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Report on the Annual Valuation of the Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan of Mississippi

Prepared as of June 30, 2017


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Ladies and Gentlemen:
Presented in this report are the results of the annual actuarial valuation of the Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan of Mississippi. The purpose of the valuation was to measure the Plan's funding progress and to determine the unfunded actuarial accrued liability amortization period beginning July 1, 2017. The results may not be applicable for other purposes.

The date of the valuation was June 30, 2017.
The valuation was based upon data, furnished by the Executive Director and the PERS staff, concerning active, inactive and retired members along with pertinent financial information. While not verifying data at the source, the actuary performed tests for consistency and reasonableness. The complete cooperation of the PERS staff in furnishing materials requested is hereby acknowledged with appreciation.

Your attention is directed particularly to the presentation of results on page 1 and the comments on page 8.

Since the previous valuation, various economic and demographic assumptions have been revised to reflect the results of the experience investigation for the four-year period ending June 30, 2016. These revised changes were adopted by the Board on April 25, 2017 and are discussed on page 2 of the report. The valuation takes into account the effect of membership to the System enacted through the most recent Session of the Legislature.

To the best of our knowledge, this report is complete and accurate. The valuation was performed by, and under the supervision of, independent actuaries who are members of the American Academy of Actuaries with experience in performing valuations for public retirement systems. The undersigned meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.

The valuation was prepared in accordance with the principles of practice prescribed by the Actuarial Standards Board. We have reviewed the actuarial methods, including the asset valuation method, and continue to believe they are appropriate for the purpose of determining employer contribution levels.

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Future actuarial results may differ significantly from the current results presented in this report due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements (such as the end of an amortization period or additional cost or contribution requirements based on the plan's funded status); and changes in plan provisions or applicable law. Since the potential impact of such factors is outside the scope of a normal annual actuarial valuation, an analysis of the range of results is not presented herein.

This actuarial valuation was performed to determine the adequacy of statutory contributions to fund the plan. The asset values used to determine unfunded liabilities and funded ratios are not market values but less volatile market related values. A smoothing technique is applied to market values to determine the market related values. The unfunded liability amounts and funded ratios using the market value of assets would be different. The interest rate used for determining liabilities is based on the expected return on assets. Therefore, liability amounts in this report cannot be used to assess a settlement of the obligation.

The actuarial calculations were performed by qualified actuaries according to generally accepted actuarial procedures and methods. The calculations are based on the current provisions of the plan, and on actuarial assumptions that are, in the aggregate, internally consistent and reasonably based on the actual experience of the plan.

Respectfully submitted,


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## REPORT ON THE ANNUAL VALUATION OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT PLAN OF MISSISSIPPI PREPARED AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

## SECTION I - SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL RESULTS

1. This report, prepared as of June 30, 2017, presents the results of the annual actuarial valuation of the Plan. For convenience of reference, the principal results of the valuation and a comparison with the preceding year's results are summarized below. The current valuation and reported benefits amount reflect any benefit increases granted to retirees as of July 1, 2017. Based on the funding policy adopted by the Board in 2012, the employer contribution rate is to be set at 7.40\% of annual compensation and the amortization period calculated on an open basis.


* Includes load for administrative expenses. See Section VI for more contribution rate detail.

2. The valuation balance sheet showing the results of the valuation is given in Section III.
3. Comments on the valuation results are given in Section IV, comments on the experience and actuarial gains and losses during the valuation year are given in Section V and the rates of contribution payable by employers are given in Section VI.
4. Since the previous valuation, various economic and demographic assumptions have been revised to reflect the results of the experience investigation for the four-year period ending June 30, 2016. The changes adopted by the Board on April 25, 2017, include various demographic and economic assumptions summarized below:

- Wage Inflation changed assumed rate from $3.75 \%$ to $3.25 \%$,
- Decreased the rates of Retirement during election years, and
- A small adjustment was made to the Mortality Table for both healthy and disabled lives.

5. Schedule A of this report presents the development of the actuarial value of assets. Schedule B details the actuarial assumptions and methods employed.
6. Schedule C gives a summary of the benefit and contribution provisions of the plan. Effective July 1, 2016, the interest rate on employee contributions shall be calculated based on the money market rate as published by the Wall Street Journal on December 31 of each preceding year with a minimum rate of one percent and a maximum rate of five percent. The rate for the fiscal year 2017 will be one percent.
7. The table on page 3 provides a ten-year history of some pertinent figures.
8. The funding policy for the System was changed in 2012. Under the prior funding policy, the amortization payment for the UAAL was calculated based on a fixed employer contribution rate using a floating amortization period no greater than 30 years. For continuity and informational purposes, we have provided this calculation in Section VII.

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Comparative Schedule

| Valuation Date June 30 | Active Members |  |  |  | Retired Lives |  |  |  | Valuation Results (\$ thousands) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Payroll (\$ thousands) | Average Salary | $\qquad$ | Number | Active/ Retired Ratio | Annual Benefits (\$ thousands) | Benefits as \% of Payroll | Accrued Liability | Valuation <br> Assets | UAAL |
| 2008 | 175 | \$6,753 | \$38,588 | 3.0\% | 138 | 1.3 | \$ 754.8 | 11.2\% | \$15,615 | \$13,412 | \$2,203 |
| 2009 | 174 | 6,803 | 39,100 | 1.3 | 141 | 1.2 | 781.2 | 11.5 | 16,535 | 13,386 | 3,149 |
| 2010 | 175 | 6,605 | 37,743 | (3.5) | 142 | 1.2 | 792.7 | 12.0 | 17,081 | 13,241 | 3,840 |
| 2011 | 174 | 6,810 | 39,137 | 3.7 | 147 | 1.2 | 823.9 | 12.1 | 18,605 | 13,606 | 4,999 |
| 2012 | 175 | 6,872 | 39,267 | 0.3 | 173 | 1.0 | 1,046.7 | 15.2 | 19,537 | 13,268 | 6,269 |
| 2013 | 175 | 6,695 | 38,259 | (2.6) | 188 | 0.9 | 1,121.4 | 16.7 | 19,978 | 13,554 | 6,424 |
| 2014 | 175 | 6,918 | 39,531 | 3.3 | 187 | 0.9 | 1,139.5 | 16.5 | 20,240 | 14,899 | 5,341 |
| 2015 | 174 | 6,861 | 39,432 | (0.3) | 185 | 0.9 | 1,133.6 | 16.5 | 21,213 | 16,098 | 5,115 |
| 2016 | 171 | 6,862 | 40,130 | 1.8 | 207 | 0.8 | 1,277.8 | 18.6 | 21,259 | 16,447 | 4,812 |
| 2017 | 174 | 6,928 | 39,817 | (0.8) | 205 | 0.8 | 1,279.5 | 18.5 | 21,849 | 17,208 | 4,641 |

## SECTION II - MEMBERSHIP DATA

Data regarding the membership of the Plan for use as a basis for the valuation were furnished by the Plan's office. The following tables summarize the membership of the Plan as of June 30, 2017 upon which the valuation was based. Detailed tabulations of the data are given in Schedule D.

Active Members

|  |  |  |  |  | Group Averages |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Employers | Number of <br> Employers | Number |  | Payroll | Salary | Age | Benefit <br> Service |
| State Agencies | 5 | 174 | $\$$ | $6,928,085$ | $\$ 39,817$ | 55.8 | 11.0 |

* Eligibility service is 15.2 years.

Of the 174 active members, 112 are vested and 62 are non-vested.

## Retired Lives

| Type of Benefit <br> Payment | No. | Annual Benefits | Group Averages <br> Benefit |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Retirement | 168 | $\$ 1,055,559$ | $\$ 6,283$ | 71.9 |
| Disability | 1 | 7,776 | 7,776 | 62.5 |
| Survivor | 36 | 216,136 | 6,004 | 72.9 |
| Total in SLRP | 205 | $\$ 1,279,471$ | $\$ 6,241$ | 72.1 |

## Deferred Vested/Inactive Lives

| Type of Member | No. | Deferred Benefits | Outstanding Balance |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Deferred Vested - Benefit Included | 36 | $\$ 129,227$ | N/A |
| Inactive | 20 | N/A | $\$ 83,920$ |
| Total in SLRP | 56 | $\$ 129,227$ | $\$ 83,920$ |

For the liability in this valuation, deferred vested participants with benefits provided are valued assuming a retirement age of 60 and for inactive members, account balances are multiplied by two to estimate liabilities and interest in the future.

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## SECTION III - VALUATION BALANCE SHEET

The following valuation balance sheet shows the assets and liabilities of the retirement plan as of the current valuation date of June 30, 2017 and, for comparison purposes, as of the immediately preceding valuation date of June 30, 2016. The items shown in the balance sheet are present values actuarially determined as of the relevant valuation date. The development of the actuarial value of assets is presented in Schedule
A. SUPPLEMENTAL LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT PLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

|  | JUNE 30, 2017 |  | JUNE 30, 2016 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ASSETS |  |  |  |  |
| Current actuarial value of assets: |  |  |  |  |
| Annuity Savings Account | \$ | 2,636,492 | \$ | 2,485,280 |
| Annuity Reserve |  | 2,789,276 |  | 2,641,050 |
| Employers' Accumulation Account |  | 11,782,232 |  | 11,320,670 |
| Total current assets | \$ | 17,208,000 | \$ | 16,447,000 |
| Future member contributions to Annuity Savings Account | \$ | 1,589,374 | \$ | 1,820,044 |
| Prospective contributions to Employer's Accumulation Account |  |  |  |  |
| Normal contributions | \$ | 1,340,372 | \$ | 1,601,639 |
| Unfunded actuarial accrued liability contributions |  | 4,640,868 |  | 4,811,800 |
| Total prospective contributions | \$ | 5,981,240 | \$ | 6,413,439 |
| Total assets | \$ | 24,778,614 | \$ | 24,680,483 |
| LIABILITIES |  |  |  |  |
| Present value of benefits payable on account of present retired members and beneficiaries | \$ | 13,798,639 | \$ | 13,757,758 |
| Present value of benefits payable on account of inactive members for service rendered before the valuation date |  |  |  |  |
| Present value of benefits payable on account of active members |  |  |  |  |
| Total liabilities | \$ | 24,778,614 |  | 24,680,483 |

## BREAKDOWN OF TOTAL AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

|  | Total Liability |  | Accrued Liability |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Active Members |  |  |  |  |
| Retirement | \$ | 8,155,732 | \$ | 6,273,748 |
| Death |  | 405,208 |  | 288,157 |
| Disability |  | 233,868 |  | 64,616 |
| Termination |  | 1,026,217 |  | 264,758 |
| Total | \$ | 9,821,025 | \$ | 6,891,279 |
| Retirees |  |  |  |  |
| Retirement | \$ | 11,711,885 | \$ | 11,711,885 |
| Survivor |  | 2,011,214 |  | 2,011,214 |
| Disability |  | 75,540 |  | 75,540 |
| Total | \$ | 13,798,639 | \$ | 13,798,639 |
| Deferred Vested Members |  | 991,109 |  | 991,109 |
| Inactive Members |  | 167,841 |  | 167,841 |
| Total Actuarial Values | \$ | 24,778,614 | \$ | 21,848,868 |
| Actuarial Value of Assets |  |  |  | 17,208,000 |
| Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability |  |  | \$ | 4,640,868 |

The total liability is the present value of future benefits for all current members as of the valuation date. The accrued liability is the present value of benefits that have been accrued as of the valuation date. Since all inactive members and retirees have accrued their full benefits, the total liability and accrued liability are the same. For actives, the difference between the total liability and the accrued liability is the present value of all future accruals.

## SECTION IV - COMMENTS ON VALUATION

The valuation balance sheet gives the following information with respect to the funds of the Plan as of June 30, 2017.

## Total Assets

The Annuity Savings Account is the fund to which are credited contributions made by members together with interest thereon. When a member retires, the amount of his or her accumulated contributions is transferred from the Annuity Savings Account to the Annuity Reserve. The Employer's Accumulation Account is the fund to which are credited employer contributions and investment income, and from which are paid all employer-provided benefits under the plan. The assets credited to the Annuity Savings Account as of the valuation date, which represent the accumulated contributions of members to that date, amounted to $\$ 2,636,492$. The assets credited to the Annuity Reserve were $\$ 2,789,276$ and the assets credited to the Employer's Accumulation Account totaled $\$ 11,782,231$. Current actuarial assets as of the valuation date equaled the sum of these three funds, $\$ 17,208,000$. Future member contributions to the Annuity Savings Account were valued to be $\$ 1,589,374$. Prospective contributions to the Employer's Accumulation Account were calculated to be $\$ 5,981,240$ of which $\$ 1,340,372$ is attributable to service rendered after the valuation date (normal contributions) and $\$ 4,640,868$ is attributable to service rendered before the valuation date (unfunded actuarial accrued liability contributions).

Therefore, the balance sheet shows the present value of current and future assets of the Plan to be $\$ 24,778,614$ as of June 30, 2017.

## Total Liabilities

The present value of benefits payable on account of presently retired members and beneficiaries totaled $\$ 13,798,639$ as of the valuation date. The present value of future benefit payments on behalf of active members amounted to $\$ 9,821,025$. In addition, the present value of benefits for inactive members, due to service rendered before the valuation date, was calculated to be \$1,158,950.

Therefore, the balance sheet shows the present value for all prospective benefit payments under the Plan to be $\$ 24,778,614$ as of June 30, 2017.

Section 25-11-307(1) of State law requires that active members contribute $3.00 \%$ of annual compensation to the Plan.

Section 25-11-307(2) requires that the State contribute a certain percentage of the annual compensation of members to cover the normal contributions and a certain percentage to cover the accrued liability contributions of the Plan. These individual contribution percentages are established in accordance with an actuarial valuation. Based on the new funding policy adopted by the Board in October, 2012, the employer rate is set at $7.40 \%$ of annual compensation and the amortization period calculated on an open basis. Therefore, the amortization period for the June 30, 2017 valuation is 21.6 years, compared to 22.6 years for the last valuation.

The primary reason for the decrease in the amortization period is the investment gain on an actuarial value basis ( $9.41 \%$ vs. $7.75 \%$ ). There were also gains on retirement and mortality experience, as well as salary increases less than expected. These gains were partially offset by the assumption changes made to the System. See Schedule E for a complete analysis of the Financial Experience.

## SECTION V - DERIVATION OF EXPERIENCE GAINS AND LOSSES

Actual experience will never (except by coincidence) coincide exactly with assumed experience. It is assumed that gains and losses will be in balance over a period of years, but sizable year to year fluctuations are common. Detail on the derivation of the experience gain/(loss) for the years ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016 is shown below.

| (1) | UAAL* as of beginning of year | \$ | 4,811.8 | \$ | 5,115.4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (2) | Total normal cost from last valuation |  | 401.5 |  | 390.1 |
| (3) | Total contributions |  | 734.0 |  | 722.0 |
| (4) | Interest accrual: [[(1) + (2)] x .0775]-[(3) x .03875] |  | 375.6 |  | 398.7 |
| (5) | Expected UAAL before changes: $(1)+(2)-(3)+(4)$ | \$ | 4,854.9 | \$ | 5,182.2 |
| (6) | Change due to plan amendments |  | 0.0 |  | 0.0 |
| (7) | Change due to actuarial assumptions or methods |  | 182.2 |  | (5.6) |
| (8) | Expected UAAL after changes: $(5)+(6)+(7)$ | \$ | 5,037.1 | \$ | 5,176.6 |
| (9) | Actual UAAL as of end of year | \$ | 4,640.9 | \$ | 4,811.8 |
| (10) | Gain/(loss): (8) - (9) | \$ | 396.2 | \$ | 364.8 |
| (11) | Gain/(loss) as percent of actuarial accrued liabilities at start of year. |  | 1.9\% |  | 1.7\% |

*Unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

| Valuation Date June 30 | Actuarial Gain/(Loss) as a \% of <br> Beginning Accrued Liabilities |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2012 | $(6.4) \%$ |  |  |
| 2013 | $(0.9)$ |  |  |
| 2014 | 6.3 |  |  |
| 2015 | 4.4 |  |  |
| 2016 | 1.7 |  |  |
| 2017 | 1.9 | Page 9 |  |
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## SECTION VI - REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION RATES

The valuation balance sheet gives the basis for determining the percentage rates for contributions to be made by employers to the Retirement Plan. The following table shows the rates of contribution payable by employers as determined from the present valuation for the 2018/2019 fiscal year and a comparison to the previous valuation results.

| Contribution for | 2018/2019 Fiscal Year | 2017/2018 Fiscal Year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Normal Cost: |  |  |
| Service retirement benefits | 4.34\% | 4.51\% |
| Disability benefits | 0.27 | 0.28 |
| Survivor benefits | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| Total | 4.80\% | 4.99\% |
| Member Contributions: | 3.00\% | 3.00\% |
| Less future refunds | (0.73) | (0.65) |
| Available for benefits | 2.27\% | 2.35\% |
| Employer Normal Cost | 2.53\% | 2.64\% |
| Administrative Expense Load | 0.23\% | 0.23\% |
| Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities (21.6 year level \% of payroll amortization*) | 4.64\% | 4.53\% |
| Total Statutory Employer Contribution Rate | 7.40\% | 7.40\% |

*Amortization period a year ago was 22.6 years.
The current funding policy has set the employer contribution rate to $7.40 \%$ of payroll and set the amortization period to open-ended. Thirty-year projections are completed after the valuation to determine if an increase or decrease in the employer contribution rate is warranted according to the triggers set forth in the funding policy. Please see Schedule F for the current funding policy.

The components of the change in the computed unfunded actuarial accrued liability amortization period from 22.6 years to 21.6 years are as follows:

| Previously Reported Period | 22.6 years |
| :--- | :---: |
| Change due to: |  |
| Normal amortization | $(1.0)$ |
| Actuarial experience | $(2.7)$ |
| Assumption changes | 2.7 |
| Plan amendments | 0.0 |
| Contribution experience | 0.0 |
| Computed Period | 21.6 years |

## SECTION VII - SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

1. The following supplemental disclosure information is provided for informational purposes only. One such item is a distribution of the number of employees by type of membership, as follows:

## NUMBER OF ACTIVE AND RETIRED PARTICIPANTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2017

| GROUP | NUMBER |
| :--- | :---: |
| Retired participants and beneficiaries <br> currently receiving benefits | 205 |
| Terminated participants and beneficiaries <br> entitled to benefits but not yet receiving <br> benefits | 56 |
| Active Participants | $\underline{174}$ |

2. Another such item is the schedule of funding progress as shown below. As can be seen in column 3 of the table below, the funded ratio has decreased over the first five of the last 10 years but the funded ratio has been increasing each year since June 30, 2013. In addition, the UAAL as a percentage of payroll, shown in column 6, has decreased for each of the last four valuations after increasing for valuations 2008 through 2013.

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

| Plan Year Ended | (1) <br> Actuarial Value of Assets | (2) <br> Actuarial <br> Accrued <br> Liability <br> (AAL) <br> Entry Age | (3) <br> Percent Funded (1)/(2) | (4) <br> Unfunded AAL $(2)-(1)$ | (5) <br> Annual Covered Payroll | (6) <br> Unfunded AAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (4)/(5) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 06/30/2008* | \$13,412,000 | \$15,614,687 | 85.9\% | \$2,202,687 | \$6,752,960 | 32.6\% |
| 06/30/2009\# | 13,386,000 | 16,534,870 | 81.0 | 3,148,870 | 6,803,339 | 46.3 |
| 06/30/2010 | 13,241,000 | 17,081,278 | 77.5 | 3,840,278 | 6,605,037 | 58.1 |
| 06/30/2011\# | 13,606,000 | 18,605,301 | 73.1 | 4,999,301 | 6,809,770 | 73.4 |
| 06/30/2012 | 13,268,000 | 19,536,604 | 67.9 | 6,268,604 | 6,871,757 | 91.2 |
| 06/30/2013\# | 13,554,000 | 19,977,584 | 67.8 | 6,423,584 | 6,695,359 | 95.9 |
| 06/30/2014 | 14,899,000 | 20,239,757 | 73.6 | 5,340,757 | 6,917,939 | 77.2 |
| 06/30/2015\# | 16,098,000 | 21,213,446 | 75.9 | 5,115,446 | 6,861,166 | 74.6 |
| 06/30/2016 | 16,447,000 | 21,258,800 | 77.4 | 4,811,800 | 6,862,262 | 70.1 |
| 06/30/2017\# | 17,208,000 | 21,848,868 | 78.8 | 4,640,868 | 6,928,085 | 67.0 |

* After change in benefit provisions.
\# After change in actuarial assumptions.

3. Under the prior funding policy, the amortization payment of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability rate was calculated based on a fixed employer contribution rate using a floating amortization period no greater than 30 years. The calculation of the contribution rate under the prior funding policy for the past two valuations is shown below:

| Prior Funding Policy |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valuation Date June 30 | 2017 | 2016 |
| Employer contribution rate |  |  |
| Normal Cost |  |  |
| Accrued liability | $2.76 \%$ | $2.87 \%$ |
| Total | $\frac{3.87}{}$ | $3.63 \%$ |
| Anticipated accrued liability payment period | 30 years | $3.71 \%$ |

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## Solvency Tests <br> (\$ in Thousands)

| Actuarial Accrued Liabilities for |  |  |  |  | Portions of Accrued Liabilities Covered by Assets |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Valuation Date | Accumulated <br> Employee Contributions Including Allocated Investment Earnings | (2) <br> Retirees and Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits | (3) <br> Active and Inactive Members Employer Financed Portion | Net Assets Available for Benefits | (1) | (2) | (3) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6/30/2008 | \$2,102 | \$8,295 | \$5,218 | \$13,412 | 100\% | 100.0\% | 57.8\% |
| 6/30/2009 | 2,327 | 8,756 | 5,452 | 13,386 | 100 | 100.0 | 42.2 |
| 6/30/2010 | 2,509 | 8,777 | 5,795 | 13,241 | 100 | 100.0 | 33.7 |
| 6/30/2011 | 2,642 | 8,734 | 7,229 | 13,606 | 100 | 100.0 | 30.8 |
| 6/30/2012 | 2,105 | 11,428 | 6,004 | 13,268 | 100 | 97.7 | 0.0 |
| 6/30/2013 | 2,416 | 11,909 | 5,652 | 13,554 | 100 | 93.5 | 0.0 |
| 6/30/2014 | 2,638 | 11,920 | 5,682 | 14,899 | 100 | 100.0 | 6.0 |
| 6/30/2015 | 2,862 | 12,329 | 6,023 | 16,098 | 100 | 100.0 | 15.1 |
| 6/30/2016 | 2,485 | 13,758 | 5,016 | 16,447 | 100 | 100.0 | 4.1 |
| 6/30/2017 | 2,636 | 13,799 | 5,414 | 17,208 | 100 | 100.0 | 14.3 |

As can be seen from the table above, the SLRP plan assets currently covers $100 \%$ of the active member contribution account balances and covers $100 \%$ of the retiree liability as of the valuation date. However, the remaining assets only cover $14.3 \%$ of employer financed active liabilities.

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Schedule of Active Member Valuation Data

$\left.$|  | Number of <br> Employers | Number | Annual Payroll | Annual <br> Average Pay |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | | \% Increase in |
| :---: |
| Average Pay | \right\rvert\,

Schedule of Number of Retirants Added To and Removed From Rolls Last Ten Fiscal Years

| Item | Fiscal Year Ended June 30 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Beginning of Year | 126 | 138 | 141 | 142 | 147 | 173 | 188 | 187 | 185 | 207 |
| Added | 20 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 33 | 20 | 6 | 8 | 28 | 6 |
| Removed | (8) | (4) | (5) | (2) | (7) | (5) | (7) | (10) | (6) | (8) |
| End of Year | 138 | 141 | 142 | 147 | 173 | 188 | 187 | 185 | 207 | 205 |

*See Schedule D for a breakdown by type of retirement.

Schedule of Benefit Payments Added To and Removed From Rolls
Last Seven Fiscal Years

| Year Ending | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Beginning of Year | \$792,670 | \$823,936 | \$1,046,672 | \$1,121,404 | \$1,139,477 | \$1,133,588 | \$1,277,763 |
| Added | 30,133 | 230,576 | 77,003 | 32,688 | 58,303 | 177,207 | 31,300 |
| Removed | $(22,703)$ | $(31,217)$ | $(26,497)$ | $(44,780)$ | $(95,910)$ | $(57,546)$ | $(64,321)$ |
| Benefit increase due to annual COLA | 23,836 | 23,377 | 24,226 | 30,165 | 31,718 | 24,514 | 34,729 |
| Benefit increase due to plan amendments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| End of Year | \$823,936 | \$1,046,672 | \$1,121,404 | \$1,139,477 | \$1,133,588 | \$1,277,763 | \$1,279,471 |

## Schedule of Average Benefit Payments

|  | Years of Credited Service |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0-9 | 10-15 | 16-20 | 21-24 | 25 | 26-29 | 30 | $31+$ | TOTAL |
| July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average Monthly Benefit | \$180.95 |  | \$609.42 | \$452.29 | \$732.45 |  |  |  | \$434.72 |
| Average Final Salary | \$29,821.02 |  | \$37,791.24 | \$28,377.72 | \$40,932.00 |  |  |  | \$32,520.12 |
| Number of Active Retirants | 2 |  | 1 | 2 | 1 |  |  |  | 6 |
| July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average Monthly Benefit | \$249.59 | \$349.70 | \$486.61 | \$654.27 | \$522.12 |  |  | \$1,200.33 | \$527.40 |
| Average Final Salary | \$36,599.58 | \$39,877.51 | \$35,210.67 | \$39,774.39 | \$41,482.12 |  |  | \$42,237.92 | \$38,850.14 |
| Number of Active Retirants | 6 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 2 |  |  | 3 | 28 |
| July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average Monthly Benefit | \$163.64 | \$739.53 | \$720.77 |  | \$578.67 |  |  | \$1,032.05 | \$607.33 |
| Average Final Salary | \$18,636.25 | \$68,228.41 | \$37,911.50 |  | \$34,790.50 |  |  | \$42,949.00 | \$40,911.48 |
| Number of Active Retirants | 2 | 2 | 2 |  | 1 |  |  | 1 | 8 |
| July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average Monthly Benefit |  | \$345.04 | \$490.81 | \$472.60 |  | \$579.73 |  |  |  |
| Average Final Salary |  | \$34,404.37 | \$34,871.00 | \$39,300.75 |  | \$43,164.50 |  |  | \$36,836.00 |
| Number of Active Retirants |  | 2 | 2 | 1 |  | 1 |  |  | 6 |
| July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average Monthly Benefit | \$168.36 | \$182.74 | \$462.84 | \$550.22 |  | \$730.99 |  |  |  |
| Average Final Salary | \$27,924.79 | \$29,576.45 | \$36,139.50 | \$39,580.94 |  | \$38,727.25 |  |  | \$32,325.08 |
| Number of Active Retirants | 6 | 7 | 1 | 4 |  | 2 |  |  | 20 |

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## Schedule of Average Benefit Payments

|  | Years of Credited Service |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0-9 | 10-15 | 16-20 | 21-24 | 25 | 26-29 | 30 | 31+ | TOTAL |
| July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average Monthly Benefit | \$193.84 | \$404.90 | \$429.73 | \$675.67 |  | \$731.32 |  | \$1,237.30 | \$582.26 |
| Average Final Salary | \$33,827.49 | \$43,765.24 | \$36,045.25 | \$38,900.81 |  | \$38,644.58 |  | \$57,275.51 | \$41,862.66 |
| Number of Active Retirants | 10 | 6 | 3 | - 4 |  | 3 |  | 7 | 33 |
| July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average Monthly Benefit | \$182.16 | \$108.90 |  | \$305.17 |  |  |  | \$369.01 | \$260.23 |
| Average Final Salary | \$33,981.00 | \$19,188.49 |  | \$36,781.59 |  |  |  | \$27,287.00 | \$30,755.38 |
| Number of Active Retirants | 2 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 7 |
| July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average Monthly Benefit | \$129.62 | \$516.63 |  | \$759.42 |  |  |  | \$1,295.33 | \$493.37 |
| Average Final Salary | \$29,883.00 | \$48,826.77 |  | \$45,504.00 |  |  |  | \$36,180.57 | \$36,693.39 |
| Number of Active Retirants | 3 | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 | 6 |
| July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average Monthly Benefit | \$194.61 |  |  | \$547.11 |  | \$833.23 | \$411.03 | \$338.62 | \$387.69 |
| Average Final Salary | \$29,237.33 |  |  | \$37,853.25 |  | \$39,683.00 | \$41,404.00 | \$34,997.00 | \$34,521.32 |
| Number of Active Retirants | 3 |  |  | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average Monthly Benefit | \$171.57 | \$354.03 | \$446.95 | \$513.00 |  | \$654.58 |  | \$922.68 | \$460.41 |
| Average Final Salary | \$33,898.82 | \$36,171.88 | \$40,512.11 | \$32,188.50 |  | \$32,547.92 |  | \$44,455.75 | \$37,242.11 |
| Number of Active Retirants | 2 | 4 | 7 | 1 |  | 3 |  | 1 | 18 |

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## SCHEDULE A

## Development of Actuarial Value of Assets

(\$ thousands)

| Valuation Date June 30: | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A. Actuarial Value Beginning of Year | \$16,098 | \$16,447 |  |  |  |  |
| B. Market Value End of Year | 15,768 | 17,342 |  |  |  |  |
| C. Market Value Beginning of Year | 16,456* | 15,768 |  |  |  |  |
| D. Cash Flow |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| D1. Contributions | 722 | 734 |  |  |  |  |
| D2. Other Revenue | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| D3. Benefit Payments | $(1,454)$ | $(1,397)$ |  |  |  |  |
| D4. Refunds | (32) | (17) |  |  |  |  |
| D5. Administrative Expenses | (10) | (10) |  |  |  |  |
| D6. Investment Expenses | (58) | (62) |  |  |  |  |
| D7. Net | (832) | (752) |  |  |  |  |
| E. Investment Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E1. Market Total: B.-C.-D6. | 144 | 2,326 |  |  |  |  |
| E2. Assumed Rate | 7.75\% | 7.75\% |  |  |  |  |
| E3. Amount for Immediate Recognition | 1,303 | 1,257 |  |  |  |  |
| E4. Amount for Phased-In Recognition | $(1,159)$ | 1,069 |  |  |  |  |
| F. Phased-In Recognition of Investment Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| F1. Current Year: $0.20{ }^{*} \mathrm{E}$. | (232) | 214 |  |  |  |  |
| F2. First Prior Year | (157) | (232) | 214 |  |  |  |
| F3. Second Prior Year | 295 | (157) | (232) | 214 |  |  |
| F4. Third Prior Year | 136 | 295 | (157) | (232) | 214 |  |
| F5. Fourth Prior Year | (209) | 136 | 295 | (157) | (232) | 214 |
| F6. Total Recognized Investment Gain | (167) | 256 | 120 | (175) | (18) | 214 |
| G. Adjustment | 45 | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| H. Actuarial Value End of Year: A. + D7. + E3. + F6. + G. | \$16,447 | \$17,208 |  |  |  |  |
| I. Difference Between Market \& Actuarial Values | \$( 679) | \$ 134 | \$14 | \$189 | \$207 | \$(7) |

The Actuarial Valuation of Assets recognizes assumed investment income (line E3) fully each year. Differences between actual and assumed investment income (line E4) are phased in over a closed 5 year period. During periods when investment performance exceeds the assumed rate, Actuarial Value of Assets will tend to be less than market value. During periods when investment performance is less than the assumed rate, Actuarial Value of Assets will tend to be greater than market value. If assumed rates are exactly realized for 4 consecutive years, actuarial value will become equal to market value.
*Adjusted from prior year due to revised assets.

|  |  | Asset Summary June 30, 2017 <br> (\$ in Thousands) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Market Value | Book Value | Actuarial Value |
| 1. Assets at June 30, 2016 | \$15,768 | \$13,644 | \$16,447 |
| 2. Contributions and Misc. Revenue | 734 | 734 | 734 |
| 3. Investment Increment | 2,326 | 962 | 1,513 |
| 4. Benefit Payments | $(1,397)$ | $(1,397)$ | $(1,397)$ |
| 5. Refunds | (17) | (17) | (17) |
| 6. Expenses | (72) | (72) | (72) |
| 7. Adjustment | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8. Assets at June 30, 2017 $(1)+(2)+(3)+(4)+(5)+(6)+(7)$ | \$17,342 | \$13,854 | \$17,208 |
| 9. Investment Return | 14.96\% | 7.25\% | 9.41\% |

## SCHEDULE B

## STATEMENT OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS

INTEREST RATE: $7.75 \%$ per annum, compounded annually (net of investment expenses only). The expected return on assets consists of $3.00 \%$ price inflation and $4.75 \%$ real rate of return.

SEPARATIONS FROM ACTIVE SERVICE: Representative values of the assumed rates of separation from active service are as follows:

| Age | Annual Rate of |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Death |  | Disability* |
|  | Male | Female |  |
| 20 | 0.03\% | 0.01\% | 0.04\% |
| 25 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.05 |
| 30 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.07 |
| 35 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.11 |
| 40 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.17 |
| 45 | 0.06 | 0.03 | 0.23 |
| 50 | 0.11 | 0.05 | 0.30 |
| 55 | 0.18 | 0.08 | 0.35 |
| 60 | 0.29 | 0.11 | 0.40 |
| 65 | 0.49 | 0.17 | 0.00 |
| 70 | 0.77 | 0.29 | 0.00 |
| 75 | 1.24 | 0.48 | 0.00 |

* $93 \%$ are presumed to be non-duty related, and $7 \%$ are assumed to be duty related.

WITHDRAWAL AND VESTING: $20 \%$ in an election year, none in a non-election year.

SERVICE RETIREMENT: 30\% in an election year, none in a non-election year. All members are assumed to retire no later than age 80 .

It is assumed that a member will be granted 2.5 years of service credit for unused leave at termination of employment.

SALARY INCREASES: $3.25 \%$ per annum, for all ages.


DEATH AFTER RETIREMENT: The mortality table, for post-retirement mortality, used in evaluating allowances to be paid was the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2022 with male rates set forward one year and adjusted by $106 \%$ for males at all ages and as follows for females: $90 \%$ for ages less the $76,95 \%$ for age $76,105 \%$ for age 78 , and $1.10 \%$ for ages 79 and greater. The RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table set forward 4 years for males and 3 years for females was used for the period after disability retirement. This assumption is used to measure the probabilities of each benefit payment being made after retirement. Mortality improvement is anticipated under this assumption as recent mortality experience shows actual deaths $11.2 \%$ greater than expected under the selected table for nondisability mortality and $10.5 \%$ greater than expected under the selected table for disability mortality.

PAYROLL GROWTH: $3.25 \%$ per annum, compounded annually.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES: $0.23 \%$ of payroll.

TIMING OF DECREMENTS AND PAY INCREASES: Middle of Year.

## ASSUMED INTEREST RATE ON EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS: 2.00\%

MARRIAGE ASSUMPTION: $85 \%$ married with the husband three years older than his wife.

ASSET VALUATION METHOD: Actuarial value, as developed in Schedule A. The actuarial value of assets recognizes a portion of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected market value of assets, based on the assumed valuation rate of return. The amount recognized each year is $20 \%$ of the difference between market value and expected market value.

MAXIMUM COVERED EARNINGS ASSUMPTION GROWTH: $3.25 \%$

MODIFIED CASH REFUND: Benefits were valued with a six year certain period for retirees and a five year certain period for active members to estimate the value of the modified cash refund feature.

VALUATION METHOD: The valuation is prepared on the projected benefit basis, which is used to determine the present value of each member's expected benefit payable at retirement, disability or death. The calculations are based on the member's age, years of service, sex, compensation, expected future salary increases, and an assumed future interest earnings rate (currently $7.75 \%$ ). The calculations consider the probability of a member's death or termination of employment prior to becoming eligible for a benefit and the probability of the member terminating with a service, disability, or survivor's benefit. The present value of the expected benefits payable to active members is added to the present value of the expected future payments to current benefit recipients to obtain the present value of all expected benefits payable to the present group of members and survivors.

The employer contributions required to support the benefits of SLRP are determined following a level funding approach, and consist of a normal contribution and an accrued liability contribution.

The normal contribution is determined using the "entry age normal" method. Under this method, a calculation is made for pension benefits to determine the uniform and constant percentage rate of employer contribution which, if applied to the compensation of the average new member during the entire period of his anticipated covered service, would be required in addition to the contributions of the member to meet the cost of all benefits payable on his behalf.

The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is determined by subtracting the current assets and the present value of prospective employer normal contributions and member contributions from the present value of expected benefits to be paid from the SLRP. The accrued liability contribution amortizes the balance of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over a period of years from the valuation date.

## SCHEDULE C

## SUMMARY OF MAIN BENEFIT AND CONTRIBUTION PROVISIONS

The following summary presents the main benefit and contribution provisions of the Plan in effect June 30, 2017 as interpreted in preparing the actuarial valuation.

## DEFINITIONS

## Average Compensation

## Covered Earnings

Fiscal Year
Eligibility Service

## Credited Service

Unused Sick and Vacation Leave

Average annual covered earnings of an employee during the four highest years of service. To determine your four highest years, PERS considers these scenarios:

- Four highest fiscal years of earned compensation;
- Four highest calendar years of earned compensation;
- Combination of four highest fiscal and calendar years of earned compensation that do not overlap; or
- Final 48 months of earned compensation prior to termination of employment.

Gross salary not in excess of the maximum amount on which contributions were required.

Year commencing on July 1 and ending June 30.
Service while a contributing member of PERS plus additional service as described below. (OLD: Eligibility service" is all service in PERS, including that credited for SLRP service.)

Service while a contributing member of SLRP plus additional service as described below. (OLD: "Creditable service" includes only SLRP service.)

Service credit is provided at no charge to members for unused sick and vacation time that has accrued at the time of retirement.

A payment of up to 240 hours of leave may be used the Average Compensation definition.

PERS

Attribution

Additional service credit may be granted for service prior to July 1, 1989, including active duty military service.

Attribution period for the normal cost is based on entry into PERS even for members who first participated in SLRP at a later age than PERS.

The maximum covered earnings for employers and employees over the years are as follows:

## EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE RATES OF CONTRIBUTION AND MAXIMUM COVERED EARNINGS

| Fiscal <br> Date From | Fiscal <br> Date To | Employer Rate | Employee Rate | Maximum <br> Covered <br> Earnings |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $7 / 1 / 1989$ | $6 / 30 / 1992$ | $6.33 \%$ | $3.00 \%$ | $\$ 75,600$ |
| $7 / 1 / 1992$ | $6 / 30 / 2002$ | 6.33 | 3.00 | $\$ 125,000$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2002$ | $6 / 30 / 2006$ | 6.33 | 3.00 | $\$ 150,000$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2006$ | $6 / 30 / 2008$ | 6.65 | 3.00 | $\$ 150,000$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2008$ | $6 / 30 / 2009$ | 6.65 | 3.00 | $\$ 230,000$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2009$ | $12 / 31 / 2011$ | 6.65 | 3.00 | $\$ 245,000$ |
| $1 / 1 / 2012$ | $6 / 30 / 2012$ | 7.40 | 3.00 | $\$ 245,000$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2012$ | $6 / 30 / 2013$ | 7.40 | 3.00 | $\$ 250,000$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2013$ | $6 / 30 / 2014$ | 7.40 | 3.00 | $\$ 255,000$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2014$ | $6 / 30 / 2015$ | 7.40 | 3.00 | $\$ 260,000$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2015$ | $6 / 30 / 2017$ | 7.40 | 3.00 | $\$ 265,000$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2017$ | $6 / 30 / 2018$ | 7.40 | 3.00 | $\$ 270,000$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |

BENEFITS

## Superannuation Retirement

Condition for Retirement

Amount of Allowance

## Disability Retirement

Condition for Retirement

Amount of Allowance
The annual retirement allowance payable to a member who retires under condition (a) above is equal to:

1. A member's annuity which is the actuarial equivalent of the member's accumulated contributions at the time of his or her retirement, plus
2. An employer's annuity which, together with the member's annuity, is equal to $1 \%$ of his or her average compensation for each of the first 25 years of creditable service plus $1.25 \%$ for each year of creditable service over 25 years.

The minimum allowance is $\$ 60$ per year of creditable service.

A retirement allowance is paid to a member who is totally and permanently disabled, as determined by the Board of Trustees, and has accumulated eight or more years* of membership service under PERS.

* four years for those who entered PERS before July 1, 2007.

For those who were active members prior to July 1, 1992, and did not elect the benefit structure outlined below, the annual disability retirement allowance payable is equal to a superannuation retirement allowance if the member has attained age 60, otherwise it is equal to a superannuation retirement allowance calculated as follows:

1. A member's annuity equal to the actuarial equivalent of his or her accumulated contributions at the time of retirement, plus
2. An employer's annuity equal to the amount that would have been payable had the member continued in service to age 60 .

For those who become active members after June 30, 1992, and for those who were active members prior to July 1, 1992, who so elected, the following benefits are payable:

1. A temporary allowance equal to the greater of (a) $20 \%$ of average compensation plus $5 \%$ for each dependent child up to a maximum of 2 , or (b) the member's accrued allowance. This temporary allowance is paid for a period of time based on the member's age at disability, as follows:

| Age at Disability | Duration |
| :---: | :---: |
| 60 and earlier | to age 65 |
| 61 | to age 66 |
| 62 | to age 66 |
| 63 | to age 67 |
| 64 | to age 67 |
| 65 | to age 68 |
| 66 | to age 68 |
| 67 | to age 69 |
| 68 | to age 70 |
| 69 and later | one year |

The minimum allowance is $\$ 60$ per year of service credit.
2. A deferred allowance commencing when the temporary allowance ceases equal to the greater of (a) the allowance the member would have received based on service to the termination age of the temporary allowance, but not more than $20 \%$ of average compensation, or (b) the member's accrued allowance.

The minimum allowance is $\$ 60$ per year of service credit.

Effective July 1, 2004, a temporary benefit can be paid out of a member's accumulated contribution balance while the member is awaiting a determination for eligibility for disability benefits. Future disability payments, if any, would be offset by advanced payments made from the member's accumulated contributions.

## Accidental Disability Retirement

Condition for Retirement

Amount of Allowance

## Accidental Death Benefit

Condition for Benefit

Amount of Allowance

## Ordinary Death Benefit

Condition for Benefit

Amount of Allowance

## Return of Contributions

Upon the withdrawal of a member without a retirement benefit, his or her contributions are returned to him or her, together with accumulated regular interest thereon.

Upon the death of a member before retirement, his or her contributions, together with the full accumulated regular interest thereon, are paid to his or her designated
beneficiary, if any, otherwise, to his or her estate provided no other survivor benefits are payable.

Effective July 1, 2016, the interest rate on employee contributions shall be calculated based on the money market rate as published by the Wall Street Journal on December 31 of each preceding year with a minimum rate of one percent and a maximum rate of five percent.

## Normal Form of Benefit

## Optional Benefits

The normal form of benefit is an allowance payable during the life of the member with the provision that upon his or her death the excess of his or her total contributions at the time of retirement over the total retirement annuity paid to him or her will be paid to his or her designated beneficiary.

A member upon retirement may elect to receive his or her allowance in one of the following forms which are computed to be actuarially equivalent to the applicable retirement allowance.

Option 1. Reduced allowance with the provision that if the pensioner dies before he receives the value of the member's annuity as it was at the time of retirement, the balance shall be paid to his or her beneficiary.

Option 2. Upon his or her death, his or her reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of, and paid to, his or her beneficiary.

Option 3. Upon his or her death, $50 \%$ of his or her reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of, and paid to, a designated beneficiary and the other $50 \%$ of his or her reduced retirement allowance to some other designated beneficiary.

Option 4. Upon his or her death, $75 \%$ of his of her reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of, and paid to, a designated beneficiary.

Option 4A. Upon his or her death, $50 \%$ of his of her reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of, and paid to, a designated beneficiary.

Option 4B. A reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of the pensioner, but with the further guarantee of payment to the pensioner or his or her beneficiary for a specified number of years certain.

Option 4C. A member may elect any option with the added provision that the member shall receive, so far as possible, the same total amount annually (considering both SLRP and Social Security benefits) before and after
the earliest age at which the member becomes eligible for a Social Security benefit. This option was only available to those who retired prior to July 1, 2004.

A member who elects Option 2, Option 4 or Option 4A at retirement may revert to the normal form of benefit if the designated beneficiary predeceases the retired member or if the member divorces the designated beneficiary.

A member who elects the normal form of benefit or Option 1 at retirement may select Option 2, Option 4 or Option 4A to provide beneficiary protection to a new spouse if married at retirement.

A member who has at least 28 years of creditable service* under PERS can select a partial lump-sum option at retirement. Under this option, the retiree has the option of taking a partial lump-sum distribution equal to either 12, 24 , or 36 times the base maximum monthly benefit. With each lump-sum amount, the base maximum monthly benefit will be actuarially reduced. A member selecting the partial lump-sum option may also select any of the regular options except Option 1, the prorated single-life annuity, and Option 4-C, the Social Security leveling provision. The benefit is then calculated using the new reduced maximum benefit as a starting point in applying the appropriate option factors for the reduction.
*or at least age 63 with four years of membership service for those who entered PERS before July 1, 2007.

## Post-Retirement Adjustments In Allowances

The allowances of retired members are adjusted annually by an amount equal to (a) 3\% of the annual retirement allowance for each full fiscal year of retirement prior to the year in which the member reaches age 55, plus (b) $3 \%$ compounded for each year thereafter beginning with the fiscal year in which the member turns age 55.

A prorated portion of the annual adjustment will be paid to the member, beneficiary, or estate of any member or beneficiary who is receiving the annual adjustment in a lump sum, but whose benefits are terminated between July 1 and December 1.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Members currently contribute $3.00 \%$ of covered earnings. The employer contributes $7.40 \%$ of covered earnings.

## SCHEDULE D

## DETAILED TABULATIONS OF THE DATA

## RECONCILIATION OF DATA RECEIVED FROM PERS

| Reconciliation of Data received from PERS | Active File |  |  | Pensioner File |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Active | Inactive NonVested | Inactive Vested | Retirees | Disableds | Survivors |  |
| From PERS | 181 | 19 | 38 | 175 | 1 | 37 | 451 |
| Refunded <br> Deceased <br> Certain Period End Inactive <br> Retired* | (2) <br> (1) <br> (1) <br> (3) | 1 | (2) | (7) |  | (1) | (2) <br> (8) <br> (1) <br> (5) |
| For Valuation | 174 | 20 | 36 | 168 | 1 | 36 | 435 |

*Also included in Pensioner File

STATUS RECONCILIATION FROM 2016 TO 2017

|  | Actives | Retirees | Disableds | Survivors | Inactives |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Vested | NonVested |  |
| As of June 30, 2016 | 171 | 167 | 2 | 38 | 36 | 27 | 441 |
| Retirement <br> Disabled <br> Death with Survivor <br> Terminated Def Vest <br> Terminated NonVest <br> Rehired <br> Refunded <br> Death No Survivor <br> Benefit Ended <br> Removed/Cleanup <br> New | (1) | 4 <br> (1) <br> (2) | (1) | 2 | (3) <br> 3 | (3) <br> (2) <br> (2) | $(2)$ $(5)$ $(1)$ $(2)$ 4 |
| As of June 30, 2017 | 174 | 168 | 1 | 36 | 36 | 20 | 435 |

## SCHEDULE D

Retirants \& Beneficiaries as of June 30, 2017
Tabulated by Year of Retirement

| Year of Retirement Ending June 30 | No. | Total Annual Benefits, excluding COLA | COLA | Total Annual Benefits | Average Monthly Total Benefit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2017 | 7 | \$37,149 | \$0 | \$37,149 | \$442 |
| 2016 | 23 | 151,323 | 0 | 151,323 | 548 |
| 2015 | 4 | 35,146 | 1,054 | 36,200 | 754 |
| 2014 | 5 | 21,980 | 1,740 | 23,720 | 395 |
| 2013 | 16 | 62,958 | 5,827 | 68,785 | 358 |
| 2012 | 28 | 185,464 | 23,460 | 208,924 | 622 |
| 2011 | 4 | 8,322 | 1,418 | 9,740 | 203 |
| 2010 | 5 | 19,979 | 3,904 | 23,883 | 398 |
| 2009 | 5 | 25,467 | 5,855 | 31,322 | 522 |
| 2008 | 16 | 77,967 | 21,780 | 99,747 | 520 |
| 2007 | 1 | 4,417 | 1,346 | 5,763 | 480 |
| 2006 | 6 | 21,944 | 7,774 | 29,718 | 413 |
| 2005 | 5 | 15,970 | 6,092 | 22,062 | 368 |
| 2004 | 21 | 111,144 | 48,072 | 159,216 | 632 |
| 2003 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2002 | 3 | 8,492 | 4,449 | 12,941 | 359 |
| 2001 | 8 | 23,099 | 13,406 | 36,505 | 380 |
| 2000 | 13 | 59,581 | 35,660 | 95,241 | 611 |
| 1999 | 5 | 25,692 | 16,505 | 42,197 | 703 |
| 1998 | 2 | 4,590 | 3,034 | 7,624 | 318 |
| 1997 | 3 | 9,560 | 6,776 | 16,336 | 454 |
| 1996 | 5 | 16,488 | 13,291 | 29,779 | 496 |
| 1995 | 1 | 1,058 | 911 | 1,969 | 164 |
| 1994 | 1 | 1,939 | 1,776 | 3,715 | 310 |
| 1993 | 8 | 27,318 | 25,892 | 53,210 | 554 |
| 1992 | 9 | 33,601 | 34,050 | 67,651 | 626 |
| 1991 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1990 | 1 | 2,203 | 2,548 | 4,751 | 396 |
| TOTAL | 205 | \$992,851 | \$286,620 | \$1,279,471 | \$520 |

## SCHEDULE D

Schedule of Retired Members by Type of Retirement
Benefits Payable June 30, 2017

| Amount of Monthly <br> Benefit | Number of <br> Rets. | Ret Type <br> $1^{*}$ | Ret Type <br> $2^{*}$ | Ret Type <br> $3^{*}$ |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 1-\$ 100$ | 12 | 11 |  | 1 |
| $101-200$ | 35 | 29 |  | 6 |
| $201-300$ | 36 | 31 |  | 5 |
| $301-400$ | 45 | 35 |  | 10 |
| $401-500$ | 25 | 15 | 1 | 9 |
| $501-600$ | 9 | 6 |  | 3 |
| $601-700$ | 17 | 16 |  | 1 |
| $701-800$ | 6 | 6 |  | 1 |
| $801-900$ | 8 | 7 |  |  |
| $901-1,000$ | 4 | 4 |  |  |
| Over 1,000 | 8 | 8 |  |  |
| Totals | 205 | 168 |  | 1 |

*Type of Retirement
1 - Retirement for Age \& Service
2 - Disability Retirement
3 - Survivor Payment

## SCHEDULE D

Schedule of Retired Members by Type of Option Benefits Payable June 30, 2017

| Amount of Monthly Benefit | Number of Rets. | Life | Option 1 | Option 2 | Option 3 | Option <br> 4 | Option 4A | Option 4B | Option 4C* | Option 5 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PLSO* } \\ & 1 \text { Year } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PLSO* } \\ & 2 \text { Years } \end{aligned}$ | PLSO* <br> 3 Years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$1-\$100 | 12 | 5 |  | 4 |  |  |  | 3 | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |
| 101-200 | 35 | 16 | 1 | 17 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  | 4 |
| 201-300 | 36 | 15 |  | 13 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 |  |  | 1 |  | 2 |
| 301-400 | 45 | 21 | 1 | 13 |  |  | 3 | 7 |  |  | 2 |  | 8 |
| 401-500 | 25 | 12 | 1 | 7 | 1 |  | 1 | 3 |  |  | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| 501-600 | 9 | 3 |  | 2 | 1 |  | 1 | 2 |  |  | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 601-700 | 17 | 4 |  | 10 |  |  | 1 | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 |
| 701-800 | 6 | 2 |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| 801-900 | 8 | 4 |  | 1 |  |  | 1 | 2 |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| 901-1,000 | 4 | 1 |  | 1 |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Over 1,000 | 8 | 4 |  | 2 | 1 |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |  | 4 |
| Totals | 205 | 87 | 3 | 74 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 25 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 31 |

Option Selected

| Life | - | Return of Contributions <br> Opt. 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Opt. 2 | - | Return of Member's Annuity <br> Ono Survivorship |
| Opt. 3 | - | $50 \% / 50 \%$ Dual Survivorship |
| Opt. 4 | - | $75 \%$ Survivorship |
| Opt. 4A | - | $50 \%$ Survivorship |
| Opt. 4B | - | Years Certain \& Life |
| Opt. 4C | - | Social Security Leveling* |
| Opt. 5 | - | Pop-Up |
| PLSO | - | Partial Lump Sum* (Reflects reduced monthly benefit) |

*Included in other options

## SCHEDULE D

Retirant and Beneficiary Information June 30, 2017

Average Age:
72.1 years
Average Age at Retirement:
61.4 years

## SCHEDULE D

Total Active Member Data as of June 30, 2017 Tabulated by Attained Ages and Years of Service

| Attained Age | Completed Years of Service |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 to 4 | 5 to 9 | 10 to 14 | 15 to 19 | 20 to 24 | 25 to 29 | 30 to 34 | $>=35$ | Total |
| 24 \& under <br> Total Pay <br> Avg. Pay |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 0 0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 25 \text { to } 29 \\ & \text { Total Pay } \\ & \text { Avg. Pay } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 78,270 \\ 39,135 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 78,270 \\ 39,135 \end{array}$ |
| 30 to 34 <br> Total Pay <br> Avg. Pay | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 5 \\ 186,163 \\ 37,233 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 5 \\ 186,163 \\ 37,233 \end{array}$ |
| 35 to 39 <br> Total Pay <br> Avg. Pay | $\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ 225,172 \\ 37,529 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 6 \\ 229,259 \\ 38,210 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 12 454,431 37,869 |
| 40 to 44 <br> Total Pay <br> Avg. Pay | 3 114,231 38,077 | $\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ 398,067 \\ 44,230 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 2 84,074 42,037 | $\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 41,383 \\ 41,383 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ 637,755 \\ 42,517 \end{array}$ |
| 45 to 49 <br> Total Pay <br> Avg. Pay | $\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ 420,613 \\ 38,238 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 13 \\ 490,807 \\ 37,754 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 41,745 \\ 41,745 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 25 \\ 953,165 \\ 38,127 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| 50 to 54 <br> Total Pay <br> Avg. Pay | $\begin{array}{r} 12 \\ 432,632 \\ 36,053 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 13 \\ 523,633 \\ 40,279 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 102,109 \\ 102,109 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 80,045 \\ 40,023 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 35,877 \\ 35,877 \end{array}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 29 \\ 1,174,296 \\ 40,493 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| 55 to 59 <br> Total Pay <br> Avg. Pay | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 4 \\ 159,468 \\ 39,867 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 7 \\ 239,666 \\ 34,238 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 4 \\ 171,418 \\ 42,855 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 2 \\ 78,514 \\ 39,257 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 3 \\ 111,550 \\ 37,183 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 20 \\ 760,616 \\ 38,031 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| 60 to 64 <br> Total Pay <br> Avg. Pay | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 6 \\ 222,368 \\ 37,061 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 162,832 \\ 40,708 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 3 \\ 119,176 \\ 39,725 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 58,213 \\ 58,213 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 6 \\ 238,378 \\ 39,730 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 2 \\ 106,960 \\ 53,480 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 76,238 \\ 38,119 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 1 \\ 39,753 \\ 39,753 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 25 \\ 1,023,918 \\ 40,957 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| 65 to 69 <br> Total Pay <br> Avg. Pay |  | $\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 156,958 \\ 39,240 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 5 <br> 212,721 <br> 42,544 | $\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ 115,091 \\ 38,364 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 44,827 <br> 44,827 | $\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 33,585 \\ 33,585 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | 116,643 38,881 | $\begin{array}{r} 17 \\ 679,825 \\ 39,990 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| 70 to 74 <br> Total Pay <br> Avg. Pay |  | $\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ 125,335 \\ 41,778 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 38,481 \\ 38,481 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ 125,163 \\ 41,721 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 86,314 \\ 43,157 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 38,481 \\ 38,481 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 10 \\ 413,774 \\ 41,377 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| 75 \& Over <br> Total Pay <br> Avg. Pay |  | $\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 78,992 \\ 39,496 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 76,608 \\ 38,304 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 41,743 \\ 41,743 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 4 \\ 165,094 \\ 41,274 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 81,314 \\ 40,657 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 85,488 \\ 42,744 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 36,633 \\ 36,633 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 14 \\ 565,872 \\ 40,419 \end{array}$ |
| Total <br> Total Pay <br> Avg.Pay | $\begin{array}{r} 49 \\ 1,838,917 \\ 37,529 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 61 \\ 2,405,549 \\ 39,435 \end{array}$ | 19 846,332 44,544 | $\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ 414,989 \\ 41,499 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 18 \\ 720,889 \\ 40,049 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 7 \\ 308,173 \\ 44,025 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 161,726 \\ 40,432 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ 231,510 \\ 38,585 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 174 \\ 6,928,085 \\ 39,817 \end{array}$ |

While not used in the financial computations, the following group averages are computed and shown because of their general interest.

Age:
Benefit Service:
Eligibility Service:
Annual Pay:
55.8 years
11.0 years
15.2 years
\$39,817

## SCHEDULE E

## ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL EXPERIENCE

## Gains \& Losses in Accrued Liabilities <br> Resulting from Difference Between <br> Assumed Experience \& Actual Experience <br> (\$ Thousands)

## Type of Activity

## \$ Gain (or Loss) For <br> Year Ending 6/30/2017

## \$ Gain (or Loss) For <br> Year Ending 6/30/2016

Age \& Service Retirements. If members retire at older ages, there is a gain. If younger ages, a loss.

| $\$$ | 86.2 | $\$$ | 248.7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Disability Retirements. If disability claims are less than assumed, there is a gain. If more claims, a loss.

Death-in Service Benefits. If survivor claims are less than assumed, there is a gain. If more claims, there is a loss.

Withdrawal From Employment. If more liabilities are released by withdrawals than assumed, there is a gain. If smaller releases, a loss.

Pay Increases. If there are smaller pay increases than assumed, there is a gain. If greater increases, a loss.

New Members. Additional unfunded actuarial accrued liability will produce a loss.

Investment Income. If there is a greater investment income than assumed, there is a gain. If less income, a loss.

Death After Retirement. If retirants live longer than assumed, there is a loss. If not as long, a gain.

Other. Miscellaneous gains and losses resulting from data adjustments, timing of financial transactions, etc.

## Gain (or Loss) During Year From Financial

 ExperienceNon-Recurring Items. Adjustments for plan amendments, software changes, assumption changes, or method changes.

Composite Gain (or Loss) During Year
89.0
115.9
(33.4)
\$ 396.2
(182.2)
$\$ \quad 214.0$

## SCHEDULE F

## FUNDING POLICY OF THE SLRP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The purpose of the funding policy is to state the overall funding goals for the System, the benchmarks that will be used to measure progress in achieving those goals, and the methods and assumptions that will be employed to develop the benchmarks. The policy refers to pension benefits and does not address retiree healthcare benefits that may be provided under statute in the future. In addition to periodic reviews of this policy, the Board will amend the policy if retiree healthcare benefits become payable.

## I. Funding Goals

The objective in requiring employer and member contributions to the System is to accumulate sufficient assets during a member's employment to fully finance the benefits the member receives throughout retirement. In meeting this objective, the System will strive to meet the following funding goals:

- To maintain an increasing ratio of system assets to accrued liabilities and reach an 80 percent minimum funded ratio in 2042;
- To maintain adequate asset levels to finance the benefits promised to members;
- To develop a pattern of stable contribution rates when expressed as a percentage of member payroll as measured by valuations prepared in accordance with the principles of practice prescribed by the Actuarial Standards Board, with a minimum employer contribution equal to the normal cost determined under the Entry Age Normal funding method;
- To provide intergenerational equity for taxpayers with respect to system costs; and
- To fund benefit improvements through increases in contribution rates in accordance with Article 14, § 272A, of the Mississippi Constitution.


## II. Benchmarks

To track progress in achieving the previously outlined funding goals, the following benchmarks will be measured annually as of the actuarial valuation date (with due recognition that a single year's results may not be indicative of long-term trends):

- Funded ratio - The funded ratio, defined as the actuarial value of system assets divided by the System's actuarial accrued liability, should be increasing over time, before adjustments for changes in benefits, actuarial methods, and/or actuarial assumptions, with a target of at least 80 percent in 2042. If the projected funded ratio is less than 75 percent in 2042, a contribution rate increase will be determined that is sufficient to generate a funded ratio of 85 percent in 2042. If a funded ratio of 100 percent or more is attained, and is projected to remain above 100 percent for_the ensuing 30 years, a reduced contribution pattern will be established provided the projected funded ratio remains at or above 100 percent in every future year.
- Contribution rate history - Employer and member contribution rates should be level from year to year when expressed as a percent of active member payroll unless the projected funded ratio reaches a level that triggers a change in contribution rates. The initial employer contribution rates for the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) and the Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan (SLRP) set under this policy as revised October 23, 2012, will be 15.75 percent and 7.40 percent, respectively, of active member payroll effective July 1, 2013.
- Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) amortization period - The amortization period for the System's UAAL should be declining over time.


## SCHEDULE F

## III. Methods and Assumptions

The actuarial funding method used to develop the benchmarks will be entry age normal. The method used to develop the actuarial value of assets will recognize the underlying market value of the assets by spreading each year's unanticipated investment income (gains and losses) over a five-year smoothing period ( 20 percent per year), as adopted by the Board.

The actuarial assumptions used will be those last adopted by the Board based upon the advice and recommendation of the System's actuary. The actuary shall conduct an investigation into the system's experience at least every two years on a rolling four year basis, and utilize the results of the investigation to form the basis for those recommendations.

The Board will have an audit of the System's actuarial valuation results conducted by an independent actuary at least every six years. The purpose of such a review is to provide a critique of the reasonableness of the actuarial methods and assumptions in use and the resulting actuarially computed liabilities and contribution rates.

## IV. Funding Policy Review

The funding policy components and triggers will be reviewed annually following the annual actuarial valuation and in conjunction with the annual projection report and will be amended as necessary following each experience investigation conducted by the Board.

## SCHEDULE G

## GLOSSARY

Actuarial Accrued Liability. The difference between (i) the actuarial present value of future plan benefits, and (ii) the actuarial present value of future normal cost. Sometimes referred to as "accrued liability" or "past service liability".

Accrued Service. The service credited under the plan which was rendered before the date of the actuarial valuation.

Actuarial Assumptions. Estimates of future plan experience with respect to rates of mortality, disability, turnover, retirement, rate or rates of investment income and salary increases. Decrement assumptions (rates of mortality, disability, turnover and retirement) are generally based on past experience, often modified for projected changes in conditions. Economic assumptions (salary increases and investment income) consist of an underlying rate in an inflation-free environment plus a provision for a long-term average rate of inflation.

Actuarial Cost Method. A mathematical budgeting procedure for allocating the dollar amount of the "actuarial present value of future plan benefits" between the actuarial present value of future normal cost and the actuarial accrued liability. Sometimes referred to as the "actuarial funding method".

Actuarial Equivalent. A series of payments is called on actuarial equivalent of another series of payments if the two series have the same actuarial present value.

Actuarial Present Value. The amount of funds presently required to provide a payment or series of payments in the future. It is determined by discounting the future payments at a predetermined rate of interest, taking into account the probability of payment.

Amortization. Paying off an interest-bearing liability by means of periodic payments of interest and principal, as opposed to paying it off with a lump sum payment.

Experience Gain (Loss). A measure of the difference between actual experience and that expected based upon a set of actuarial assumptions during the period between two actuarial valuation dates, in accordance with the actuarial cost method being used.

Normal Cost. The annual cost assigned, under the actuarial funding method, to current and subsequent plan years. Sometimes referred to as "current service cost". Any payment toward the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is not part of the normal cost.

Reserve Account. An account used to indicate that funds have been set aside for a specific purpose and are not generally available for other uses.

Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability. The difference between the actuarial accrued liability and valuation assets.

Valuation Assets. The value of current plan assets recognized for valuation purposes. Generally based on book value plus a portion of unrealized appreciation or depreciation.


[^0]:    * Includes load for administrative expenses. See Section VI for more contribution rate detail.

