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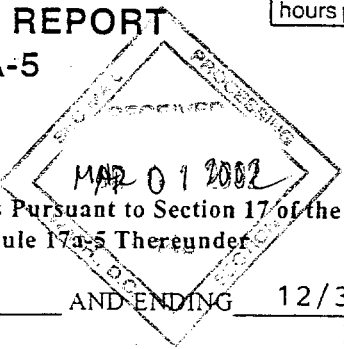
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder



REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/01 AND ENDING 12/31/01  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: First Commonwealth Securities Corporation  
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

OFFICIAL USE ONLY  
FIRM I.D. NO.

201 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 2506  
(No. and Street)

New Orleans Louisiana 70170  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT  
Norbert A. Simmons (504) 568-9376  
(Area Code - Telephone Number)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

Jacobson, Doullut & Adler, LLC

(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

3939 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 206 Metairie, LA 70002

(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- Certified Public Accountant
- Public Accountant
- Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Norbert A. Simmons, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of First Commonwealth Securities Corporation, as of December 31, 2001, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

Norbert Simmons

Signature

President

Title

Jerry G. Bryan  
Notary Public

This report \*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- (a) Facing Page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- (d) Statement of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Cash Flow
- (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
- (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-3 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES  
AND  
AUDITOR'S REPORT THEREON

FIRST COMMONWEALTH SECURITIES CORPORATION

December 31, 2001 and 2000

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors  
First Commonwealth Securities Corporation  
New Orleans, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial condition of First Commonwealth Securities Corporation as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the related statements of operations, changes in stockholder's equity, and cash flows for the years then ended that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of First Commonwealth Securities Corporation at December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedules I and II is presented for purposes of additional analysis

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and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Jacobson, Doullut & Adler LLC*

Jacobson, Doullut & Adler, LLC  
February 28, 2002

First Commonwealth Securities Corporation

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31, 2001 and 2000

ASSETS

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Cash	\$ 32,520	\$ 5,900
Fees receivable	-	68,691
Accounts receivable from stockholder	64,000	31,000
Other receivable	1,600	-
Refundable income taxes	897	897
Securities owned, not readily marketable, at estimated fair value	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,300</u>
	<u>\$102,317</u>	<u>\$109,788</u>

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

Liabilities		
Accounts payable, accrued expenses, and other liabilities	\$ <u>925</u>	\$ <u>600</u>
	<u>925</u>	<u>600</u>
Stockholder's equity		
Common stock, no par value, authorized, 1,000 shares, issued and outstanding, 160 shares in 2001 and 2000	46,850	46,850
Additional paid-in capital	16,216	16,216
Retained earnings	<u>38,326</u>	<u>46,122</u>
Total stockholder's equity	<u>101,392</u>	<u>109,188</u>
	<u>\$102,317</u>	<u>\$109,788</u>

The accompanying notes are an  
integral part of these financial statements.

First Commonwealth Securities Corporation

STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

Years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Revenues:		
Fees and commissions	\$ 42,178	\$105,309
Interest	<u>454</u>	<u>1,157</u>
	<u>42,632</u>	<u>106,466</u>
Expenses:		
Occupancy and office expenses	25,843	2,002
Professional fees	12,414	99,070
Taxes, licenses and fees	2,425	3,291
Auto, travel, and other expenses	<u>9,746</u>	<u>7,412</u>
	<u>50,428</u>	<u>111,775</u>
Loss before income taxes	(7,796)	(5,309)
Income taxes	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET LOSS	<u>\$ (7,796)</u>	<u>\$ (5,309)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



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 STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

Years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000

	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>Additional Paid-In Capital</u>	<u>Retained Earnings</u>
Balances at January 1, 2000	\$ 46,850	\$ 16,216	\$ 51,431
Net loss for the year	-	-	(5,309)
Balances at December 31, 2000	46,850	16,216	46,122
Net loss for the year	-	-	(7,796)
Balances at December 31, 2001	<u>\$ 46,850</u>	<u>\$ 16,216</u>	<u>\$ 38,326</u>

The accompanying notes are an  
 integral part of these financial statements.

First Commonwealth Securities Corporation

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net loss	\$ (7,796)	\$ (5,309)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:		
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Fees receivable	68,691	(57,896)
Other receivable	(1,600)	-
Refundable income taxes	-	814
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable, accrued expenses, and other liabilities	<u>325</u>	<u>(825)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>59,620</u>	<u>(63,216)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of securities	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,300)</u>
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,300)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Increase in loans to stockholder	<u>(33,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash used by financing activities	<u>(33,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash	26,620	(66,516)
Cash at beginning of year	<u>5,900</u>	<u>72,416</u>
Cash at end of year	<u>\$ 32,520</u>	<u>\$ 5,900</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOWS DISCLOSURES:		
Interest payments	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>7</u>
Income tax payments	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

First Commonwealth Securities Corporation

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of the significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements follows:

1. ORGANIZATION

First Commonwealth Securities Corporation (the "Company") was formed on August 6, 1987. The Company's primary purpose is to engage in the business of municipal bond underwriting and management on a fully-disclosed basis as a Securities and Exchange Commission and National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. registered broker dealer. The Company became a registered broker dealer effective December 7, 1987 and, consequently, is subject to certain rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. and certain state regulatory agencies.

2. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Management considers all accounts to be collectible, therefore no allowance has been made for doubtful accounts.

3. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. These differences may be material.

NOTE B - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

As a registered broker dealer, the Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1 (and the rule of the "applicable" exchange also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1). On November 29, 1999, NASD Regulation granted the application of the Company with regard to changing its exemption status from SEC Rule 15c3-3 from (k)(2)(i) to (k)(2)(ii), and its net capital requirements from \$100,000 to \$5,000. At December 31, 2001, the Company had net capital of \$31,595, which was \$26,595 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. At December 31, 2001, the Company's net capital ratio was .03 to 1. At December 31, 2000, the Company had net capital of \$73,991, which was \$68,991 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. At December 31, 2000 the Company's net capital ratio was .01 to 1.

First Commonwealth Securities Corporation

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000

NOTE C - SUBORDINATED LIABILITIES

There were no liabilities subordinated to the claims of general creditors at December 31, 2001 and 2000. Accordingly, the financial statements do not include statements of changes in subordinated liabilities.

NOTE D - INCOME TAXES

Net loss for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, as reported in the accompanying financial statements, is reconciled with ordinary income as reported on the Company's federal corporation income tax return as follows:

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Net loss before income taxes per financial statements	\$ (7,796)	\$ (5,309)
Add:		
Non-deductible expenses	<u>475</u>	<u>1,034</u>
Total federal taxable loss per federal corporation income tax return	\$ <u>(7,321)</u>	\$ <u>(4,275)</u>

The company has loss carryforwards of \$29,602 that may be offset against future taxable income. The net operating loss carryforwards expire as follows:

<u>Year ended December 31,</u>	
2019	\$ 18,006
2020	4,275
2021	<u>7,321</u>
	<u>\$ 29,602</u>

NOTE E - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company's sole shareholder provides legal and consulting services to the Company. There were no payments for legal and consulting fees to the shareholder during the year ended December 31, 2001. The Company incurred \$88,000 in legal and consulting fees as a result of services rendered by the shareholder during the year ended December 31, 2000.

The Company shares occupancy and office expenses with its sole shareholder. The company's share of occupancy and office expenses paid for the years 2001 and 2000 was \$25,550 and \$1,431, respectively.

Supplementary Information

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Board of Directors  
First Commonwealth Securities Corporation  
New Orleans, Louisiana

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of First Commonwealth Securities Corporation (the Company), for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons
2. Recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13
3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company

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has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2001 and 2000, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, and other regulatory agencies that rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Jacobson, Doullut & Adler, LLC*

Jacobson, Doullut & Adler, LLC  
February 28, 2002

SCHEDULE I

First Commonwealth Securities Corporation

COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1 OF THE  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

As of December 31, 2001 and 2000

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
NET CAPITAL		
Total stockholder's equity	\$101,392	\$109,188
Deductions and/or charges:		
Nonallowable assets:		
Accounts receivable from stockholder	64,000	31,000
Other receivable	1,600	-
Refundable income taxes	897	897
Securities, not readily marketable	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,300</u>
	<u>69,797</u>	<u>35,197</u>
Net capital	<u>\$ 31,595</u>	<u>\$ 73,991</u>
AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS		
Items included in statements of financial condition		
Accounts payable, accrued expenses, and other liabilities	<u>\$ 925</u>	<u>\$ 600</u>
Total aggregate indebtedness	<u>\$ 925</u>	<u>\$ 600</u>
Computation of basic net capital requirement		
Minimum net capital required:	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Excess net capital	<u>\$ 26,595</u>	<u>\$ 68,991</u>
Excess net capital at 120 percent	<u>\$ 25,595</u>	<u>\$ 67,991</u>
Ratio: Aggregate indebtedness to net capital	<u>.03 to 1</u>	<u>.01 to 1</u>
RECONCILIATION WITH COMPANY'S COMPUTATION		
(included in Part II of Form X-17A-5 as of December 31, 2001 and 2000)		
Net capital, as reported in Company's Part II (unaudited) FOCUS report	\$ 36,938	\$ 19,691
Net audit adjustments	<u>(5,343)</u>	<u>54,300</u>
Net capital per above	<u>\$ 31,595</u>	<u>\$ 73,991</u>



SCHEDULE II

First Commonwealth Securities Corporation

RESERVE AND POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS UNDER  
RULE 15c3-3 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

As of December 31, 2001 and 2000

The Company is exempt from the reserve and possession or control requirements of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission.