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<sup>1</sup> I have been a resident of New Orleans since fall 2001. Many of the considerations in this paper emanate from that experience. I wish to thank an editor for several suggestions that greatly improved an earlier draft of this paper. I alone of course am responsible for any remaining errors.

<sup>2</sup> See [http://www.google.ca/search?hl=en&q=New+Orleans+Water+Board&btnG=Google+Search&meta=;http://www.bgr.org/budgets/s&wb/systems\\_description.htm](http://www.google.ca/search?hl=en&q=New+Orleans+Water+Board&btnG=Google+Search&meta=;http://www.bgr.org/budgets/s&wb/systems_description.htm).

<sup>3</sup> If that indeed occurs; for more on this, see below, [Section III](#).

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([1993](#)), Klein and Fielding ([1992](#)), Lemennicier ([1996](#)), Roth ([1987](#)) and Semmens ([1987](#)).

<sup>7</sup> See <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/EMProcess04.htm>.

<sup>8</sup> See <http://www.fema.gov/about/>.

<sup>9</sup> See <http://www.fema.gov/news/disasters.fema?year=2005>.

<sup>10</sup> See <http://www.google.com/u/Mises?hl=en&submit.x=0&submit.y=0&q=socialist%20calculation>.

<sup>11</sup> This rejoinder was offered to me by an editor; what appears in the text is an edited version of the objection.

<sup>12</sup> Were any private enterprise half as inefficient as FEMA or the Army Corp of Engineers, there is little doubt they would have long disappeared from the scene in bankruptcy court. In the event, these two government agencies were given additional funds in the wake of their abject failures.

<sup>13</sup> See <http://www.google.com/u/Mises?hl=en&lr=&ie=ISO-8859-1&q=wal+mart&btnG=Search>.

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