

THE SYSTEM AND THE SERVICE AREA

The City presently owns, maintains and operates a water works and distribution system (the "Water System"), a sewer system (the "Sewer System") and an electricity distribution system (the "Electric System") in the City and the surrounding territory in Pike County, Alabama. The City operates the Water System, the Sewer System and the Electric System on a combined and consolidated basis. Certain information regarding the Water System, the Sewer System and the Electric System is set forth separately hereinafter.

The Water System

Description

The Water System has been in operation in the City for over fifty years. The service area of the Water System is located in an approximately three square mile service area including the City and the developed areas surrounding the corporate limits of the City. The Water System currently serves approximately 1,176 accounts including residential, commercial and industrial customers.

The entire water supply for the Water System is derived from three wells each of over 600 feet in depth with a total flow rate of approximately 1150 gallons per minute. The production from each well is presently chlorinated before being discharged to the distribution system.

The storage capacity of the Water System consists of elevated storage tanks, two with a capacity of 250,000 gallons each, one standpipe of the capacity of 75,000 gallons and one 300,000 gallon tank. The existing water storage facilities described above provide capacity for approximately 115% of the average daily water demand of the Water system.

The primary transmission mains within the Water System are 10, 8, and 6 inch diameter cast iron, ductile iron, and PVC pipeline for transmission and distribution. The Water System contains approximately 30 miles of transmission mains and distribution lines.

Maintenance of Water System equipment such as pumps, excavating equipment, meters and vehicles is performed by City personnel, except where the size of the undertaking requires the assistance of outside contractors. Operating personnel of the City conduct a preventive maintenance program to minimize maintenance expenses. Aspects of the program include water leak detection, fire hydrant testing and valve testing, pumping station testing, cross connection protection testing and other related programs to maintain the Water System's operational fitness.

Number of Water Customers and Water Usage

The following presents certain information regarding water usage by the City's water customers:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Number of Water Customers</u>	<u>Total Gallons Produced</u>	<u>Total Gallons Billed</u>
2005	1176	154,560,161	133,840,500
2004	1174	146,369,008	131,265,800
2003	1156	145,584,586	124,646,500
2002	1140	146,726,623	144,914,300
2001	1132	150,445,905	132,119,500
2000	1135	155,139,540	139,230,000
1999	1134	152,792,722	135,674,700
1998	1131	174,516,700	165,848,400
1997	1126	159,404,700	166,196,900
1996	1119	167,674,000	152,849,800
1995	1125	174,376,000	144,185,500
1994	1135	159,260,400	129,792,700

Water Consumption by Customer Type

The following presents the amount of water consumed and revenues produced by the residential and industrial/commercial customers of the Water System for the fiscal years shown:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Residential Water Consumed*</u>	<u>Industrial/Commercial Water Consumed</u>
2005	645,792	692,613
2004	659,248	653,410
2003	611,429	635,036
2002	722,798	726,345
2001	819,141	502,054
2000	863,225	529,083
1999	841,183	515,564
1998	1,021,434	637,061
1997	1,245,440	444,529
1996	1,092,250	434,205
1995	993,755	422,595
1994	893,980	403,947

* Water shown in thousands of gallons.

Major Customers

Among the largest water customers of the City for the period from October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005 were as follows:

	<u>Customer</u>	<u>Water Charges</u>	<u>Percent of Water Revenues</u>
1.	Wal-Mart	\$29,774.69	9%
2.	Russell Corp.	18,012.84	6%
3.	SCFG	14,722.89	5%
4.	PCHS	9,443.27	3%
5.	Piknik Products	6,838.10	2%

Water Rates

Monthly water service charges or water fees for each residence, apartment, commercial, industrial or other premises which is served by a water meter connected with the Water System are the following:

Monthly Minimum Charges
Single Unit Residential Customer

Meter Size	Monthly Min. Charge
5/8" or 3/4"	\$7.72
1" or Larger	8.75

Non Residential

Meter Size	Monthly Min. Charge
5/8" or 3/4"	\$8.23
1"	12.35
1 1/4"	18.52
1 1/2"	24.70
2"	32.93
3"	77.18
4"	128.63
6"	231.53

Multi-Unit Customers

\$7.72/Unit or Based on Meter size above (Whichever is Greater)

Consumption Charges

Monthly Consumption	Unit Charge
First 100,000 Gallons	\$1.39 per thousand
Next 400,000 Gallons	1.23 per thousand
Next 500,000 Gallons	2.26 per thousand
Over 1,000,000 Gallons	1.92 per thousand

Rates increase 2.9% January 1, 2006.

Billing Procedure

Bills are submitted each month. Each bill is due when rendered, and becomes delinquent twelve days from the date thereof. Failure to pay a bill within 20 days of its rendition results in discontinuation of water service until all amounts owing and unpaid, including reconnection charges of \$30.00, have been paid in full.

Rate-Making Authority

The governing body of the City has sole jurisdiction to set the rates for water services to the Water System's customers. These rates are not currently subject to regulation by any federal, State of Alabama other or similar agency, but are subject to judicial review as to reasonableness.

The Electric System

Description; Operation and Management

The Electric System has been in operation in the City for over fifty years. The service area of the Electric System is located in an approximately three square mile area including the City and the developed areas surrounding the corporate limits of the City. The Electric System consists of distribution lines, transformers and meters and currently serves approximately 1,385 accounts including residential, commercial and industrial customers.

Prior to September 20, 2001 the City contracted for the operation and maintenance of the Electric System. Since that time, the Electric System has been operated within the city management structure as a normal city department. The Superintendent of the department, Mr. Jerry Reynolds, was a twenty year employee of the former contractor and is responsible for the daily operation and maintenance of the system. The position reports to the City Manager. The rates and policies of the Electric System are adopted by the City Council.

The future expansion of the Electric System of the City may be affected by Section 37-14-30 et seq. of the Code of Alabama 1975 (the "Act"). The Act provides, among other things, for the establishment of service territories for electric suppliers within the State of Alabama and for the elimination of the duplication of electric facilities in the State of Alabama. The Act permits the "primary electric supplier" in a municipality to exercise an option to purchase the "distribution facilities" for a price determined as provided in the Acts and serve the "premises" of a "secondary electric supplier" in such municipality. The City is presently the "primary electric supplier" in the City and there are no other such suppliers. Furthermore, the Act provides that electric suppliers outside the corporate limits of any municipality as of April 26, 1984, will have the sole obligation to provide "retail electric service to all new premises located in closer proximity to existing distribution lines of such supplier than the nearest existing distribution lines of any other electric supplier." The potential impact of this provision on the City would be to limit the physical growth of the City's electric distribution system outside the corporate limits of the City. New customers outside such corporate limits would be required to obtain electricity from the electric supplier whose distribution lines are nearest to them. The City would be precluded from competing for such new customers if such customers are closer to the existing distribution lines of another supplier.

The Electric Supply Agreement

The City obtains its supply of electricity pursuant to a Contract for Wholesale Power Service dated as of March 1, 1975 (the "Agreement") by and between the City and the Alabama Electric Cooperative, Inc., an electric cooperative corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alabama (the "Supplier"). The City is a member of the Supplier.

Pursuant to the Agreement the Supplier will supply and the City will purchase the entire electric power requirements necessary for the City and for the customers of the Electric System to the extent the Supplier shall have such power and energy and facilities available, and the City shall pay for the same at the following rates (being service at nominal voltage of 25 KV or less):

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|-----|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (a) | Charge for billing: | \$11.62 per KVA of billing demand |
| (b) | Charge for energy: | \$0.03193 per KWH |

The Agreement provides that the Supplier may, in its discretion, but not less often than annually, review the rates charged the City and revise the same in accordance with the limitations set forth in the Agreement, such revised rate to be subject to the written approval of the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration.

The Agreement makes further provision for the characteristics of the electric power and energy furnished thereunder, for the monthly billing of the City and the discontinuance of service thereto for failure to pay within ten days, for the testing of meters, and for the granting of franchises by the City to the Supplier. The Agreement contains mutual indemnification agreements on the part of the Supplier and the City, and provides that the Supplier shall not be liable if the supply of electric power and energy shall fail or be interrupted under certain circumstances set forth in the Agreement.

The Agreement has been amended by a document entitled Amendment to Contract for Wholesale Power Service, which amendment extended the termination date of the Agreement to December 31, 2035.

The Agreement and the aforesaid amendment have been approved by the Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration.

Certain provisions of the Agreement are not summarized or otherwise identified herein, and reference is made to the Agreement, a copy of which is available from the City, for the exact terms and provisions thereof.

The City will receive an approximate 12% increase from Alabama Electric Cooperative in the wholesale power cost effective January 1, 2006. This increase will be passed on to customers through the Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) rate schedule.

Number of Customers and Electric Usage

The following presents certain information regarding electric usage by the City's electric customers:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Number of Customers</u>	<u>Total Electricity KWH/Year</u>	<u>Peak Sold Demand*</u>	<u>Annual Revenue</u>
2005	1385	58,356,946	8968	\$4,295,782.00
2004	1368	50,331,237	7660	4,038,039.00
2003	1361	33,548,326	6156	3,250,517.00
2002	1333	27,865,512	6391	2,442,813.00
2001	1328	28,695,138	5715	2,334,846.18
2000	1314	29,680,717	7119	2,240,625.39
1999	1335	29,522,640	6856	2,206,460.87
1998	1326	30,763,769	6844	2,258,535.93
1997	1315	28,121,557	6546	2,133,699.03
1996	1314	27,781,440	6659	2,127,656.03
1995	1313	26,624,993	6199	2,043,859.05
1994	1325	24,399,474	6008	1,878,317.19

* In KVA per 15 minute intervals.

Electric Consumption and Revenues by Customer Type

The following presents the amount of electricity consumed and revenues produced by the residential, commercial and industrial customers of the Electric System of the City for the fiscal years shown:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Residential Electricity Consumed*/Revenues</u>	<u>Commercial Electricity Consumed*/Revenues</u>	<u>Industrial Electricity Consumed*/Revenues</u>
2005	12,766,419	7,823,219	41,104,194
2004	12,642,461	6,776,253	34,089,880
2003	12,708,676	6,995,549	17,498,980
2002	12,978,872	6,729,568	11,930,800
2001	12,755,583	5,109,800	11,577,420
2000	13,402,538	4,482,236	11,695,425
1999	13,015,431	4,412,625	12,368,640
1998	13,935,598	3,960,881	12,359,920
1997	12,268,066	3,627,511	12,225,880
1996	13,143,126	3,454,574	11,349,710
1995	12,706,709	3,298,781	10,539,374
1994	11,742,918	3,803,336	8,817,720

*Per KWH

Major Customers

Among the largest electric customers of the City for the period from October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005 were the following:

	<u>Customer</u>	<u>Electric Charges</u>	<u>Percent of Electric Revenues</u>
1.	Wal-Mart	\$1,830,170.56	53%
2.	Russell Corp	367,662.42	10%
3.	Piknik Products	127,595.51	4%
4.	SCFG	109,554.00	3%
5.	GreenValley Chipping	65,197.90	Back in business, billed for 6 months

Electric Rates

The following rate schedules govern the furnishing of electric service by the City:

Residential Electric Service Rate

Availability. Available in all areas serviced by the Electric System.

Applicability. Applicable to single residences, mobile homes where such are individually metered, and individual family apartments where cost of service is paid by the occupant.

Character of service Single-to three-phase service at 120/240 volts sixty (60) Hertz.

Monthly rate.

Customer Charge: \$ 7.50 per delivery point, plus
Energy charge: \$.06 cents per KWH per month

Fuel adjustment. Any fuel cost passed on to the City electric utility will be passed on to the consumer

The minimum monthly bill is \$7.50.

Commercial Electric Service Rate

Availability. Available in all areas serviced by the Electric System.

Applicability. Applicable for lighting and other domestic services used by single-family residences and individual family apartments. Service shall not be resold or shared with others except that when two or more family dwelling units are served through a single meter.

Character of service. Single or three-phase approximately 120/240 volts at the nominal secondary voltage available from the existing primary distribution system.

Monthly rate.

Monthly rate

Customer charge	\$10.00
First 1000 KWH	\$0.095
Next 4000 KWH	\$0.075
All remaining KWH	\$ 0.0551

Fuel adjustment. Any fuel cost passed on to the City electric utility will be passed on to the consumer. Charge is presently .2184 mills.

Industrial Electric Service Rate

Availability. Available in all areas served by the Electric System.

Applicability. Applicable for lighting, power and miscellaneous electric service when the City furnishes the Consumer's entire electrical requirements and loads are greater than 50 kW. Service to more than one premise shall not be combined. Service shall not be resold or shared with others.

Character of service. Single or three-phase service at the secondary voltage of transformation facilities supplied from the City's distribution system.

Monthly rate:

All Demand per KW	\$5.25
First 50,000 KWH	\$0.048
Next 100,000 KWH	\$0.04
All remaining KWH	\$0.036

Electric Rate Schedules for Miscellaneous Services

Housing Authority Electric Service Rate. To federally funded housing projects where the consumption of each dwelling unit is paid for by the project, and where the electric distribution facilities within the project are owned and maintained by the project, the monthly rate shall be six cents (\$.06) per KWH, plus a five-dollar (\$7.50) service charge, and the minimum bill shall be five dollars (\$7.50). Tax provisions of other schedules shall apply, as shall a fuel cost adjustment.

Fuel adjustment. Any fuel cost passed on to the City electric utility will be passed on to the consumer.

Billing Procedure

Bills are submitted each month. Each bill is due when rendered, and becomes delinquent twelve days from the date thereof. Failure to pay a bill within 20 days of its rendition results in discontinuation of electric service until all amounts owing and unpaid, including reconnection charges set by the City, have been paid in full.

Rate-Making Authority

The governing body of the City has sole jurisdiction to set the rates for electric service to the Electric System's customers. These rates are not currently subject to regulation by any federal, State of Alabama or other similar agency, but are subject to judicial review as to reasonableness.

The Sewer System

Description

The Sewer System consists of an extended aeration activated sludge treatment plant (with a treatment level of 20mg/1 BOD), collection and outfall lines, pumps, and related appurtenances, and has been in operation in the City for over fifty years. The service area of the Sewer System is located in an approximately three square mile area including the City and the developed areas surrounding the corporate limits of the City. The Sewer System currently serves approximately 1,047 accounts including residential, commercial and industrial customers. Approximately 95% of the households in the City are served by the Sewer System.

Number of Customers; Gallons Treated; and Revenue Produced

The following presents certain information regarding the number of sewer customers, and amount of gallons treated, and revenue produced:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Number of Sewer Customers</u>	<u>Total Gallons Treated</u>	<u>Revenue Produced</u>
2005	1047	154,560,161	\$600,279.00*
2004	1039	146,369,008	286,832.00
2003	1036	145,584,586	255,430.00
2002	1029	146,726,623	246,124.00
2001	1019	150,445,905	182,754.05
2000	1021	155,139,540	222,902.60
1999	1023	156,753,400	225,745.92
1998	1038	129,000,000	221,942.00
1997	1039	137,160,000	192,399.00
1996	1033	126,480,000	222,528.00
1995	1040	130,200,000	183,284.00
1994	1048	166,560,000	158,709.00

* The revenue reflects about \$250,000 for the treatment of leachate; normal revenues from this source is approximately \$45,000.

Major Customers

Among the largest sewer customers of the City for the period from October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005, were as follows:

	<u>Customer</u>	<u>Sewer Charges</u>	<u>Percent of Sewer Revenues</u>
1.	SCFG	\$70,067.84	27%
2.	Piknik Products	59,400.30	16%
3.	Wal-Mart	23,966.44	11%

Sewer Rates

Monthly sewer service charges or sewer fees for each residence, apartment, commercial, industrial or other premises which is served by a water meter connected with the Water System, or which discharges into the Sewer System water received from some other source, and which is provided with sewer service, or has sewer service available, are as follows:

A. Single Unit Residential and Standard Meter Non-Residential Customers

Monthly Minimum \$6.20

Large Meter Non-Residential: Monthly Minimum

1" meter	\$10.51
1 ¼" meter	16.80
1 ½" meter	18.84
2" meter	22.76
3" meter	43.88
4" meter	116.24

Usage Charge, All customers per Thousand Gallons \$1.53

Rates increase 2.9% in effect January 1, 2010 and thereafter. The current rate schedule increases all charges by a defined amount through 2009.

B. High Strength Water:

Waste stronger than domestic shall be subject to surcharges to ensure the equal distribution of sewage treatment system operating cost based on strength.

Concentration Constituent	(mg/l)
Biochemical oxygen demand (5-day)	271
Total suspended solids	271
Total organic carbon	271
Total nitrogen	85
Total phosphorous	20
Oil and grease	150

High Strength wastewater shall be subject to surcharges .

Surcharge Rates, cents/lb.

BOD	24.6
TSS	10.0

C. Customers not connected but with sewer available:

Rates shall be \$6.20 per unit.

Rate Making Authority

The governing body of the City has sole jurisdiction to set the rates for sewer service to the Sewer System's customers. These rates are not currently subject to regulation by any federal, State of Alabama or other similar agency, but are subject to judicial review as to reasonableness.

THE CITY OF BRUNDIDGE

Geographical and Historical

The City of Brundidge is located in Pike County in the southeast region of the state of Alabama, approximately 150 miles southeast of Birmingham, Alabama, approximately 60 miles southeast of Montgomery, Alabama, and approximately 60 miles northwest of Dothan, Alabama. The City covers an area of three square miles. The City has been incorporated for over fifty years.

The City is served by U.S. Highway 231, and State Highways 10 and 93. Rail service is provided by the CSX Transportation Railroad.

Pike County covers approximately 672 square miles of primarily agricultural and forest land. Major agricultural and forest products of Pike County include broilers, soybeans, hogs, cattle and peanuts, and pine and hardwood pulpwood cords. Major manufactured products of Pike County include secondary smelting and refining of lead, millwork, and T-shirts. The industrial and commercial base in the County is located primarily in Troy, Alabama, which is the county seat of Pike County and is located approximately 8 miles from the City.

Population

The population trend of the City and Pike County has been as follows:

<u>Census Year</u>	<u>Brundidge</u>	<u>Pike County</u>
2005 (estimate)	2,328	N/A
2000	2,341	29,605
1990	2,472	27,595
1980	3,213	28,050
1970	2,709	25,038
1960	2,523	25,987

Source: United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

Governmental Organization and Administration

The City is a municipal corporation incorporated under the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama. The City is governed by a council consisting of the mayor and five council members elected at-large for concurrent terms of four years. The present Council and Mayor took office on October 1, 2004 and will serve until the first Monday in October 2008. The Mayor and City Council serve part-time and are responsible for adopting all legislative ordinances and setting policies of the City, including the appropriation of money. The City Manager is the chief executive officer of the City. The City Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management of the City. The managers of the City's several departments are appointed by the City Manager and are responsible for the day-to-day operation of their respective departments.

<u>Members of City Council and Officers of the City</u>		
<u>Name and Office</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>End of Current Term</u>
James T. Ramage, III Mayor	CEO, The First National Bank of Brundidge	October, 2008
Lawrence Bowden Councilmember	Retired	October, 2008
Arthur L. Griffin Councilmember	Employee, Cooperative Propane	October, 2008
Vernon Jackson Councilmember	Retired	October, 2008
Cynthia S. Pearson Councilmember	Homemaker	October, 2008
Isabell Boyd Councilmember	Employee, East-Central Mental Health Center	October, 2008
Britt Thomas	City Manager/ City Clerk	At will of Council

Personnel

The City provides, among other things, police protection, fire protection, ambulance services, sanitation services, and park and recreation facilities. The City employs approximately 45 full-time and 7 part-time employees. While the City provides all equipment and facilities for use by its fire department the personnel who actually provide fire protection service do so on a voluntary basis and are not employed by the City.

The City Manager, as chief executive officer, is responsible for the day-to-day management of the City. No employees of the City are represented by labor unions or similar employee organizations. The City does not bargain collectively with any labor union or employee organization. The City has enjoyed good relations with all City employees and the City believes that good relations will continue.

General Financial Information

The City operates on a fiscal year beginning October 1 and ending September 30. The City prepares a detailed budget for each fiscal year that is approved by the City Council prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. There is no constitutional requirement that the budget be balanced each year. All revenues and expenditures of the City are accounted for in a series of funds which are described in the financial statements of the City. The General Fund finances substantially all current operations other than utility operations.

The City accounts for all revenues received from the electric system, water system and sewer system in an enterprise fund held separate and apart from all other City funds and account groups, and referred to as the Electric, Sewer and Water Fund.

General Fund Revenues and Expenses; Transfers from Net System Revenues

A summary of the City's total revenues and total expenditures for the City's General Fund, as shown on the audited financial statements of the City for the fiscal years shown, is set forth below:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>Excess (Deficiency)</u>	<u>Fund Balance at Year End</u>
2005 [1]	\$1,354,827	\$2,646,889	\$(473,001)	\$49,668
2004	1,691,055	2,306,238	(615,183)	522,679
2003	2,024,999	2,939,178	215,767	186,638
2002	1,218,273	1,838,301	184,110	(17,680)
2001	900,416	1,630,422	(730,006)	(201,790)
2000	828,677	1,662,292	(833,615)	(165,784)
1999	831,786	1,561,056	(729,270)	41,027
1998	878,732	1,362,075	(483,343)	134,571
1997	867,566	1,393,165	(525,599)	(84,022)
1996	879,782	1,251,574	(371,792)	(5,034)
1995	803,007	1,180,824	(377,817)	41,926
1994	825,354	1,281,785	(456,431)	8,602

[1] The amounts shown for Fiscal Year 2005 are unaudited.

The City is dependent in material part upon transfers of revenues produced by the System to fund deficits in its General Fund. The Net System Revenues of the Systems are pledged to the payment of the Warrants. The City has transferred the following amounts of Net System Revenues from the System to its General Fund during the following fiscal years, as shown on its audited financial statements:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending 9/30</u>	<u>Amount of Transfer from Utilities Fund</u>
2005	\$726,944
2004	724,208
2003	1,014,983
2002	783,461
2001	407,320
2000	639,200
1999	573,300
1998	504,933
1997	499,656
1996	537,997
1995	445,124
1994	212,490

Net Assessed Valuation - Real and Personal Property

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>City of Brundidge</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
2005	\$10,796,920	\$2,426,820
2004	10,769,960	2,199,680
2003	16,765,260 [1]	2,111,360
2002	9,130,640	2,182,400
2001	9,229,660	2,232,800
2000	8,970,680	1,925,320
1999	9,512,140	1,747,600

[1] Reappraisal, no abatement in Fiscal Year 2003 for Wal-Mart facilities

Source: Revenue Commissioner of Pike County, Alabama.

Employment

Major Manufacturing Employers

According to the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, the following are the largest manufacturing employers in the City and nearby vicinity:

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Approximate Number of Employees</u>
Wal-Mart MDC 7019	Distribution	1,050
Russell Corporation	T-shirts and Underwear	175
Southern Classic Food Group	Food Processing	65
Graham Construction Co., Inc.	Highway Construction	60
Carter Bros. Mfg. Co., Inc.	Go Carts & Lawn Mowers	50
Ellis Metals	Wholesale Scrap Metal/Aluminum	26
Horn Beverage Co., Inc.	Beverage Distribution	25
C.L. Dickert Lumber Company	Lumber Products	22

**Annual Average Labor Force Estimates
Pike County**

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Civilian Labor Force	13,370	13,580	13,660	13,130	13,670	13,710	13,120
Employment	12,520	12,700	12,730	12,470	12,920	12,820	12,370
Wage & Salary Emp.	12,300	12,290	12,140	12,130	12,790	12,590	12,180
Goods Producing	3,320	3,070	2,930	3,090	3,250	3,050	2,800
Manufacturing	2,910	2,660	2,510	2,650	2,710	2,490	2,320
Service Producing	8,980	9,220	9,220	9,040	9,540	9,540	9,380

Source: Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, Labor Market Information Division

Comparative Unemployment Rates

Recent average annual unemployment figures for calendar years 1993-2004 and October, 2005 are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Pike County</u>	<u>State of Alabama</u>	<u>U.S. National Average</u>
2005 (Oct.)	4.3%	4.5%	5.0%
2004	5.3	5.6	5.5
2003	5.9	5.8	6.0
2002	6.3	5.9	5.8
2001	5.7	5.3	4.8
2000	6.5	4.6	4.0
1999	5.5	4.8	4.2
1998	5.0	4.2	4.5
1997	6.8	5.1	4.9
1996	6.5	5.1	5.4
1995	6.4	6.3	5.6
1994	5.6	6.0	6.1
1993	7.2	7.6	6.9

Source: Alabama Department of Industrial Relations

Income Levels

Per Capita Income

Estimated per capita personal income in Pike County and the State of Alabama according to the State of Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, Research and Statistics Division, has been as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Pike County</u>	<u>State of Alabama</u>
2004	\$27,630	\$33,041
2003	24,856	26,505
2002	23,416	25,595
2001	22,531	24,714
2000	20,509	23,521
1999	20,134	22,694
1998	18,660	21,904
1997	17,671	20,699
1996	17,386	19,864
1995	16,848	19,209
1994	15,967	18,269
1993	15,243	17,446
1992	14,702	16,898
1991	13,706	15,938

2000 U.S. Census: Per Capita and Median Family Income

The following table presents information regarding historic, median family income levels in Pike County and the State of Alabama as shown in the U.S. Census:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Per Capita Income</u>	<u>Median Family Income</u>
Brundidge	\$12,357	\$19,531
Pike County	14,904	34,132
State of Alabama	18,189	41,657

Source: 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce.

General Housing Characteristics

The following table presents general housing characteristics for housing units in the City of Brundidge as shown by the 1980 U.S. Census, 1990 U.S. Census and 2000 U.S. Census:

<u>Brundidge</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
Total Housing Units	1,219	1,109	1,192
Total Occupied Units	1,174	1,013	1,014
Total Owner Occupied Units	780	672	665
Median Value of Owner Occupied Units	\$22,500	\$36,000	\$49,800

Comparable housing information is not available from the 2000 U.S. Census.

Source: 1980 and 1990 and 2000 Censuses of Population and Housing, Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce.

Utilities

The City owns and operates a water works and distribution system and a sanitary sewer system. The City also owns the electric system. Natural gas is provided by the Southeast Alabama Gas District; and telephone service is provided by CenturyTel.

The City operates its water works, sanitary sewer, and electric systems on a combined basis. The City has established a separate fund, designated the "Combined Utilities Fund", to account for the provision of electric, sewer and water services to the residents of the City. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this Fund, including but not limited to, administration, operations, maintenance, financing and related debt service, and billing and collections. The costs of providing such services on a continuing basis are financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

Education

The City does not operate its own school system as it is served by the Pike County Board of Education. Students in Brundidge attend two schools (one high school and one elementary), presently operated by the Pike County Board of Education in the Brundidge corporate limits.

The schools in Brundidge serve students of Pike County, excepting those students who attend the schools operated by the Troy City Board of Education in the City of Troy, Alabama.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, approximately 32.8% of the population of the City are high school graduates.

The principal higher education facilities near Brundidge include Troy University in Troy, Alabama, and Enterprise State Junior College in Enterprise, Alabama.