	3,004,583

These balances resulted from the time lag between dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system and (3) payments between funds are made.

CAPITAL ASSETS

Nonutility Property

As of February 29, 2024, the Electric Light and Power Fund had acquired approximately 1,300 acres of farmland near Springfield for \$4,986,658. The land was acquired to construct the proposed John H. Hunter Lake, which would supplement the present Lake Springfield's potable water supply and provide cooling water for the Fund's generating system. Costs incurred for the project are classified as nonutility property, pending a final decision on the proposed project.

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS - Continued

CAPITAL ASSETS - Continued

Property, plant, and equipment capital asset activity for the year was as follows:

	Beginning			Ending
	Balances	Increases	Decreases	Balances
Construction in Progress	\$ 29,658,486	19,432,683	20,494,225	28,596,944
Plant Capital Assets				
Production	869,089,948	10,340,425	_	879,430,373
Transmission	89,526,712	1,725,369	260,000	90,992,081
Distribution	340,918,187	6,352,813	140,000	347,131,000
General Purpose	75,427,428	2,950,286	598,181	77,779,533
Waste Water Treatment	1,491,085			1,491,085
Excess Cost of Property				
Acquired from CILCO Over Value	 4,355,509			4,355,509
	1,380,808,869	21,368,893	998,181	1,401,179,581
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Production	388,926,068	12,058,278		400,984,346
Transmission	67,163,976	1,579,841	260,000	68,483,817
Distribution	232,327,735	7,072,763	140,000	239,260,498
General Purpose	56,293,497	2,322,563	598,181	58,017,879
Waste Water Treatment	1,403,535	7,428	_	1,410,963
Excess Cost of Property				
Acquired from CILCO Over Value	 4,355,509			4,355,509
	750,470,320	23,040,873	998,181	772,513,012
Total Net Plant Capital Assets	630,338,549	(1,671,980)		628,666,569
Total Net Capital Assets	 659,997,035	17,760,703	20,494,225	657,263,513

LONG-TERM DEBT

Revenue Bonds Payable

The City issues revenue bonds to undertake acquisition and construction of major improvements to the electric system. Revenue bonds are limited obligations of the City and do not constitute an indebtedness or a pledge of the full faith and credit or the taxing power of the City. The bonds are not secured by a lien or security interest in the physical assets of the electric system. The bonds are secured by lien on and security interest in the net revenues of the electric system. Revenue bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

	Beginning			Ending
Issue	Balances	Issuances	Retirements	Balances
Revenue Bonds of 2015, due in annual installments of \$11,300,000 to \$28,225,000, plus interest at 3.5% to				
5.0% through March 1, 2040.	\$ 441,160,000		15,945,000	425,215,000

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS - Continued

LONG-TERM DEBT - Continued

Loans Payable

The City enters into loans payable for the acquisition of capital equipment. Loans payable are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the City. Loans payable currently outstanding are as follows:

	В	eginning			Ending
Issue	Е	Balances	Issuances	Retirements	Balances
Loan Payable of 2022, due in annual installments of \$306,050, plus interest at 2.25% through February 15, 2027.	\$	1,173,049	_	306,050	866,999

Debt Service Requirements to Maturity

The annual debt service requirements to maturity, including principal and interest, are as follows:

	Reve	enue	Loan	ıs
Fiscal	Bo	nds	Payal	ole
Year	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
				_
2025	\$ 16,745,000	19,420,650	306,050	19,833
2026	17,575,000	18,562,650	306,050	12,797
2027	18,460,000	17,661,775	254,899	5,814
2028	19,380,000	16,715,775	_	_
2029	20,350,000	15,722,525	_	_
2030	21,370,000	14,679,525	_	_
2031	22,435,000	13,752,662	_	_
2032	23,220,000	12,779,550	_	_
2033	24,385,000	11,589,425	_	_
2034	25,600,000	10,339,800	_	_
2035	26,880,000	9,027,800	_	_
2036	28,225,000	7,791,300	_	_
2037	29,355,000	6,566,300	_	_
2038	30,675,000	5,215,575	_	_
2039	32,055,000	3,804,075	_	_
2040	33,500,000	2,329,025	_	_
2041	35,005,000	787,625		
Totals	425,215,000	186,746,037	866,999	38,444

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS - Continued

LONG-TERM DEBT - Continued

Revenue Bond Disclosures

The bond ordinances for the bond issues establish certain reserve accounts and restrict transactions of these accounts. A description of these accounts and a schedule of activity for the bonds are as follows:

Emergency Repair Account. Established to pay for emergency repairs and replacements and to pay bond principal and interest when no other funds are available. Amount on deposit is to be not less than \$4,000,000 or such other amount as the City Council may determine based upon the recommendation of an independent consulting engineer. Deposit deficiencies shall be funded in equal installments over 24 consecutive months.

Renewal, Replacement and Improvement Account. Established to pay the cost of extraordinary maintenance, necessary repairs, and replacements or contingencies; routine maintenance, but only when no other funds are available; improvements and extensions or acquisitions for the system, including equipment; and payment of principal and interest on first the outstanding senior lien bonds and then the outstanding junior lien bonds if sufficient funds are not available in the respective bond and interest accounts. Monthly funding is required at no less than one-twelfth of 10 percent of revenue for the preceding fiscal year less costs of fuel and purchased power. However, monthly funding may fall to one-fifteenth of 10 percent as long as, at the end of each year, the total monthly deposits for the year amount to 10 percent of net revenue less costs for fuel and purchased power.

Electric Rebate Account. Established to account for funds required to be deposited in order for the interest paid on the electric revenue bonds to remain tax-exempt. Amounts are to be deposited on each anniversary date equal to the actuarial bond fund earnings for the year less allowable bond fund earnings which represent excess earnings on the gross funds for each computation period. Amounts on deposit must be paid to the U.S. Government on various anniversary dates.

2015 Senior Lien Bond and Interest Account. Established to pay 2015 Senior Lien Bond principal and interest when due. Amounts deposited monthly to accumulate at a rate equal to a fractional amount of the current portion of long-term debt due plus a fractional amount of the next semiannual interest payment.

2015 Senior Lien Debt Service Reserve Account. Established to pay 2015 Senior Lien Bond principal and interest if sufficient funds are not available from other sources. Amount on deposit is to equal the Maximum Annual Debt Service on the 2015 Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds. Deposit deficiencies shall be funded in equal installments over twelve consecutive months.

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS - Continued

LONG-TERM DEBT - Continued

Revenue Bond Disclosures - Continued

		Emergency Repair	Renewal Replacement and Improvement	Electric Rebate	MISO J-750 Deposits
Restricted Cash and Investments - Beginning	\$	4,357,231	10,046,555	5,437	795,541
Additions (Deductions)					
Interest Income		236,596	435,484	295	115,973
Compliance Deposits			14,655,511	_	· —
Principal and Interest Payments		_	_		_
Transfers (to) from Unrestricted Accounts			(18,386,168)		(17,490)
Restricted Cash and Investments - Ending	_	4,593,827	6,751,382	5,732	894,024
		CWLP Commercial Vehicle Fund	2015 Senior Lien Bond and Interest	2015 Senior Lien Debt Service	Totals
Restricted Cash and Investments - Beginning	\$	1,112,376	26,626,047	19,911,272	62,854,459
Additions (Deductions)					
Interest Income		27,373	479,602	959,918	2,255,241
Compliance Deposits			36,584,280	-	51,239,791
Principal and Interest Payments		_	(36,182,900)		(36,182,900)
Transfers (to) from Unrestricted Accounts		(176,771)		_	(18,580,429)
Restricted Cash and Investments - Ending	_	962,978	27,507,029	20,871,190	61,586,162
Accrued Interest Receivable				_	144,838
				_	61,731,000

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS - Continued

LONG-TERM DEBT - Continued

Revenue Bond Disclosures - Continued

Various other agreements associated with the bond ordinances require the following:

- Additional senior lien revenue bonds can be issued if:
 - 1. The net revenue (all revenue of the System after deduction of the reasonable and necessary expenses of operation and maintenance but before depreciation, interest, and amortization), as shown in the financial statements audited by an independent certified public accountant for the last completed fiscal year prior to the issuance of such bonds, is equal to at least 125 percent of the combined maximum annual principal and interest requirements on the bonds then outstanding which remain outstanding after the additional bonds are issued. Additionally, if the rates of the System are changed, the rates in effect at the time of the issuance of any such bonds can be used to adjust the net revenues for the immediately preceding fiscal year, as determined by an Officer's Certificate, or
 - 2. The adjusted net revenue during any twelve consecutive months within the eighteen months immediately preceding the issuance of new bonds is at least 125 percent of the current debt service on all bonds then outstanding which remain outstanding after the additional bonds are issued, as determined by an Officer's Certificate.
- Junior lien revenue bonds can be issued if:
 - 1. The net revenue (all revenue of the System after deduction of the reasonable and necessary expenses of operation and maintenance but before depreciation, interest, and amortization), as shown in the financial statements audited by an independent certified public accountant for the last completed fiscal year prior to the issuance of such bonds, is equal to at least 125 percent of the combined maximum annual principal and interest requirements on the bonds then outstanding which remain outstanding after the additional bonds are issued. Additionally, if the rates of the System are changed, the rates in effect at the time of the issuance of any such bonds can be used to adjust the net revenues for the immediately preceding fiscal year, as determined by an Officer's Certificate, or
 - 2. The adjusted net revenue during any twelve consecutive months within the eighteen months immediately preceding the issuance of new bonds is at least to 125 percent of the maximum annual debt service on all outstanding bonds as computed immediately after the issuance of the proposed junior lien bonds on all bonds then outstanding which remain outstanding after the additional bonds are issued as determined by an Officer's Certificate.
- Electric charges are to be collected from the various City departments except the Street Department for street lighting purposes.
- Disposals of utility plant can only be of a routine operational nature.
- An annual operating budget for the Electric Light and Power Fund shall be adopted by the City.
- Investments are restricted as shown in the Deposits and Investments footnote (Note 3).
- Net revenue as defined in the bond ordinances must equal 1.25 times principal and interest for each fiscal year
 after reduction for reserve account requirements. The bond ordinances exclude principal and interest on
 subordinate lien debt for the purpose of this test.

As of February 29, 2024, the City was in compliance with the debt covenants of the bond ordinances. Net revenue equaled 1.77 times the principal and interest.

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS - Continued

ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION

The Fund has recognized an asset retirement obligation (ARO) and related deferred outflow of resources in connection with its obligation for the closure of existing lime ponds, the Dallman ash pond and the Lakeside ash pond at the end of their estimated useful lives in accordance with federal, state, and/or local requirements. The ARO were based on a study by an outside engineering consulting firm in 2019 and have been adjusted for inflation. The estimated remaining useful lives of the lime ponds, the Dallman ash pond and the Lakeside ash pond are approximately four years.

LONG-TERM LIABILITY ACTIVITY

Changes in long-term liabilities during the fiscal year were as follows:

	Beginning			Ending	Current
Type of Liabilities	Balances	Additions	Deduction	Balances	Portion
Workers Comp Payable	\$ 674,055	60,637	139,159	595,533	256,079
Compensated Absences	4,857,456	3,519,485	3,701,583	4,675,358	3,151,957
Net Pension Liability/(Asset) - IMRF	49,520,833		15,616,964	33,903,869	
Total OPEB Liability - RBP	68,433,319	3,368,061		71,801,380	
Revenue Bonds	441,160,000	_	15,945,000	425,215,000	16,745,000
Unamortized Bond Premium	22,193,784	_	2,199,576	19,994,208	_
Loans Payable	1,173,049	_	306,050	866,999	306,050
Asset Retirement Obligation	24,514,775	368,392		24,883,167	
	 612,527,271	7,316,575	37,908,332	581,935,514	20,459,086

PLEDGED REVENUE

The Electric Light and Power Fund has pledged future net revenues, net of operations and maintenance costs, to repay \$616.12 million in electric revenue bonds issued in 2006, 2007 and 2008. Proceeds from these bonds provided financing for various electric system projects including the construction of Dallman Unit 4. The bonds are payable solely from electric net revenues and are payable through March 1, 2037. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are required to be 80 percent or less of net revenues as per the bond ordinance.

During fiscal year 2016, the issuance of the Series 2015 Senior Lien Bonds refunded a portion of the 2006, 2007 and 2008 Electric Revenue Bonds. The Series 2015 Bonds are payable solely from electric net revenues and are payable through March 1, 2040. As of February 29, 2024, the total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds is \$611,961,037. For fiscal year ended February 29, 2024, the total principal and interest paid and total net revenues were \$36,182,900 and \$64,799,772, respectively.

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 3 - DETAIL NOTES ON ALL FUNDS - Continued

NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital Assets - Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 662,250,171
Plus: Unamortized Loss	6,012,081
Plus: Unspent Bond Proceeds	4,553,544
Less Capital Related Debt:	
Revenue Bonds	(425,215,000)
Loans Payable	(866,999)
Unamortized Premium	 (19,994,208)
Net Investment in Capital Assets	226,739,589

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Electric Light and Power Fund provides electric service to the other departments of the City at normal rates, except that the Fund provides street lighting services to the City at no charge.

During the year ended February 29, 2024, certain employees performed services for both the Electric Light and Power Fund and the Water Fund. Salaries and employee expenses for such individuals are generally allocated 85 percent to the Electric Light and Power Fund and 15 percent to the Water Fund based on the Massachusetts Formula, which gives equal weighting to each Fund's revenue, property and labor.

The Electric Light and Power Fund, the Water Fund and the Sewer Fund jointly bill customers for services. Each of these funds records its billed accounts receivable from customers each month.

Beginning in fiscal year 2019, the Electric Fund pays a shared service amount for certain mayoral, legal, human resource, purchasing and accounts payable services provided by the City's Corporate Fund. For the fiscal year ended February 29, 2024, the Electric Fund's allocated portion of these shared service expenses totaled \$1,088,059.

The Electric Light and Power Fund provides information technology and support services to the General (Corporate) Fund and certain other City funds at no charge.

City Ordinance (628-11-4), as amended, defines and limits the contributions and payments made from the Electric Light and Power Fund and defines other inter-fund financial policies. Section 1 of the ordinance lists the contributions and payments that are allowable. One of the listed items is electricity and maintenance for street lamps and traffic signals. For the fiscal year ended February 29, 2024, the Electric Light and Power Fund provided \$1,880,764 as free or below-cost electric service to the City for street lighting and traffic signals.

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

DEFERRED COMPENSATION

Certain employees paid by the Electric Light and Power Fund participate in a deferred compensation plan (the Plan) established in accordance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code Section 457 and sponsored by the City. Participation in the Plan is available to all employees of the City. The Electric Light and Power Fund has no administration responsibility, investment responsibility, or liability for losses under the Plan.

IMPAIRMENT OF DALLMAN 33

On November 12, 2019, Dallman Unit 33 suffered a failure causing damage to turbine bearings and seals which resulted in the unit being taken out of service. As of February 29, 2020, the unit remained out of service. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 42, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Impairment of Capital Assets and for Insurance Recoveries*, an impairment gain of \$4,551,788 was recognized for the year ended February 29, 2020.

In a letter dated March 14, 2022, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (MISO) acknowledges that the City of Springfield, IL (CWLP) will suspend Dallman Unit 3, effective September 1, 2022. On February 21, 2024, CWLP submitted a notice to MISO for its decision to convert the status of Dallman Unit 33 from Suspension to Retirement, effective March 1, 2024. As of February 29, 2024, Dallman Unit 33 remains out of service.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is self-insured for medical benefits. The Electric Light and Power Fund makes monthly contributions to the City's Self Insurance Fund for medical claims based on a budgeted per-member amount. Any unpaid claims or incurred, but not reported, claims are a liability of the Self Insurance Fund.

The City is also self-insured for certain general liability claims and workers' compensation claims. The Electric Light and Power Fund maintains cash and investment reserves to fund such claims. If needed, budgetary provisions may be established to provide additional funding. The Electric Light and Power Fund is responsible for actual general liability claims up to \$900,000 and for all workers' compensation claims. Changes in the balances of claims liabilities are as follows:

		2024	2023
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Claims Payable - Beginning	\$	674,055	718,994
Incurred Claims		60,637	231,572
Claims Paid		(139,159)	(276,511)
Claims Payable - Ending		595,533	674,055

Under the Master Bond Ordinance, the City is required to maintain insurance for the System of the kinds and in the amounts customarily carried by private parties operating similar properties; provided, however, that the City may self-insure over all or a part of such risks by establishing reasonable reserves or budgetary provisions. The City uses a combination of insurance policies and self-insurance to comply with the provisions of the Master Bond Ordinance.

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

RISK MANAGEMENT - Continued

The City has property coverage contracts with ACE American Insurance, National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., Princeton Excess and Surplus Lines Insurance Company, Lloyd's of London, and Lloyd's StarStone, all of which provide property insurance coverage for the facilities of the System, including the Dallman Units 31, 32, 33 and Unit 4, Interstate, all substations and large transformers, which expire on July 14, 2024, have a combined liability limit of \$350,000,000. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current and three prior fiscal years. In addition, the City has established, within the General Account of the Electric Light and Power Fund, an Insurance Reserve Account which is used to pay for losses incurred by the System which are not covered by insurance policies and are less than \$900,000. As of February 29, 2024, the amount on deposit in the System's Insurance Reserve Account was \$1,146,559.

Monies received pursuant to casualty insurance policies maintained by the City, for the benefit of the System, are required to be deposited to the credit of the Renewal, Replacement and Improvement Account and used to repair or replace the loss or damage with respect to which the monies were received or, at the option of the City, deposited into the Special Redemption Fund established under the Master Bond Ordinance and used (a) to pay principal of or interest or redemption premium on any bonds when there are no other funds for such purpose or, if not needed for the purposes set forth in this clause (a), then (b) to redeem or purchase bonds subject, in the case of purchases, to the certain limitations provided in the Master Bond Ordinance. The City maintains a self-insurance program for general liability for the System and for workers' compensation which covers the Department as well as other City agencies and departments.

COMMITMENTS

City Council approved a Resource Management Agreement with The Energy Authority (TEA), giving TEA the exclusive right to market the City's excess generation capacity, effective March 1, 2003. Under this agreement, the City pays a monthly resource management fee to TEA. The City paid resource management fees of \$891,102 to TEA during the year ended February 29, 2024.

The City is a transmission-owning member of Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) and participates in the energy market operated by MISO (the "MISO Energy Market") under a Resource Management Agreement with TEA. The City has designated TEA to be the Market Participant for the transaction of power sales and purchases in the MISO Energy Market on behalf of the City. The MISO Energy Market consists of both Day Ahead and Real Time energy markets. Participation in the MISO Energy Market gives the System the ability to offer excess generating capacity for sale into the MISO Energy Market and also provides the opportunity for economical power purchases to accommodate the System's native load needs at certain times of the year. Net (purchases) sales to MISO totaled (\$9,041,002) for the year ended February 29, 2024. Net sales to MISO are included with operating revenues.

A contract with Leander Construction Inc. (Ordinance 250-06-22) was passed in June 2022 for Lime Pond Relocation for \$16,522,278. As of February 29, 2024, \$1,201,959 remained outstanding on the contract and \$100,000 was being held as retainage on this project.

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Litigation

From time to time, the Fund is party to various pending claims and legal proceedings with respect to employment, civil rights, property taxes and other matters. Although the outcome of such matters cannot be forecasted with certainty, it is the opinion of management and the Fund attorney that the likelihood is remote that any such claims or proceedings will have a material adverse effect on the Fund's financial position or results of operations.

Grants

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the Fund expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

The City, as a whole, contributes to three defined benefit pension plans. The Fund only contributes to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), a defined benefit agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system. Participating employees are covered by the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) through the City. IMRF issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan as a whole, but not by individual employer. That report may be obtained online at www.imrf.org. The benefits, benefit levels, employee contributions, and employer contributions are governed by Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS) and can only be amended by the Illinois General Assembly.

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF)

The Fund's participation in IMRF is equivalent to a cost sharing multiple-employer pension plan since only one actuarial valuation is performed for both the City and the Fund combined. All disclosures for an agent plan can be found in the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Contributions are paid by the City and are reimbursed by the Fund.

Plan Descriptions

Plan Administration. All employees hired in positions that meet or exceed the prescribed annual hourly standard must be enrolled in IMRF as participating members. The plan is accounted for on the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Employer and employee contributions are recognized when earned in the year that the contributions are required, benefits and refunds are recognized as an expense and liability when due and payable.

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN - Continued

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) - Continued

Plan Descriptions - Continued

Benefits Provided. IMRF provides two tiers of pension benefits. Employees hired before January 1, 2011, are eligible for Tier 1 benefits. Tier 1 employees are vested for pension benefits when they have at least eight years of qualifying service credit. Tier 1 employees who retire at age 55 (at reduced benefits) or after age 60 (at full benefits) with eight years of service are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 1-2/3% of the final rate of earnings for the first 15 years of service credit, plus 2% for each year of service credit after 15 years to a maximum of 75% of their final rate of earnings. Final rate of earnings is the highest total earnings during any consecutive 48 months within the last 10 years of service, divided by 48. Under Tier 1, the pension is increased by 3% of the original amount on January 1 every year after retirement.

Employees hired on or after January 1, 2011, are eligible for Tier 2 benefits. For Tier 2 employees, pension benefits vest after ten years of service. Participating employees who retire at age 62 (at reduced benefits) or after age 67 (at full benefits) with ten years of service are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 1-2/3% of the final rate of earnings for the first 15 years of service credit, plus 2% for each year of service credit after 15 years to a maximum of 75% of their final rate of earnings. Final rate of earnings is the highest total earnings during any 96 consecutive months within the last 10 years of service, divided by 96. Under Tier 2, the pension is increased on January 1 every year after retirement, upon reaching age 67, by the lesser of:

- 3% of the original pension amount, or
- 1/2 of the increase in the Consumer Price Index of the original pension amount.

Plan Membership. As of December 31, 2023, the measurement date, membership for the entire City consisted of:

Inactive Plan Members Currently Receiving Benefits	1,743
Inactive Plan Members Entitled to but not yet Receiving Benefits	460
Active Plan Members	874
Total	3.077

Contributions. As set by statute, regular plan members are required to contribute 4.5% of their annual covered salary. The statute requires employers to contribute the amount necessary, in addition to member contributions, to finance the retirement coverage of its own employees. For the year-ended February 29, 2024, the Fund's contribution was 9.97% of covered payroll.

Net Pension Liability. The City's net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2023. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN - Continued

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) - Continued

Plan Descriptions - Continued

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation performed, as of December 31, 2023, using the following actuarial methods and assumptions:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age
	Normal

Asset Valuation Method Fair Value

Actuarial Assumptions

Interest Rate 7.25%

Salary Increases 2.85% to 13.75%

Cost of Living Adjustments 2.75%

Inflation 2.25%

For non-disabled retirees, the Pub-2010, Amount-Weighted, below-median income, General, Retiree, Male (adjusted 108.0%) and Female (adjusted 106.4%) tables, and future mortality improvements projected using scale MP-2021. For disabled retirees, the Pub-2010, Amount-Weighted, below-median income, General, Disabled Retiree, Male and Female (both unadjusted) tables, and future mortality improvements projected using scale MP-2021. For active members, the Pub-2010, Amount-Weighted, below-median income, General, Employee, Male and Female (both unadjusted) tables, and future mortality improvements projected using scale MP-2021.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense, and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return to the target asset allocation percentage and adding expected inflation.

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN - Continued

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) - Continued

Plan Descriptions - Continued

Actuarial Assumptions - Continued. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

		Long-Term
		Expected Real
Asset Class	Target	Rate of Return
Fixed Income	24.50%	4.75%
Domestic Equities	34.50%	5.00%
International Equities	18.00%	6.35%
Real Estate	10.50%	6.30%
Blended	11.50%	6.05% - 8.65%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1.00%	3.80%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25%, the same as the prior valuation. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that City contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between the actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the Fund's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Discount Rate Sensitivity

The following is a sensitivity analysis of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The table below presents the net pension liability of the Fund calculated using the discount rate as well as what the Fund's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

	Current			
	1% Decrease Rate 1%			
	 (6.25%)	(7.25%)	(8.25%)	
Net Pension Liability	\$ 75,301,682	33,903,869	204,445	

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN - Continued

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) - Continued

Changes in the Net Pension Liability

At February 29, 2024, the Fund reported a liability of \$33,903,869, for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The Fund's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Fund's actual contributions to the plan for the year ended February 29, 2024, relative to the actual contributions of the City as a whole. At February 29, 2024, the Fund's proportion was 50.10% of the total contribution.

Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended February 29, 2024, the Fund recognized pension revenue of \$4,887,023. At February 29, 2024, the Fund reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

Deferred	Deferred	
Outflows of	(Inflows) of	
Resources	Resources	Totals
\$ 4,357,074		4,357,074
	(218,109)	(218,109)
19,358,368		19,358,368
23,715,442	(218,109)	23,497,333
599,101		599,101
	_	_
24,314,543	(218,109)	24,096,434
	Outflows of Resources \$ 4,357,074	Outflows of Resources (Inflows) of Resources \$ 4,357,074 — — (218,109) 19,358,368 — 23,715,442 (218,109) 599,101 —

\$599,101 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the reporting year ended February 28, 2025.

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN - Continued

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) - Continued

Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions - Continued

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense in future periods as follows:

	Net Deferred
	Outflows/
Fiscal	(Inflows)
Year	of Resources
2025	\$ 4,141,016
2026	8,052,968
2027	14,088,573
2028	(2,785,224)
2029	_
Thereafter	_
Totals	23,497,333

OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan Description. The City's defined benefit OPEB plan, Retiree Benefits Plan (RBP), is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the City. Retired employees of the City of Springfield and their dependents are eligible to participate in the plan. Article 11 of the State Compiled Statutes grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms and financing requirements to the City Council. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 75.

Benefits Provided. RBP provides continued health insurance coverage at the active employee rate to all eligible employees in accordance with ILCS, which creates an OPEB for retirees, commonly referred to as an implicit rate subsidy. To be eligible for benefits, an employee must qualify for retirement under the City's retirement plans. Per ordinance (624.09.05), the City pays 75% of the total premium costs per retiree who stays on the City insurance for life. Refunds, rebates subrogation funds 2.50% of the premium costs. The employees and retirees pay the difference in coverage premiums, or 22.50%. Disabled and retired employees are required to pay 100% of the premiums for such coverage.

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - Continued

General Information about the OPEB Plan - Continued

Plan Membership. As of February 29, 2024, the measurement date, membership for the entire City consisted of:

Inactive Plan Members Currently Receiving Benefits	457
Inactive Plan Members Entitled to but not yet Receiving Benefits	_
Active Plan Members	1296
Total	1753

Total OPEB Liability

The City's total OPEB liability was measured as of February 29, 2024, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of the same date.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs. The total OPEB liability in the February 29, 2024 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.25%
Salary Increases	2.75%
Discount Rate	3.92%

Healthcare Cost Trend Rates Initial rate of 6.75%, grading down to the ultimate

trend rate of 5.00%

Retirees' Share of Benefit-Related Costs 100% of the benefit costs

The discount rate was based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating.

Mortality rates were based on the PubG-2010 table base rates Improved Generationally using scale MP-2021. Police and Firefighter Mortality follows the Sex Distinct Raw Rates as Developed in the PubS-2010(A) Study Improved to 2017 using MP-2019 Improvement Rates. These rates are then Improved Generationally using MP-2019 Improvement Rates.

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - Continued

Change in the Total OPEB Liability

	 Electric Fund OPEB Liability
Balance at February 28, 2023	\$ 68,433,319
Changes for the Year:	
Service Cost	758,076
Interest on the Total OPEB Liability	999,353
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	(363,227)
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs	2,834,165
Benefit Payments	(860,306)
Net Changes	3,368,061
Balance at February 29, 2024	71,801,380

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 3.92%, while the prior valuation used 4.06%. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Electric Fund, calculated using the discount rate, as well as what the total OPEB liability of the Fund would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher:

	Current			
		1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
		(2.92%)	(3.92%)	(4.92%)
Total OPEB Liability	\$	84,673,458	71,801,380	61,706,391

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - Continued

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Electric Fund, calculated using a variable Healthcare Trend Rate, as well as what the total OPEB liability of the Fund would be if it were calculated using a Healthcare Trend Rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher:

		Healthcare	
		Cost Trend	
	1% Decrease	Rates	1% Increase
	(Varies)	(Varies)	(Varies)
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 60,737,081	71,801,380	86,206,739

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended February 29, 2024, the Electric Fund recognized OPEB revenue of \$11,152,625. At February 29, 2024, the Fund reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred	Deferred	
	Outflows of	Inflows of	
	Resources	Resources	Totals
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ —	(2,428,123)	(2,428,123)
Change in Assumptions	8,921,626	(26,199,688)	(17,278,062)
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual			
Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	_	_	
-			
Total Deferred Amounts Related to OPEB	8,921,626	(28,627,811)	(19,706,185)

Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2024

NOTE 4 - OTHER INFORMATION - Continued

OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - Continued

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB - Continued

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	Net Deferred		
Fiscal	(Inflows)		
Year	of Resources		
2025	\$ (6,499,662)		
2026	(4,604,196)		
2027	(1,948,530)		
2028	(2,276,303)		
2029	(2,276,303)		
Thereafter	(2,101,191)		
Total	(19,706,185)		
1 otal	(17,700,103)		

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund **Schedule of Employer Contributions** February 29, 2024

Fiscal Year	Actuarially Determined Contribution	t1	Contributions in Relation to he Actuarially Determined Contribution	Contribution Excess/ (Deficiency)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2016	\$ 5,923,990	\$	5,923,990	\$ _	\$ 37,998,356	15.59%
2017	6,222,670		6,222,670	_	38,668,902	16.09%
2018	5,933,873		5,933,873	_	38,164,828	15.55%
2019	6,011,514		6,011,514	_	38,488,059	15.62%
2020	5,342,390		5,342,390	_	38,660,854	13.82%
2021	5,931,281		5,931,281	_	36,344,214	16.32%
2022	5,463,174		5,463,174	_	34,920,445	15.64%
2023	4,248,578		4,248,578	_	33,216,935	12.79%
2024	3,487,198		3,487,198	_	34,969,987	9.97%

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information:

Actuarial Cost Method	Aggregate Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level % Pay (Closed)
Remaining Amortization Period	20 Years
Asset Valuation Method	5-Year Smoothed Fair Value
Inflation	2.25%
Salary Increases	2.75% to 13.75%, Including
Investment Rate of Return	7.25%
Retirement Age	Experience-based table of rate

Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility condition. Last updated for the 2020 valuation pursuant to an experience

study of the period 2017-2019.

Mortality

For non-disabled retirees, the Pub-2010, Amount-Weighted, belowmedian income, General, Retiree, Male (adjusted 106%) and Female (adjusted 105%) tables, and future mortality improvements projected using scale MP-2020. For disabled retirees, the Pub-2010, Amount-Weighted, below-median income, General, Disabled Retiree, Male and Female (both unadjusted) tables, and future mortality improvements projected using scale MP-2020. For active members, the Pub-2010, Amount-Weighted, below-median income, General, Employee, Male and Female (both unadjusted) tables, and future mortality improvements projected using scale MP-2020.

Note:

This schedule is intended to show information for ten years. Information for additional years will be displayed as it becomes available.

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Schedule of the Fund's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset) February 29, 2024

	12/31/15	12/31/16	12/31/17
Electric Light and Power's Proportion	- 4 - 2 - 2 - 2		-1.10
of Net Pension Liability/(Asset)	54.30%	54.40%	54.14%
Electric Light and Power's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability/(Asset)	\$ 57,559,109	58,349,565	21,770,339
Electric Light and Power's Covered-Employee Payroll	38,153,775	38,471,166	38,170,554
Electric Light and Power's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset) as a Percentage			
of its Covered-Employee Payroll	150.86%	151.67%	57.03%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage			
of the Total Pension Liability/(Asset)	83.47%	83.73%	93.92%

Note:

This schedule is intended to show information for ten years. Information for additional years will be displayed as it becomes available.

12/31/18	12/31/19	12/31/20	12/31/21	12/31/22	12/31/23
55.15%	54.43%	53.93%	52.83%	50.13%	50.10%
69,534,428	34,302,623	6,256,844	(33,029,660)	49,520,833	33,903,869
39,711,516	38,814,145	36,699,241	35,323,270	33,214,569	34,940,051
175.10%	88.38%	17.05%	(93.51%)	149.09%	97.03%
81.72%	91.30%	98.66%	108.72%	86.95%	91.26%

Retiree Benefit Plan Schedule of Fund's Proportionate Share of the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios February 29, 2024

	2/28/19
Total OPEB Liability	
Service Cost	\$ 3,638,233
Interest	4,009,025
Changes in Benefit Terms	_
Differences Between Expected and Actual	
Experience	_
Change of Assumptions or Other Inputs	(35,179,123)
Benefit Payments	(2,433,714)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	(29,965,579)
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	113,827,134
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	83,861,555
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 36,090,040
Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage	
of Covered-Employee Payroll	232.37%
of Covered-Employee Layton	232.31/0

Notes:

This schedule is intended to show information for ten years. Information for additional years will be displayed as it becomes available.

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 75.

Changes of Assumptions. Change of assumption related to the discount rate were made in 2019 through 2024.

2/29/20	2/28/21	2/28/22	2/28/23	2/29/24
3,632,955	77,363,296	2,510,199	3,315,541	758,076
4,949,110	51,672,309	1,661,775	2,101,015	999,353
_	_	_	_	_
(2.170.040)		(1.201.7(4)		(2(2,227)
(3,178,948)	-	(1,201,764)	-	(363,227)
8,320,339	(65,742,955)	969,955	(24,757,771)	2,834,165
(3,902,477)	(69,155,759)	(1,709,885)	(2,275,171)	(860,306)
9,820,979	(5,863,109)	2,230,280	(21,616,386)	3,368,061
83,861,555	93,682,534	87,819,425	90,049,705	68,433,319
93,682,534	87,819,425	90,049,705	68,433,319	71,801,380
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39,730,809	36,498,607	34,817,670	33,763,961	36,189,106
235.79%	240.61%	258.63%	202.68%	198.41%

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

Long-Term Debt Requirements Electric Revenue Refunding Bonds of 2015 February 29, 2024

Date of Issue	December 2, 2015
Date of Maturity	March 1, 2040
Authorized Issue	\$507,735,000
Denomination of Bonds	\$5,000
Interest Rate	3.50% - 5.00%
Interest Dates	March 1 and September 1
Principal Maturity Date	March 1
Payable at	BNY Mellon

CURRENT AND LONG-TERM PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST REQUIREMENTS

Fiscal	Requirements					
Year	Principal	Interest	Totals			
2025	\$ 16,745,000	19,420,650	36,165,650			
2026	17,575,000	18,562,650	36,137,650			
2027	18,460,000	17,661,775	36,121,775			
2028	19,380,000	16,715,775	36,095,775			
2029	20,350,000	15,722,525	36,072,525			
2030	21,370,000	14,679,525	36,049,525			
2031	22,435,000	13,752,662	36,187,662			
2032	23,220,000	12,779,550	35,999,550			
2033	24,385,000	11,589,425	35,974,425			
2034	25,600,000	10,339,800	35,939,800			
2035	26,880,000	9,027,800	35,907,800			
2036	28,225,000	7,791,300	36,016,300			
2037	29,355,000	6,566,300	35,921,300			
2038	30,675,000	5,215,575	35,890,575			
2039	32,055,000	3,804,075	35,859,075			
2040	33,500,000	2,329,025	35,829,025			
2041	35,005,000	787,625	35,792,625			
	425,215,000	186,746,037	611,961,037			

Long-Term Debt Requirements Loan Payable of 2022 February 29, 2024

Date of Issue August 1, 2022
Date of Maturity February 15, 2027
Authorized Issue \$1,479,099
Interest Rate 2.25%
Interest Dates February 15
Principal Maturity Date February 15
Payable at INB National Association

CURRENT AND LONG-TERM PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST REQUIREMENTS

Fiscal	 Requirements					
Year	Principal	Interest	Totals			
			_			
2025	\$ 306,050	19,833	325,883			
2026	306,050	12,797	318,847			
2027	254,899	5,814	260,713			
	866,999	38,444	905,443			