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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Presented in this report are the results of 30 year projections of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) of Mississippi, the Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System (HSPRS) and the Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan (SLRP). The purpose of the projection study is to develop a forecast of the Systems' funding progress over time and to review funding goals and benchmarks outlined in the funding policies that were adopted by the Board at the October 23, 2012 Board meeting for PERS and SLRP and the June 19, 2013 Board meeting for HSPRS.

The projections are based on the June 30, 2017 valuations of PERS, HSPRS and SLRP. Membership was projected over a 30 year period from that date and actuarial valuations were performed annually for each of the 30 years to measure the Systems' funding progress.

The Executive Summary provides a summary of the main projection results. We certify that we are members of the American Academy of Actuaries and that we meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained in this report.

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Since 1985, the benefit structure of the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Mississippi has undergone significant changes as noted in the table below (the entire HSPRS history of benefit modifications is listed in Appendix C).

Fiscal Year Beginning	Benefit Modifications
July 1, 1985	• Final average compensation calculated using the highest four consecutive years (reduced from highest five consecutive years) • Liberalized survivor benefit provision to reduce the marriage requirement from 5 years to 1 year and to allow a member to designate a child as beneficiary • Minimum benefit increased from $5.00 to $7.50 per month for each year of creditable service for current and future retirees • Eligibility for service retirement reduced from 10 years to 4 years at age 60 • Established "discretionary" COLA provision in addition to the base COLA provision to be paid to eligible retirees based on sufficient actuarial gains • 3% ad hoc increase for all retirees
July 1, 1986	• Eligibility for non-duty related disability retirement reduced from 10 years to 4 years • Permanent exemption from 3% penalty for those required to retire at age 60 • Retirement incentive granted – one additional year of credit to any member with 30 years of service credit or age 60
July 1, 1987	• Established service retirement eligibility based on 25 & out with reduced benefits • Benefit accrual increased from 1-5/8% to 1-3/4% for the first 20 years • Minimum benefit increased from $7.50 to $10.00 per month for each year of service for current and future retirees • 5% ad hoc increase for all retirees • Provided elected official leave credit
July 1, 1989	• Unreduced retirement at age 55 with 25 years of service • Benefit accrual increased from 1-3/4% to 1-7/8% for the first 30 years of service • Unreduced retirement lowered from age 65 to age 60 • 5% ad hoc increase for all retirees
July 1, 1990	• Provided that base COLA percentage granted shall be cumulative from year to year
July 1, 1991	• Unreduced retirement at any age with 25 years of service • Benefit accrual increased to 2% for all years of service over 25

Fiscal Year Beginning	Benefit Modifications
July 1, 1992	• Ad hoc increase for those retired prior to July 1, 1991, with more than 25 years of service • Tiered disability benefit • Expanded survivor benefits to include automatic spousal and dependent child benefits • Liberalized definition of average compensation to provide that the highest four years did not have to be consecutive years • Expanded military service credit to include all active duty military • Removed reference to "Governor's Salary" and established maximum compensation cap at $125,000
July 1, 1994	• Benefits for all retirees under Options 2(5) and 4A(5) were recalculated to remove the reduction imposed for the right to revert to the Maximum
July 1, 1999	• Benefit accrual increased from 2% to 2-1/4% for all years of service over 25 for current and future retirees • Base COLA increased to 3% simple up to age 55 and 3% compounded after age 55 • Reemployed retiree COLA will be based on all fiscal years in retirement, not just the fiscal years in retirement since the last retirement. • Provided that the COLA will be prorated and paid to the beneficiary of a retiree or beneficiary who is receiving the COLA in a lump sum and who dies between July 1 and December 1
July 1, 2000	• Benefit accrual increased from 1-7/8% to 2% for all years of service over 10 and less than 25 for current and future retirees
July 1, 2001	• Benefit accrual increased from 1-7/8% to 2% for all years of service over 5 and less than 25 for current and future retirees
July 1, 2002	• Benefit accrual increased from 1-7/8% to 2% for all years of service up to and including 25 and from 2-1/4% to 2-1/2% for all years of service over 25 for current and future retirees • Increased maximum compensation cap to $150,000 • Provided for free active duty military service for pre-1972 service in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service for those retiring on or after July 1, 2002 • Reemployed retiree who has previously been retired for at least one full fiscal year no longer has to wait another full fiscal year for his or her COLA to resume • A local county or municipal elected official who is receiving retirement benefits may receive a salary for the elected position that does not exceed 25% of the retiree's average compensation

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July 1, 2004	• Removed remarriage penalty on certain spouse / survivor benefits and provided upon application for the reinstatement of spouse survivor benefits previously terminated due to remarriage
July 1, 2008	• Maximum reportable earned compensation was increased from $150,000 to $230,000 to coincide with the compensation limit set pursuant to Section 401(a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code • Vesting requirement for those employees hired on or after July 1, 2007 was increased from 4 to 8 years of service.
July 1, 2010	• Members who retire on or after July 1, 2010 receive additional credit toward retirement for one-half day of leave for each full fiscal year of membership service accrued after June 30, 2010 • Option 4, a 75% joint and survivor annuity, made available to members who retire on or after January 1, 2011
July 1, 2011	• For members hired on or after July 1, 2011, 30 years of creditable service will be required for retirement regardless of age. • For members hired on or after July 1, 2011, 33 years of creditable service will be required to select a partial lump sum option at retirement. • For members hired on or after July 1, 2011, the retirement formula will be 2% of average compensation for the first 30 years of creditable service plus 2.5% of average compensation for each year beyond 30 years of creditable service. • For members hired on or after July 1, 2011, the actuarial reduction for early retirement will be the lesser of the number of years below 30 years of creditable service or the number of years in age a member is below age 65. • For members hired on or after July 1, 2011, the COLA will be a simple 3% of the annual retirement allowance at retirement up to the fiscal year in which the retired member reaches age 60. Thereafter, the COLA will be a compounded 3% for all future years.
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.

Between 1985 and 2005, there was only one increase in the employer contribution rate from 8.75% to 9.75% effective January 1, 1990. However since that time, the employer contribution rate has increased from 9.75% to 15.75%. In addition, the employee contribution rate was increased from 6.00% to 6.50% effective July 1, 1989, to 7.25% effective July 1, 1991 and to 9.00% effective July 1, 2010.

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Since 1986, PERS' assets have experienced better than assumed investment returns overall. However, the negative returns for the 2008 and 2009 fiscal years have caused the employer contribution rates to increase and the funded ratio to decrease. The ten year rolling returns have been:

Ten Year Period Ending June 30	Ten Year Annualized Rate of Return
1986	9.7%
1987	9.3
1988	9.6
1989	10.3
1990	11.5
1991	13.6
1992	14.2
1993	12.4
1994	12.2
1995	11.3
1996	10.7
1997	11.6
1998	13.2
1999	12.9
2000	12.7
2001	10.8
2002	8.6
2003	7.8
2004	9.1
2005	8.4
2006	8.0
2007	7.9
2008	5.1
2009	1.7
2010	2.3
2011	5.4
2012	6.1
2013	7.1
2014	7.5
2015	6.9
2016	5.9
2017	5.5

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The following report is being provided to the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi to provide a forecast of the funding progress over time and to review funding goals and benchmarks outlined in the current funding policies that were adopted for PERS and SLRP by the PERS Board and adopted for HSPRS by the HSPRS Administrative Board. The objective of the current funding policies is to accumulate sufficient assets during a member's employment to fully finance the benefit the member receives throughout retirement. In order to reach that objective, some goals and benchmarks were established as follows:

- To maintain an increasing funded ratio and reach an 80% minimum funded ratio in the year 2042;

- To develop a pattern of stable contribution rates (15.75% of payroll for PERS, 49.08% of payroll for HSPRS and 7.40% of payroll for SLRP) with a minimum employer contribution equal to the normal cost under the Entry Age Normal Cost Method.

In order to meet these funding goals and benchmarks, 30 year projections are necessary to determine whether the funded ratio target of 80% can be reached in the year 2042.

For PERS and SLRP, if the projected funded ratio is less than 60% in 2042 or less than 75% following two consecutive projection reports, a contribution rate increase will be determined that is sufficient to generate a funded ratio of 85% in 2042. If a funded ratio of 100% or more is attained and is projected to remain above 100% for the ensuing 30 years following two consecutive annual projection reports, a reduced contribution pattern will be established provided the funded ratio remains at or above 100% in every future year. **In the 2016 projection report, the projected funded ratio in 2042 for PERS was 62.6% (above the 60% trigger but below the 75% trigger). Therefore, if the projected funded ratio is less than 75% for this projection report, a contribution rate increase would be necessary.**

For HSPRS, if the projected funded ratio is less than 60% in 2042 or less than 70% following three consecutive projection reports, a contribution rate increase will be determined that is sufficient to generate a funded ratio of 85% in 2042. If a funded ratio of 100% or more is attained and is projected to remain above 100% for the ensuing 30 years following three consecutive annual projection reports, a reduced contribution pattern will be established provided the funded ratio remains at or above 100% in every future year. Please note that the projections for HSPRS include additional contributions estimated at $3.8 million to be made in perpetuity due to Senate Bill No. 2659 (enacted in 2004) and House Bill No. 1015 (enacted in 2013). **In the 2016 projection report, the projected funded ratio in 2042 for HSPRS was 51.6% (below the 60% trigger). Therefore, we calculated an increase in the contribution rate increase sufficient to generate a funded ratio of 85% in 2042 for HSPRS to 49.08% for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.**

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The results of the 30 year projections for each of the PERS, HSPRS and SLRP plans are shown in the next 3 sections of the report. This projection report reflects the following assumption changes that were adopted by the PERS Board of Trustees on April 25, 2017:

PERS Plan

- The wage inflation assumption has been reduced from 3.75% to 3.25%.
- The rates of retirement were increased at younger ages once a member reaches 25 years of service.
- Lowered the disability rates for most ages except between the ages of 60 and 64.
- Increased the withdrawal rates at all ages, especially the younger ages and during the select period (below 2 years of service).
- The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty has been increased from 6% to 7%.
- A small adjustment was made to the Mortality Table for both healthy and disabled lives.

HSPRS Plan

- The wage inflation assumption has been reduced from 3.75% to 3.25%,
- Withdrawal rates were increased at most ages to more closely reflect actual experience,
- Disability retirement rates were lowered to more closely reflect actual experience, and
- A small adjustment was made to the current Mortality Tables for Service and Disability Retirements.

SLRP Plan

- The wage inflation assumption has been reduced from 3.75% to 3.25%,
- Rates of retirement were decreased during election years, and
- A small adjustment was made to the Mortality Table for both healthy and disabled lives.

Regular actuarial valuations measure the Systems present financial position and contribution adequacy by calculating and financing the liabilities created by the present benefit program. This process involves discounting to present values the future benefit payments on behalf of present active and retired members and their survivors. However, valuations do not produce information regarding future changes in the makeup of the covered group or the amounts of benefits to be paid or investment income to be received – actuarial projections do provide this information.

Whereas valuations provide a snapshot of the System as of a given date, projections provide a moving forecast. Projected active and retired groups are developed from year to year by the application of assumptions regarding pre-retirement withdrawal from service, retirements, deaths, disabilities, and the addition of new members. Projected information regarding the retired life group leads to assumed future benefit payouts. Performing actuarial valuations every year during the projection period generates expected contribution rates and unfunded accrued liability (UAL) amortization periods. Combining future benefit payments with assumed contributions based on periodic valuations of the projected membership and expected investment earnings produces the net cash flow of the System each year, and thus end of year asset levels. Finally, the valuation results permit the development of the funded ratio trend line for the entire projection period.

Projections are used for many purposes. Among them are (i) developing cash flow patterns for investment policy and asset mix consideration, (ii) exploring the effect of alternative assumptions about future experience, and (iii) analyzing the impact on plan funding progress of changes in the workforce.

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Projection results are useful in demonstrating changing relationships among key elements affecting plan financial activity (e.g., how benefits payable and plan assets will grow in future decades). Projections are not predictions of specific future events and do not provide numeric precision in absolute terms. For instance, cash flow projected to occur 10 years in the future will not be exact (except by coincidence), but understanding the changed relationship between future benefit payout and future investment income can be very useful.

The projection of System finances over 30 years requires an assumption regarding future new entrants to the Systems as well as the regular valuation assumptions used to estimate the timing of future events for current members. As members are assumed to terminate service for any reason, they are replaced with a sufficient number of new entrants to keep the active population constant in number. Valuations are then performed on the projected active and retired membership for each of the thirty years of the study.

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The main results from the study (details can be found in the following sections of this report) are noted on the following pages.

For PERS:

- Utilizing the funding policy for PERS, with a fixed contribution rate of 15.75% for the length of the projection period, the projection results for 2017 show that the Plan will have a funded ratio of 70.1% in 2042. During last year's study, the funded ratio in 2042 was 62.6%. The primary reason for the increase was favorable asset experience in the 2017 fiscal year. We have assumed that the fund will earn 7.75% for each of the projection years and that the actuarial assumptions in the back of this report are experienced.

- **Since the projected funded ratio in 2042 is below the 75% benchmark for the second consecutive year, this result does not meet the funding goals and benchmarks set by the current PERS' funding policy and an increase in the employer contribution rate is necessary at this time.**

- **Based on the current funding policy of PERS, the contribution rate increase that is sufficient to generate a funded ratio of 85% in 2042 is 17.65%. Therefore, the Board should recommend an increase in the employer contribution rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 from 15.75% to 17.65%.**

For HSPRS:

- Utilizing the funding policy for HSPRS, with a fixed contribution rate of 49.08% beginning July 1, 2018 for the length of the projection period, the projection results for 2017 show that the Plan will have a funded ratio of 96.5% in 2042. During last year's study, the funded ratio in 2042 was 51.6% using a fixed contribution rate of 37.00%. Again, the main reason for the increase was the anticipated increase in the fixed contribution rate and the favorable asset experience in the 2017 fiscal year. We have assumed that the fund will earn 7.75% for each of the projection years and that the actuarial assumptions in the back of this report are experienced.

- **This result meets the funding goals and benchmarks set by the Board in the current funding policy and no change in the employer contribution rate from 49.08% is necessary at this time.**

For SLRP:

- Utilizing the funding policy for SLRP, with a fixed contribution rate of 7.40% for the length of the projection period, the projection results for 2017 show that the Plan will have a funded ratio of 109.7% in 2042. We have assumed that the fund will earn 7.75% for each of the projection years and that the actuarial assumptions in the back of this report are experienced. **This result meets the funding goals and benchmarks set by the Board in the current funding policy and no change in the employer contribution rate is necessary at this time.**

- Even if the long-term investment return assumption is lowered to 7.50%, the funded ratio in 2042 is projected to still be above 75.0%, therefore, meeting the funding goals and benchmarks.

It must be kept in mind that projections do not purport to show exact numerical results over the entire period under study. They do however provide a good basis for drawing conclusions about the likely position of the Systems and the relative impact changes over the years will have on System finances. Below are three tables showing the projected funded ratios in 2042 for each plan comparing last year's and this year's results, another table showing the 2017 results under alternative investment return scenarios and lastly, a reconciliation of the projected funded ratio in 2042 from 2016 to 2017.

Summary of Funded Ratios in 2042

System	2016 Baseline Projection (7.75%)	2017 Baseline Projection (7.75%)	Contribution Needed for 85% Funded Ratio in 2042
PERS	62.6%	70.1%	17.65%
HSPRS	51.6%	96.5%	N/A
SLRP	92.3%	109.7%	N/A

2017 Summary of Funded Ratios in 2042

System	7.75% Assumption	7.50% Assumption	7.25% Assumption	7.00% Assumption
PERS	70.1%	59.9%	50.7%	42.4%
HSPRS	96.5%	84.6%	73.7%	64.0%
SLRP	109.7%	96.3%	84.1%	73.1%

Reconciliation of Projected Funded Ratio in 2042 from 2016 to 2017

	PERS	HSPRS	SLRP
2016 Projected Funded Ratio in 2042	**62.6%**	**51.6%**	**92.3%**
Change in Employer Contribution Rate	0.0%	33.4%	0.0%
Assumption Changes	(5.9)%	(1.1)%	(10.3)%
Investment Experience	17.7%	17.7%	21.4%
Method Change*	(1.0)%	0.0%	0.0%
Demographic Experience	(3.3)%	(5.1)%	6.3%
2017 Projected Funded Ratio in 2042	**70.1%**	**96.5%**	**109.7%**

* The method change included a change in the treatment for pending retirees and an adjustment in the new entrant profile.

SPECIAL ASSUMPTIONS

In addition to the regular valuation assumptions used in performing the annual actuarial valuations of PERS (all assumptions utilized in the projection study are outlined in Appendix A), additional assumptions must be made that are unique to projections. The first of these is what, if any, change in the overall active membership will be anticipated. For this projection study it was assumed that the number of active members would remain static over the 30 year projection period.

But since we assume active members will leave the system through termination, death, disability or retirement, we need to make some assumptions as to the composition of new hires that will replace departing members in order to maintain the membership at a constant number. The new entrant profile we developed was based on the new hires over the 3 year period prior to the projection start date of June 30, 2017. That profile is summarized in the table on the following page.

Age	Average Pay	Percent Male	Weight
19	25,900	58%	1.0%
23	28,200	40	18.7
27	31,400	37	22.1
32	31,400	34	13.6
37	31,800	32	10.9
42	31,100	33	9.1
47	31,100	38	7.8
52	31,300	39	6.8
57	31,300	42	5.5
62	31,400	47	2.9
69	27,600	58	1.8

For the projection results presented in this section of the report, it was further assumed that the benefit structure as it exists on June 30, 2017 would remain in place for the following 30 years.

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FUTURE MEMBERSHIP

The following chart and graph show the headcounts of active participants and retired members over the projection period. The actives are broken down into those existing as of June 30, 2017 and those who are hired after June 30, 2017. Since the membership at PERS has been fluctuating up and down over the past few years, we have assumed the active membership will continue at its current population of 152,382 active members over the projected period. By the end of the projection period we estimate that about 98.7% of those active employees will have been hired after June 30, 2017 and be included in the Tier 4 benefit structure. After about 13 years, the retiree headcount begins to drop as retiree deaths outnumber new retirees.

Member	2017	2022	2032	2042	2047
Active – Existing Employees	152,382	86,899	26,048	5,797	1,968
Active – New Entrants	0	65,483	126,334	146,585	150,414
Retired	102,260	111,886	114,493	98,358	87,896
Total	254,642	264,268	266,875	250,740	240,278

PROJECTION RESULTS

The baseline projection results shown below use the same actuarial assumptions as used in the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation. In addition, the projection results using different long-term investment return assumptions for future valuations (7.50%, 7.25% and 7.00%) are included.

Baseline Projection Results (7.75%)
($000's)

	2017	2022	2032	2042	2047
Total Payroll	$6,036,229	$6,883,712	$9,126,207	$12,495,779	$14,674,547
UAL	$16,802,045	$18,096,437	$20,400,393	$18,563,961	$13,940,643
Normal Cost Rate	1.47%	1.22%	0.97%	0.88%	0.86%
UAL Rate	14.28%	14.53%	14.78%	14.87%	14.89%
Total Rate	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%
Funding Ratio	61.1%	63.0%	64.2%	70.1%	78.8%
Amortization Period	38 years	35 years	24 years	13 years	8 years

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Projection Results Assuming 7.50% Long-Term Investment Return
($000's)

	2017	2022	2032	2042	2047
Total Payroll	$6,036,229	$6,883,712	$9,126,207	$12,495,779	$14,674,547
UAL	$16,802,045	$19,788,714	$23,771,161	$25,532,475	$24,084,025
Normal Cost Rate	1.47%	1.69%	1.42%	1.31%	1.30%
UAL Rate	14.28%	14.06%	14.33%	14.44%	14.45%
Total Rate	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%
Funding Ratio	61.1%	60.5%	59.3%	59.9%	64.3%
Amortization Period	38 years	43 years	33 years	21 years	15 years

Projection Results Assuming 7.25% Long-Term Investment Return
($000's)

	2017	2022	2032	2042	2047
Total Payroll	$6,036,229	$6,883,712	$9,126,207	$12,495,779	$14,674,547
UAL	$16,802,045	$21,568,515	$27,166,538	$32,249,014	$33,650,127
Normal Cost Rate	1.47%	2.22%	1.92%	1.81%	1.79%
UAL Rate	14.28%	13.53%	13.83%	13.94%	13.96%
Total Rate	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%
Funding Ratio	61.1%	58.1%	54.7%	50.7%	51.5%
Amortization Period	38 years	55 years	44 years	32 years	26 years

Projection Results Assuming 7.00% Long-Term Investment Return
($000's)

	2017	2022	2032	2042	2047
Total Payroll	$6,036,229	$6,883,712	$9,126,207	$12,495,779	$14,674,547
UAL	$16,802,045	$23,344,458	$30,492,158	$38,623,650	$42,565,029
Normal Cost Rate	1.47%	2.74%	2.41%	2.29%	2.27%
UAL Rate	14.28%	13.01%	13.34%	13.46%	13.48%
Total Rate	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%
Funding Ratio	61.1%	55.9%	50.4%	42.4%	40.2%
Amortization Period	38 years	72 years	60 years	47 years	40 years

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The following graphs show a comparison of the projected funded ratios and amortization periods for the baseline valuation (assuming 7.75%) and two alternative investment return scenarios to show an optimistic view if the fund earns 1.50% above the assumed rate each year of the projection study and a pessimistic view if the fund earns 1.50% less than the assumed rate each year of the projection study. As can be seen from the graphs, even under a pessimistic view of investment returns, the Plan remains solvent over the length of the projection period.

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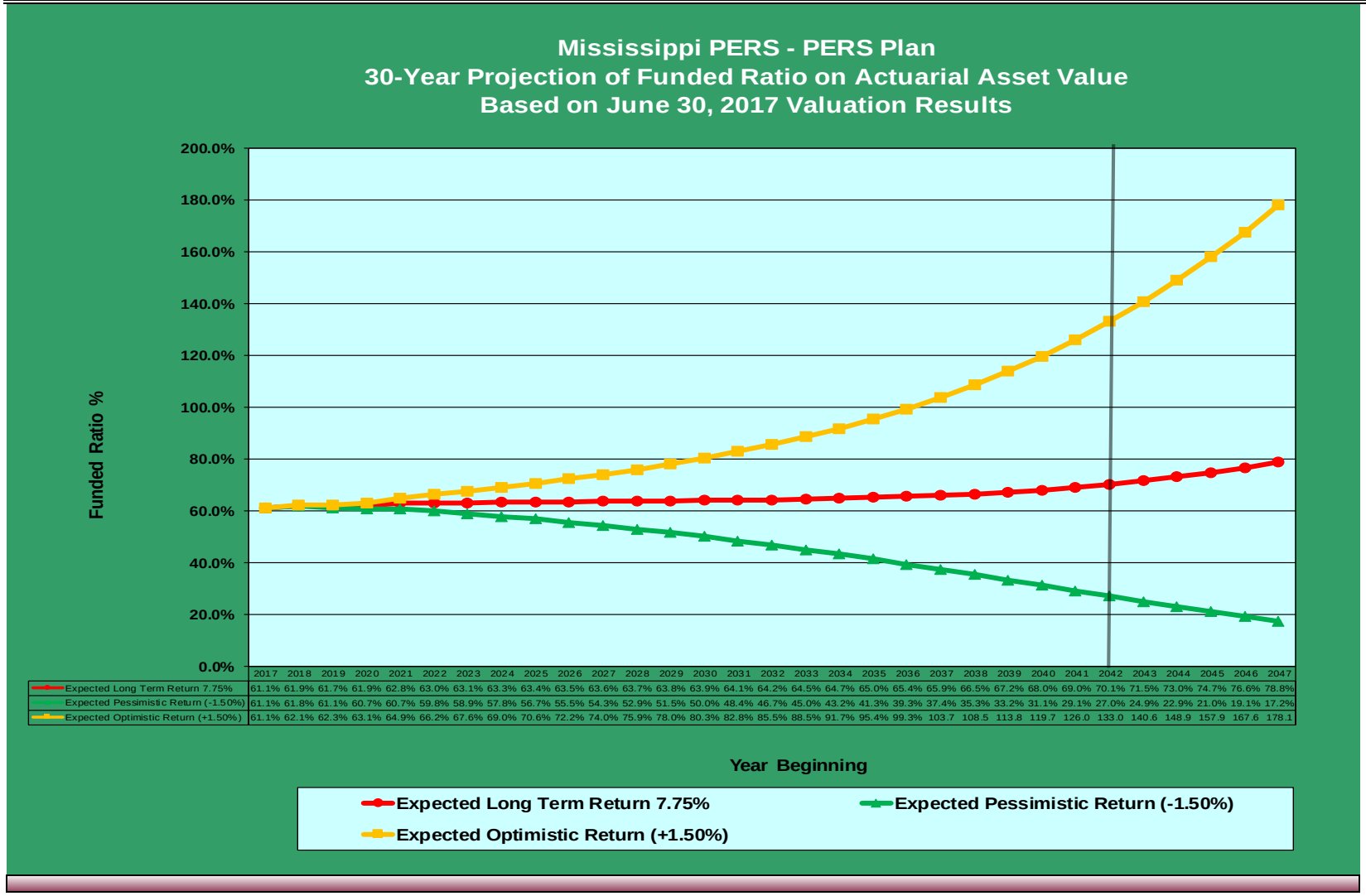

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047
Expected Long Term Return 7.75%	61.1%	61.9%	61.7%	61.9%	62.8%	63.0%	63.1%	63.3%	63.4%	63.5%	63.6%	63.7%	63.8%	63.9%	64.1%	64.2%	64.5%	64.7%	65.0%	65.4%	65.9%	66.5%	67.2%	68.0%	69.0%	70.1%	71.5%	73.0%	74.7%	76.6%	78.8%
Expected Pessimistic Return (-1.50%)	61.1%	61.8%	61.1%	60.7%	60.7%	59.8%	58.9%	57.8%	56.7%	55.5%	54.3%	52.9%	51.5%	50.0%	48.4%	46.7%	45.0%	43.2%	41.3%	39.3%	37.4%	35.3%	33.2%	31.1%	29.1%	27.0%	24.9%	22.9%	21.0%	19.1%	17.2%
Expected Optimistic Return (+1.50%)	61.1%	62.1%	62.3%	63.1%	64.9%	66.2%	67.6%	69.0%	70.6%	72.2%	74.0%	75.9%	78.0%	80.3%	82.8%	85.5%	88.5%	91.7%	95.4%	99.3%	103.7	108.5	113.8	119.7	126.0	133.0	140.6	148.9	157.9	167.6	178.1

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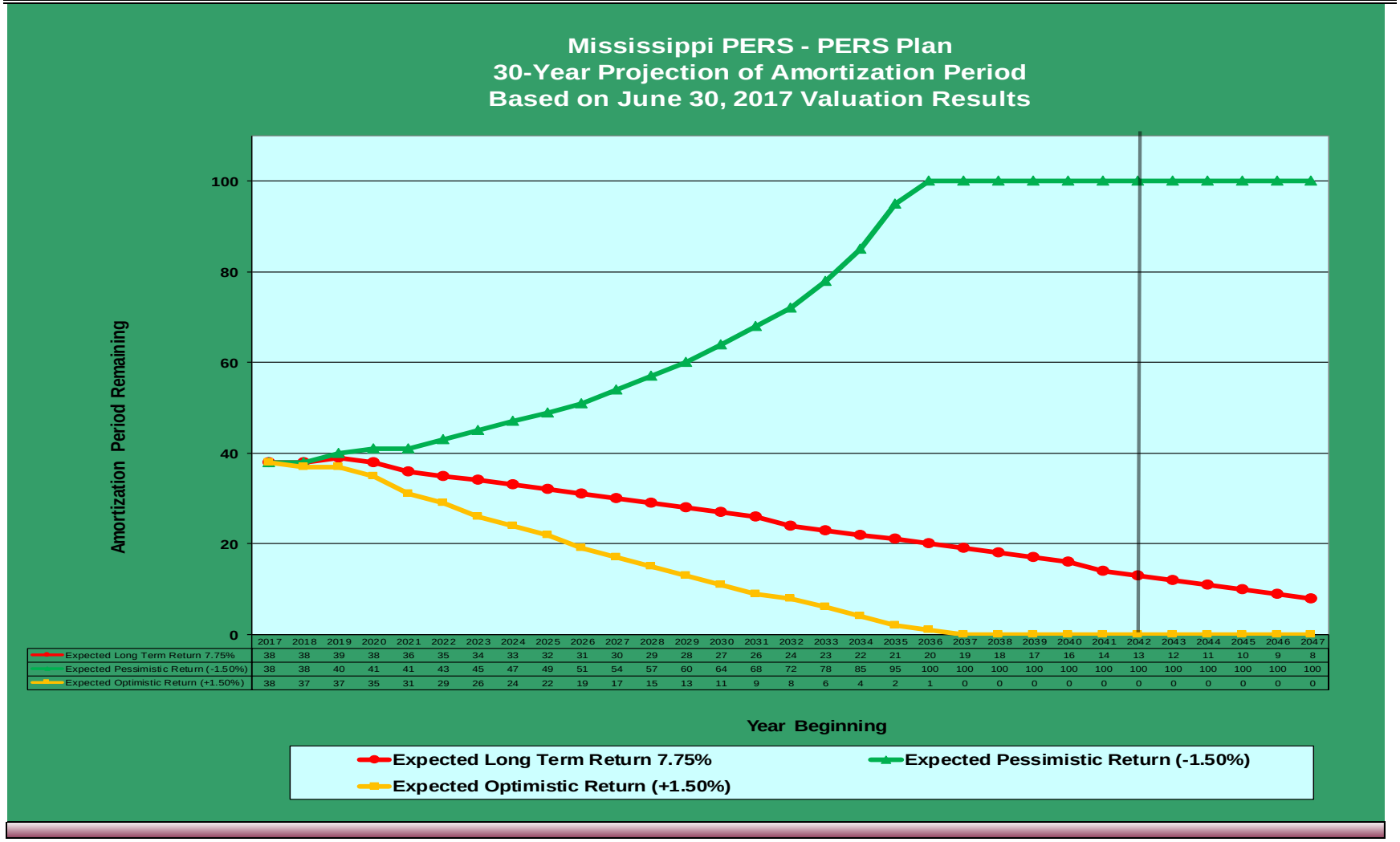

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047
Expected Long Term Return 7.75%	38	38	39	38	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
Expected Pessimistic Return (-1.50%)	38	38	40	41	41	43	45	47	49	51	54	57	60	64	68	72	78	85	95	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Expected Optimistic Return (+1.50%)	38	37	37	35	31	29	26	24	22	19	17	15	13	11	9	8	6	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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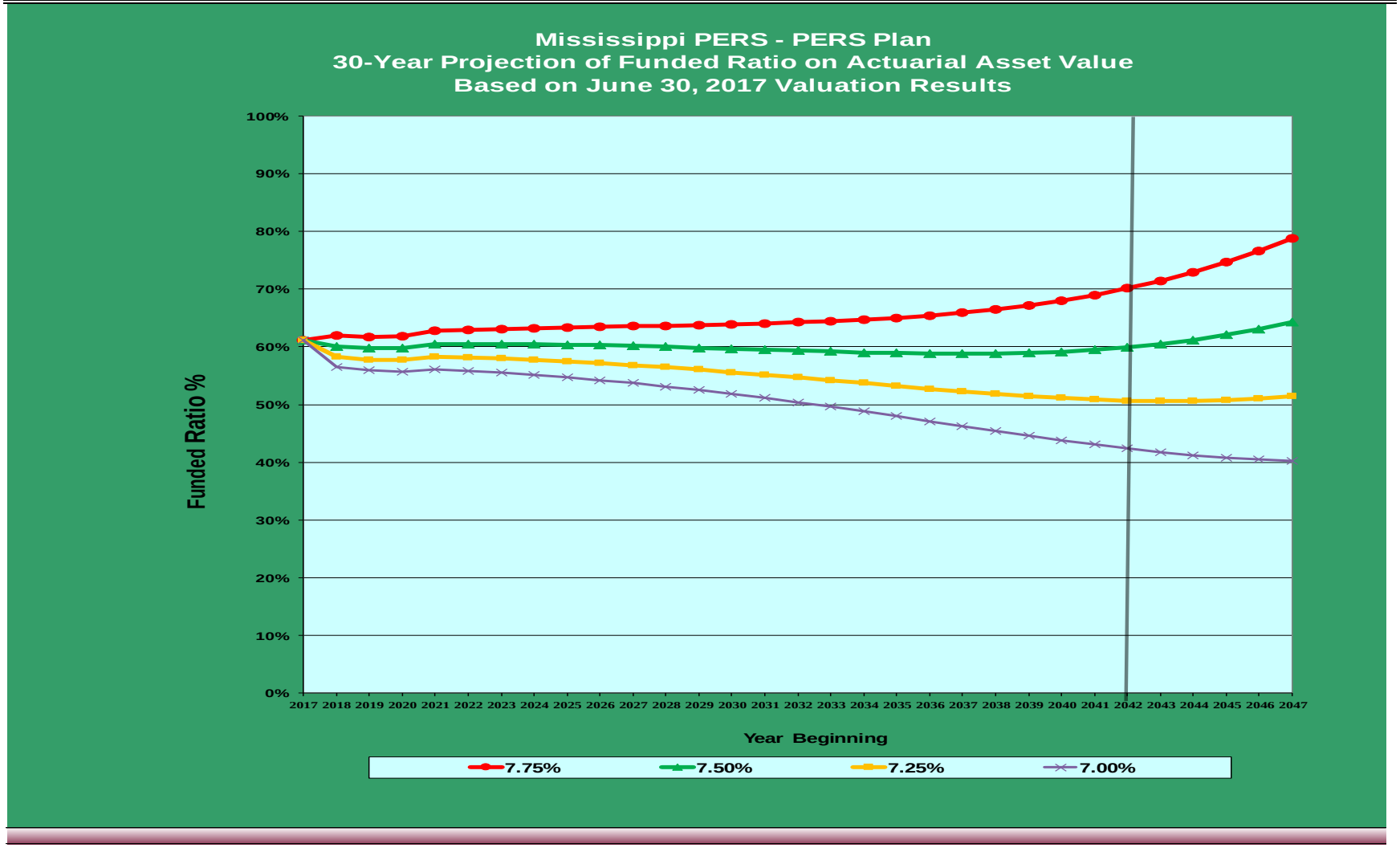

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CASH FLOW PROJECTIONS

The funded ratio is the primary measure of funded status of a pension plan and, thereby, the most common measurement used for drawing conclusions on funding progress. The funded ratio is the ratio of the actuarial value of assets to the actuarial or accrued liability of the system as calculated by the funding method used in developing system contribution levels. When using the funded ratio in assessing trends over several valuations, we recommend that the basis for determining both the assets and liabilities in the ratio are taken into consideration and reasonable efforts are made to adjust the ratio to reflect these differences when they are known. On a consistent basis, an increasing funded ratio would typically indicate progress in meeting the obligations of the system. In most cases, other measures should also be considered in a trend assessment. These may include the trend in the length of the amortization period, the required contribution rate, percentage of required contributions funded, and the unfunded actuarial liability as a percentage of payroll. Focusing solely on any one measure as the indication of funding progress is an over simplification of a complex and dynamic system.

Another of those additional metrics is an outlook on the cash flow as a percentage of assets for the System. Most retirement systems are funded with an advance-funding mechanism, meaning contributions and investment earnings are earned during a member's active lifetime in order to pay for the benefit payments during his retirement years. Many mature retirement systems, like PERS, have negative cash flow, where benefit payments paid out of the trust are more than the contributions being collected by employers and employees.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, we are projecting PERS to have a negative cash flow of approximately $1.1 Billion (benefit payments of $2.7 Billion and contributions of $1.6 Billion). With market value of assets of $26.5 Billion as of June 30, 2017, the cash flow as a percentage of assets is negative 4.06% for this valuation. While market value of assets is assumed to earn 7.75% each year, the difference between the investment return assumption and the negative cash flow percentage is positive, meaning assets are projected to grow for the 2018 fiscal year. When assets do not earn a positive return enough to cover this negative cash flow percentage, assets are expected to decline for the year. As long as the negative cash flow percentage does not grow more than the assumed investment return assumption, the System's assets will continue to increase and sustainability of the plan may be achieved.

The tables on the following three pages demonstrate the open group projection of cash flow on the baseline assumption and then a sensitivity analysis, using a one-year return of negative 5.00% in 2018 or 2022. This demonstrates the projection of this metric if PERS experiences one significant bad investment year in one of the next five years without a correction in the market. As can be seen from the table on page 18, the cash flow as a percentage of market value of assets does not get more than negative 6.20% on the baseline assumption, meaning that PERS' assets should continue to increase as long as all baseline actuarial assumptions are met. However, if there is a significant negative investment experience in one of the next five years (as seen on the tables on pages 19 and 20), the negative cash flow will be more than the investment experience of the Plan and PERS' assets will decrease at some point during the projection period. The good news is that under either of the pessimistic scenarios, the Plan would not reach insolvency and ultimately, the Plan's assets would begin to increase later in the projection period.

This metric should be monitored under the baseline assumptions to ensure the continued growth of PERS' assets during the projection period.

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2017	7.75%	6,367,451,196	26,543,097,000	1,623,222,496	(2,699,698,792)	-4.06%	2,016,154,881	939,678,585	27,482,775,585	2018
2018	7.75%	6,450,099,810	27,482,775,585	1,644,291,694	(2,845,390,890)	-4.37%	2,084,240,939	883,141,743	28,365,917,328	2019
2019	7.75%	6,580,390,523	28,365,917,328	1,677,506,054	(2,987,115,181)	-4.62%	2,148,558,120	838,948,993	29,204,866,321	2020
2020	7.75%	6,723,380,576	29,204,866,321	1,713,957,793	(3,125,215,470)	-4.83%	2,209,711,280	798,453,603	30,003,319,924	2021
2021	7.75%	6,883,712,306	30,003,319,924	1,754,830,360	(3,263,942,443)	-5.03%	2,267,870,327	758,758,244	30,762,078,168	2022
2022	7.75%	7,058,498,922	30,762,078,168	1,799,387,838	(3,397,221,994)	-5.19%	2,323,300,259	725,466,102	31,487,544,270	2023
2023	7.75%	7,245,862,504	31,487,544,270	1,847,151,499	(3,532,431,664)	-5.35%	2,376,198,575	690,918,410	32,178,462,680	2024
2024	7.75%	7,444,999,215	32,178,462,680	1,897,916,425	(3,666,847,202)	-5.50%	2,426,563,772	657,632,995	32,836,095,675	2025
2025	7.75%	7,653,821,230	32,836,095,675	1,951,150,377	(3,807,249,501)	-5.65%	2,474,215,581	618,116,457	33,454,212,133	2026
2026	7.75%	7,874,840,911	33,454,212,133	2,007,493,819	(3,938,783,601)	-5.77%	2,519,260,333	587,970,551	34,042,182,684	2027
2027	7.75%	8,104,347,422	34,042,182,684	2,066,000,767	(4,067,403,280)	-5.88%	2,562,161,875	560,759,362	34,602,942,046	2028
2028	7.75%	8,344,325,417	34,602,942,046	2,127,177,157	(4,192,613,474)	-5.97%	2,603,185,714	537,749,397	35,140,691,443	2029
2029	7.75%	8,594,189,774	35,140,691,443	2,190,873,828	(4,315,165,124)	-6.05%	2,642,623,216	518,331,920	35,659,023,363	2030
2030	7.75%	8,854,687,204	35,659,023,363	2,257,281,135	(4,433,577,190)	-6.10%	2,680,816,356	504,520,302	36,163,543,665	2031
2031	7.75%	9,126,207,280	36,163,543,665	2,326,498,391	(4,547,700,547)	-6.14%	2,718,209,036	497,006,880	36,660,550,545	2032
2032	7.75%	9,407,018,869	36,660,550,545	2,398,084,285	(4,658,019,527)	-6.16%	2,755,254,167	495,318,926	37,155,869,470	2033
2033	7.75%	9,699,168,448	37,155,869,470	2,472,560,517	(4,763,556,240)	-6.17%	2,792,460,248	501,464,525	37,657,333,995	2034
2034	7.75%	10,002,575,703	37,657,333,995	2,549,906,611	(4,862,393,204)	-6.14%	2,830,506,516	518,019,923	38,175,353,918	2035
2035	7.75%	10,318,731,046	38,175,353,918	2,630,502,512	(4,952,549,088)	-6.08%	2,870,289,522	548,242,946	38,723,596,863	2036
2036	7.75%	10,647,484,756	38,723,596,863	2,714,310,051	(5,034,383,233)	-5.99%	2,912,853,393	592,780,212	39,316,377,075	2037
2037	7.75%	10,989,290,715	39,316,377,075	2,801,444,936	(5,107,297,283)	-5.86%	2,959,334,635	653,482,288	39,969,859,363	2038
2038	7.75%	11,345,474,913	39,969,859,363	2,892,245,192	(5,170,434,234)	-5.70%	3,011,031,464	732,842,422	40,702,701,786	2039
2039	7.75%	11,715,220,018	40,702,701,786	2,986,502,463	(5,223,360,981)	-5.50%	3,069,398,426	832,539,908	41,535,241,694	2040
2040	7.75%	12,098,647,710	41,535,241,694	3,084,247,767	(5,267,154,725)	-5.26%	3,135,971,884	953,064,926	42,488,306,620	2041
2041	7.75%	12,495,778,508	42,488,306,620	3,185,486,336	(5,301,199,361)	-4.98%	3,212,389,598	1,096,676,573	43,584,983,193	2042
2042	7.75%	12,904,492,919	43,584,983,193	3,289,677,857	(5,332,177,791)	-4.69%	3,300,166,104	1,257,666,170	44,842,649,363	2043
2043	7.75%	13,326,067,663	44,842,649,363	3,397,147,799	(5,363,364,554)	-4.38%	3,400,536,051	1,434,319,295	46,276,968,659	2044
2044	7.75%	13,760,980,272	46,276,968,659	3,508,017,896	(5,393,206,158)	-4.07%	3,514,777,065	1,629,588,803	47,906,557,461	2045
2045	7.75%	14,210,239,951	47,906,557,461	3,622,545,420	(5,421,942,996)	-3.76%	3,644,332,557	1,844,934,981	49,751,492,442	2046
2046	7.75%	14,674,547,457	49,751,492,442	3,740,909,010	(5,449,211,221)	-3.43%	3,790,779,100	2,082,476,889	51,833,969,332	2047
2047	7.75%	15,153,081,282	51,833,969,332	3,862,899,246	(5,475,081,725)	-3.11%	3,955,826,201	2,343,643,722	54,177,613,054	2048

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2017	-5.00%	6,367,451,196	26,543,097,000	1,623,222,496	(2,699,698,792)	-4.06%	(1,299,897,861)	(2,376,374,157)	24,166,722,843	2018
2018	7.75%	6,450,099,810	24,166,722,843	1,644,291,694	(2,845,390,890)	-4.97%	1,827,246,852	626,147,656	24,792,870,499	2019
2019	7.75%	6,580,390,523	24,792,870,499	1,677,506,054	(2,987,115,181)	-5.28%	1,871,646,991	562,037,864	25,354,908,363	2020
2020	7.75%	6,723,380,576	25,354,908,363	1,713,957,793	(3,125,215,470)	-5.57%	1,911,339,538	500,081,861	25,854,990,224	2021
2021	7.75%	6,883,712,306	25,854,990,224	1,754,830,360	(3,263,942,443)	-5.84%	1,946,374,776	437,262,693	26,292,252,917	2022
2022	7.75%	7,058,498,922	26,292,252,917	1,799,387,838	(3,397,221,994)	-6.08%	1,976,888,802	379,054,645	26,671,307,562	2023
2023	7.75%	7,245,862,504	26,671,307,562	1,847,151,499	(3,532,431,664)	-6.32%	2,002,940,230	317,660,065	26,988,967,627	2024
2024	7.75%	7,444,999,215	26,988,967,627	1,897,916,425	(3,666,847,202)	-6.55%	2,024,377,905	255,447,128	27,244,414,755	2025
2025	7.75%	7,653,821,230	27,244,414,755	1,951,150,377	(3,807,249,501)	-6.81%	2,040,860,309	184,761,185	27,429,175,941	2026
2026	7.75%	7,874,840,911	27,429,175,941	2,007,493,819	(3,938,783,601)	-7.04%	2,052,320,028	121,030,246	27,550,206,187	2027
2027	7.75%	8,104,347,422	27,550,206,187	2,066,000,767	(4,067,403,280)	-7.26%	2,059,033,697	57,631,184	27,607,837,371	2028
2028	7.75%	8,344,325,417	27,607,837,371	2,127,177,157	(4,192,613,474)	-7.48%	2,061,065,102	(4,371,215)	27,603,466,156	2029
2029	7.75%	8,594,189,774	27,603,466,156	2,190,873,828	(4,315,165,124)	-7.70%	2,058,488,256	(65,803,040)	27,537,663,116	2030
2030	7.75%	8,854,687,204	27,537,663,116	2,257,281,135	(4,433,577,190)	**-7.90%**	2,051,410,937	(124,885,117)	27,412,777,999	2031
2031	7.75%	9,126,207,280	27,412,777,999	2,326,498,391	(4,547,700,547)	**-8.10%**	2,040,024,697	(181,177,459)	27,231,600,540	2032
2032	7.75%	9,407,018,869	27,231,600,540	2,398,084,285	(4,658,019,527)	**-8.30%**	2,024,510,542	(235,424,699)	26,996,175,840	2033
2033	7.75%	9,699,168,448	26,996,175,840	2,472,560,517	(4,763,556,240)	**-8.49%**	2,005,083,991	(285,911,732)	26,710,264,108	2034
2034	7.75%	10,002,575,703	26,710,264,108	2,549,906,611	(4,862,393,204)	**-8.66%**	1,982,108,599	(330,377,994)	26,379,886,114	2035
2035	7.75%	10,318,731,046	26,379,886,114	2,630,502,512	(4,952,549,088)	**-8.80%**	1,956,140,768	(365,905,808)	26,013,980,305	2036
2036	7.75%	10,647,484,756	26,013,980,305	2,714,310,051	(5,034,383,233)	**-8.92%**	1,927,858,110	(392,215,071)	25,621,765,234	2037
2037	7.75%	10,989,290,715	25,621,765,234	2,801,444,936	(5,107,297,283)	**-9.00%**	1,898,002,217	(407,850,130)	25,213,915,104	2038
2038	7.75%	11,345,474,913	25,213,915,104	2,892,245,192	(5,170,434,234)	**-9.04%**	1,867,445,784	(410,743,258)	24,803,171,847	2039
2039	7.75%	11,715,220,018	24,803,171,847	2,986,502,463	(5,223,360,981)	**-9.02%**	1,837,184,856	(399,673,662)	24,403,498,185	2040
2040	7.75%	12,098,647,710	24,403,498,185	3,084,247,767	(5,267,154,725)	**-8.95%**	1,808,261,762	(374,645,196)	24,028,852,989	2041
2041	7.75%	12,495,778,508	24,028,852,989	3,185,486,336	(5,301,199,361)	**-8.80%**	1,781,781,941	(333,931,084)	23,694,921,905	2042
2042	7.75%	12,904,492,919	23,694,921,905	3,289,677,857	(5,332,177,791)	**-8.62%**	1,758,686,355	(283,813,579)	23,411,108,326	2043
2043	7.75%	13,326,067,663	23,411,108,326	3,397,147,799	(5,363,364,554)	**-8.40%**	1,739,591,621	(226,625,135)	23,184,483,192	2044
2044	7.75%	13,760,980,272	23,184,483,192	3,508,017,896	(5,393,206,158)	**-8.13%**	1,725,109,441	(160,078,821)	23,024,404,370	2045
2045	7.75%	14,210,239,951	23,024,404,370	3,622,545,420	(5,421,942,996)	**-7.82%**	1,715,965,693	(83,431,883)	22,940,972,487	2046
2046	7.75%	14,674,547,457	22,940,972,487	3,740,909,010	(5,449,211,221)	-7.45%	1,712,963,803	4,661,592	22,945,634,080	2047
2047	7.75%	15,153,081,282	22,945,634,080	3,862,899,246	(5,475,081,725)	-7.03%	1,716,980,219	104,797,740	23,050,431,820	2048

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2018	7.75%	6,450,099,810	27,482,775,585	1,644,291,694	(2,845,390,890)	-4.37%	2,084,240,939	883,141,743	28,365,917,328	2019
2019	7.75%	6,580,390,523	28,365,917,328	1,677,506,054	(2,987,115,181)	-4.62%	2,148,558,120	838,948,993	29,204,866,321	2020
2020	7.75%	6,723,380,576	29,204,866,321	1,713,957,793	(3,125,215,470)	-4.83%	2,209,711,280	798,453,603	30,003,319,924	2021
2021	-5.00%	6,883,712,306	30,003,319,924	1,754,830,360	(3,263,942,443)	-5.03%	(1,461,954,425)	(2,971,066,508)	27,032,253,416	2022
2022	7.75%	7,058,498,922	27,032,253,416	1,799,387,838	(3,397,221,994)	-5.91%	2,034,238,841	436,404,684	27,468,658,100	2023
2023	7.75%	7,245,862,504	27,468,658,100	1,847,151,499	(3,532,431,664)	-6.14%	2,064,734,897	379,454,732	27,848,112,832	2024
2024	7.75%	7,444,999,215	27,848,112,832	1,897,916,425	(3,666,847,202)	-6.35%	2,090,961,659	322,030,882	28,170,143,714	2025
2025	7.75%	7,653,821,230	28,170,143,714	1,951,150,377	(3,807,249,501)	-6.59%	2,112,604,304	256,505,180	28,426,648,895	2026
2026	7.75%	7,874,840,911	28,426,648,895	2,007,493,819	(3,938,783,601)	-6.79%	2,129,624,182	198,334,400	28,624,983,295	2027
2027	7.75%	8,104,347,422	28,624,983,295	2,066,000,767	(4,067,403,280)	-6.99%	2,142,328,923	140,926,410	28,765,909,705	2028
2028	7.75%	8,344,325,417	28,765,909,705	2,127,177,157	(4,192,613,474)	-7.18%	2,150,815,708	85,379,391	28,851,289,096	2029
2029	7.75%	8,594,189,774	28,851,289,096	2,190,873,828	(4,315,165,124)	-7.36%	2,155,194,534	30,903,238	28,882,192,334	2030
2030	7.75%	8,854,687,204	28,882,192,334	2,257,281,135	(4,433,577,190)	-7.54%	2,155,611,951	(20,684,103)	28,861,508,231	2031
2031	7.75%	9,126,207,280	28,861,508,231	2,326,498,391	(4,547,700,547)	-7.70%	2,152,301,290	(68,900,866)	28,792,607,365	2032
2032	7.75%	9,407,018,869	28,792,607,365	2,398,084,285	(4,658,019,527)	**-7.85%**	2,145,488,571	(114,446,670)	28,678,160,694	2033
2033	7.75%	9,699,168,448	28,678,160,694	2,472,560,517	(4,763,556,240)	**-7.99%**	2,135,437,818	(155,557,905)	28,522,602,789	2034
2034	7.75%	10,002,575,703	28,522,602,789	2,549,906,611	(4,862,393,204)	**-8.11%**	2,122,564,847	(189,921,746)	28,332,681,043	2035
2035	7.75%	10,318,731,046	28,332,681,043	2,630,502,512	(4,952,549,088)	**-8.20%**	2,107,482,375	(214,564,201)	28,118,116,841	2036
2036	7.75%	10,647,484,756	28,118,116,841	2,714,310,051	(5,034,383,233)	**-8.25%**	2,090,928,691	(229,144,490)	27,888,972,351	2037
2037	7.75%	10,989,290,715	27,888,972,351	2,801,444,936	(5,107,297,283)	**-8.27%**	2,073,710,769	(232,141,578)	27,656,830,773	2038
2038	7.75%	11,345,474,913	27,656,830,773	2,892,245,192	(5,170,434,234)	**-8.24%**	2,056,771,748	(221,417,294)	27,435,413,480	2039
2039	7.75%	11,715,220,018	27,435,413,480	2,986,502,463	(5,223,360,981)	**-8.15%**	2,041,183,583	(195,674,935)	27,239,738,545	2040
2040	7.75%	12,098,647,710	27,239,738,545	3,084,247,767	(5,267,154,725)	**-8.01%**	2,028,070,390	(154,836,568)	27,084,901,977	2041
2041	7.75%	12,495,778,508	27,084,901,977	3,185,486,336	(5,301,199,361)	**-7.81%**	2,018,625,738	(97,087,287)	26,987,814,690	2042
2042	7.75%	12,904,492,919	26,987,814,690	3,289,677,857	(5,332,177,791)	-7.57%	2,013,885,545	(28,614,389)	26,959,200,301	2043
2043	7.75%	13,326,067,663	26,959,200,301	3,397,147,799	(5,363,364,554)	-7.29%	2,014,568,749	48,351,993	27,007,552,295	2044
2044	7.75%	13,760,980,272	27,007,552,295	3,508,017,896	(5,393,206,158)	-6.98%	2,021,397,297	136,209,035	27,143,761,329	2045
2045	7.75%	14,210,239,951	27,143,761,329	3,622,545,420	(5,421,942,996)	-6.63%	2,035,215,857	235,818,281	27,379,579,610	2046
2046	7.75%	14,674,547,457	27,379,579,610	3,740,909,010	(5,449,211,221)	-6.24%	2,056,955,855	348,653,644	27,728,233,255	2047
2047	7.75%	15,153,081,282	27,728,233,255	3,862,899,246	(5,475,081,725)	-5.81%	2,087,631,655	475,449,176	28,203,682,431	2048

Section II – PERS Projection Results

SOLVENCY TESTING

Another metric that is often reviewed during the valuation process is the Solvency Testing. The Solvency Test is a test of current assets to different categories of actuarial accrued liability.

1. Accumulated Employee Contributions with Interest
2. Retirees and Beneficiaries currently receiving benefits
3. Employer financed portion of Active and Inactive member benefits

In the test, we calculate the portion of accrued liabilities from the categories above that are covered by the Actuarial Value of Assets. As can be seen from the table below (from the 2017 valuation report), assets cover 100% of category #1 but only 78.1% of category #2 as of June 30, 2017. The purpose of this metric is to monitor this Solvency Test and see if progress is made during the projection period for funding of category #2 and eventually category #3.

	Actuarial Accrued Liabilities for						
Valuation Date	(1) Accumulated Employee Contributions Including Allocated Investment Earnings	(2) Retirees and Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	(3) Active and Inactive Members Employer Financed Portion	Net Assets Available for Benefits	Portions of Accrued Liabilities Covered by Assets (1)	(2)	(3)
6/30/08	$3,991,804	$14,306,528	$10,236,362	$20,814,720	100.0%	100.0%	24.6%
6/30/09	4,235,466	15,665,712	10,693,368	20,597,581	100.0	100.0	6.5
6/30/10	4,266,621	16,763,455	10,369,912	20,143,426	100.0	94.7	0.0
6/30/11	4,356,556	18,001,718	10,296,191	20,315,165	100.0	88.7	0.0
6/30/12	4,463,252	19,547,367	10,482,254	19,992,797	100.0	79.4	0.0
6/30/13	5,053,888	20,789,551	9,699,409	20,490,555	100.0	74.3	0.0
6/30/14	5,277,944	22,033,588	9,703,756	22,569,940	100.0	78.5	0.0
6/30/15	5,379,226	24,012,624	10,972,734	24,387,161	100.0	79.2	0.0
6/30/16	5,468,859	25,390,774	11,137,880	25,185,078	100.0	77.7	0.0
6/30/17	5,534,403	26,686,958	10,945,130	26,364,446	100.0	78.1	0.0

During the baseline projection, we anticipate that the percentage in category #2 will actually decrease over the first 15 years of the projection period but once the baby boomer generation of retirees begin to die, then the Solvency Test will begin to improve. Below is the baseline projection of the Solvency Test:

Mississippi PERS
30-year Open Group Projection of Solvency Test
PERS Plan
Based on June 30, 2017 Valuation Results After Experience Study

($ in Thousands)

Valuation Date	(1) Accumulated Employee Conts with Interest	(2) Retiree and Beneficiary Liability	(3) Active Employer Financed	Actuarial Value of Assets	Portion of Accrued Liabilities by Assets (1)	(2)	(3)
2017	5,534,403	26,686,958	10,945,130	26,364,446	100.0%	78.1%	0.0%
2018	5,645,091	28,469,975	10,244,036	27,470,494	100.0%	76.7%	0.0%
2019	5,757,993	29,702,205	10,069,292	28,080,232	100.0%	75.2%	0.0%
2020	5,873,153	30,896,006	9,912,433	28,885,535	100.0%	74.5%	0.0%
2021	5,990,616	32,052,761	9,748,520	30,003,318	100.0%	74.9%	0.0%
2022	6,110,428	33,171,605	9,576,480	30,762,077	100.0%	74.3%	0.0%
2023	6,232,637	34,257,848	9,394,744	31,487,543	100.0%	73.7%	0.0%
2024	6,357,290	35,303,794	9,207,752	32,178,461	100.0%	73.1%	0.0%
2025	6,484,436	36,309,753	9,013,707	32,836,094	100.0%	72.6%	0.0%
2026	6,614,125	37,248,200	8,832,240	33,454,211	100.0%	72.1%	0.0%
2027	6,746,408	38,135,902	8,652,063	34,042,181	100.0%	71.6%	0.0%
2028	6,881,336	38,960,967	8,485,729	34,602,940	100.0%	71.2%	0.0%
2029	7,018,963	39,725,325	8,332,201	35,140,690	100.0%	70.8%	0.0%
2030	7,159,342	40,427,508	8,193,439	35,659,022	100.0%	70.5%	0.0%
2031	7,302,529	41,059,459	8,079,203	36,163,542	100.0%	70.3%	0.0%
2032	7,448,580	41,650,200	7,962,162	36,660,549	100.0%	70.1%	0.0%
2033	7,597,552	42,188,202	7,855,763	37,155,868	100.0%	70.1%	0.0%
2034	7,749,503	42,668,538	7,767,720	37,657,332	100.0%	70.1%	0.0%
2035	7,904,493	43,067,151	7,726,977	38,175,352	100.0%	70.3%	0.0%
2036	8,062,583	43,388,909	7,736,375	38,723,595	100.0%	70.7%	0.0%
2037	8,223,835	43,615,696	7,821,208	39,316,375	100.0%	71.3%	0.0%
2038	8,388,312	43,728,299	8,009,855	39,969,858	100.0%	72.2%	0.0%
2039	8,556,078	43,747,852	8,292,034	40,702,700	100.0%	73.5%	0.0%
2040	8,727,200	43,690,822	8,663,300	41,535,240	100.0%	75.1%	0.0%
2041	8,901,744	43,571,936	9,120,782	42,488,305	100.0%	77.1%	0.0%
2042	9,079,779	43,471,420	9,597,743	43,584,982	100.0%	79.4%	0.0%
2043	9,261,375	43,404,051	10,086,979	44,842,648	100.0%	82.0%	0.0%
2044	9,446,603	43,375,523	10,587,531	46,276,967	100.0%	84.9%	0.0%
2045	9,635,535	43,387,197	11,104,760	47,906,556	100.0%	88.2%	0.0%
2046	9,828,246	43,439,059	11,645,782	49,751,491	100.0%	91.9%	0.0%
2047	10,024,811	43,557,230	12,192,570	51,833,968	100.0%	96.0%	0.0%

Section III – HSPRS Projection Results

SPECIAL ASSUMPTIONS

In addition to the regular valuation assumptions used in performing the annual actuarial valuations of HSPRS (all assumptions utilized in the projection study are outlined in Appendix B), additional assumptions must be made that are unique to projections. The first of these is what, if any, change in the overall active membership will be anticipated. For this projection study it was assumed that the number of active members would remain static over the 30 year projection period.

But since we assume active members will leave the system through termination, death, disability or retirement, we need to make some assumptions as to the composition of new hires that will replace departing members in order to maintain the membership at a constant number. The new entrant profile we developed was based on the new hires over the 3 year period prior to the projection start date of June 30, 2017. Since there were no new entrants in HSPRS in the June 30, 2017, the new entrant profile is the same as used in last year's projection report. That profile is summarized in the table below.

Age	Average Pay	Percent Male	Weight
22	$40,000	90%	9.0%
26	40,000	98	37.0
30	40,000	94	26.0
34	41,000	99	15.0
38	42,000	99	3.0
42	43,000	99	5.0
46	45,000	99	5.0

For the projection results presented in this section of the report, it was further assumed that the benefit structure as it exists on June 30, 2017 would remain in place for the following 30 years.

Section III – HSPRS Projection Results

FUTURE MEMBERSHIP

The following chart and graph show the headcounts of active participants and retired members over the projection period. The actives are broken down into those existing as of June 30, 2017 and those who are hired after June 30, 2017. We have assumed the active membership will continue at the current population of 470 active members over the projected period.

Member	2017	2022	2032	2042	2047
Active – Existing Employees	470	346	140	19	2
Active – New Entrants	0	124	330	451	468
Retired	726	855	1,067	1,144	1,146
Total	1,196	1,325	1,537	1,614	1,616

PROJECTION RESULTS

The baseline projection results shown below use the same actuarial assumptions as used the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation report. Please note that contributions from SB 2659 and HB 1015 are assumed to continue to provide an additional $3,800,000 annually throughout the projection period under all scenarios. These dollars are in addition to the employer contributions as a percent of payroll shown below. In addition, the projection results using different long-term investment return assumptions for future valuations (7.50%, 7.25% and 7.00%) are included.

Baseline Projection Results (7.75%)
($000's)

	2017	2022	2032	2042	2047
Total Payroll	$28,845	$31,490	$37,009	$48,214	$56,718
UAL	$158,878	$173,451	$139,392	$27,752	($92,509)
Normal Cost Rate	15.21%	15.20%	15.03%	14.91%	14.88%
UAL Rate	21.79%	33.88%	34.05%	34.17%	34.20%
Total Rate	37.00%	49.08%	49.08%	49.08%	49.08%
Funding Ratio	68.1%	70.3%	80.3%	96.5%	110.8%
Amortization Period	38 years	17 years	9 years	0 years	0 years

Please note that a 100 year amortization period on any of the tables represents an infinite amortization period, meaning that the current employer rate would never pay off the Unfunded Accrued Liability.

Section III – HSPRS Projection Results

Projection Results Assuming 7.50% (Long-Term Investment Return)
($000's)

	2017	2022	2032	2042	2047
Total Payroll	$28,845	$31,490	$37,009	$48,214	$56,718
UAL	$158,878	$194,588	$184,517	$125,985	$53,332
Normal Cost Rate	15.21%	16.64%	16.45%	16.32%	16.29%
UAL Rate	21.79%	32.44%	32.63%	32.76%	32.79%
Total Rate	37.00%	49.08%	49.08%	49.08%	49.08%
Funding Ratio	68.1%	67.6%	74.5%	84.6%	93.9%
Amortization Period	38 years	22 years	15 years	6 years	1 years

Projection Results Assuming 7.25% (Long-Term Investment Return)
($000's)

	2017	2022	2032	2042	2047
Total Payroll	$28,845	$31,490	$37,009	$48,214	$56,718
UAL	$158,878	$216,826	$229,950	$220,665	$190,973
Normal Cost Rate	15.21%	18.28%	18.06%	17.93%	17.90%
UAL Rate	21.79%	30.80%	31.02%	31.15%	31.18%
Total Rate	37.00%	49.08%	49.08%	49.08%	49.08%
Funding Ratio	68.1%	64.9%	69.1%	73.7%	78.9%
Amortization Period	38 years	28 years	24 years	15 years	10 years

Projection Results Assuming 7.00% (Long-Term Investment Return)
($000's)

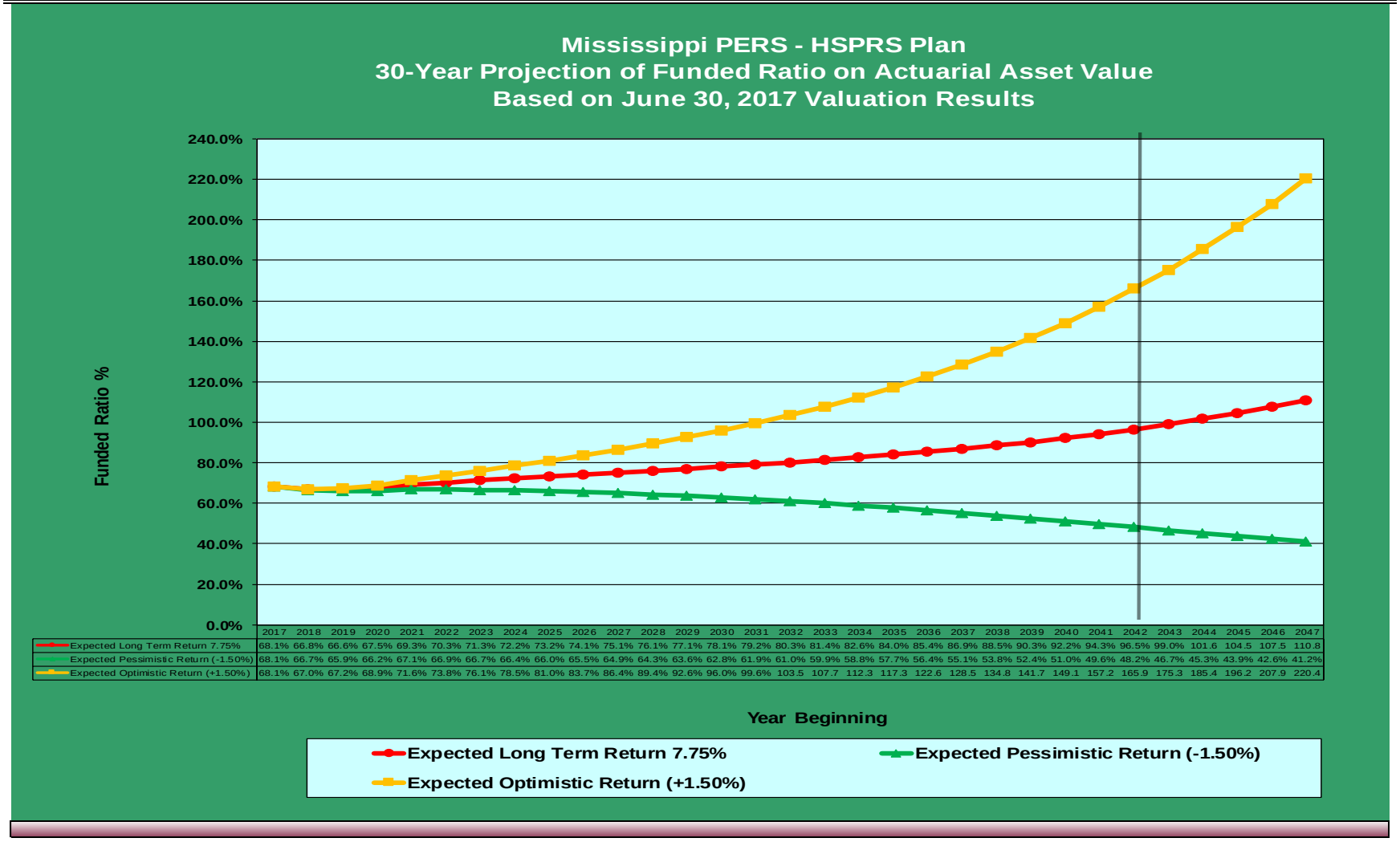
	2017	2022	2032	2042	2047
Total Payroll	$28,845	$31,490	$37,009	$48,214	$56,718
UAL	$158,878	$239,009	$274,445	$310,615	$319,486
Normal Cost Rate	15.21%	19.86%	19.61%	19.47%	19.45%
UAL Rate	21.79%	29.22%	29.47%	29.61%	29.63%
Total Rate	37.00%	49.08%	49.08%	49.08%	49.08%
Funding Ratio	68.1%	62.3%	64.0%	64.0%	65.6%
Amortization Period	38 years	36 years	36 years	29 years	23 years

Please note that a 100 year amortization period on any of the tables represents an infinite amortization period, meaning that the current employer rate would never pay off the Unfunded Accrued Liability.

Section III – HSPRS Projection Results

The following graphs show a comparison of the projected funded ratios and amortization periods for the baseline valuation (assuming 7.75%) and two alternative investment return scenarios to show an optimistic view if the fund earns 1.50% above the assumed rate each year of the projection study and a pessimistic view if the fund earns 1.50% less than the assumed rate each year of the projection study. As can be seen from the graphs, under a pessimistic view of investment returns, the Plan is projected to become insolvent near the end of the projection period.

Please note that a 100 year amortization period on any of the graphs represents an infinite amortization period, meaning that the current employer rate would never pay off the Unfunded Accrued Liability.


Mississippi PERS - HSPRS Plan
30-Year Projection of Funded Ratio on Actuarial Asset Value
Based on June 30, 2017 Valuation Results
Funded Ratio %
240.0%
220.0%
200.0%
180.0%
160.0%
140.0%
120.0%
100.0%
80.0%
60.0%
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Expected Long Term Return 7.75% 68.1% 66.8% 66.6% 67.5% 69.3% 70.3% 71.3% 72.2% 73.2% 74.1% 75.1% 76.1% 77.1% 78.1% 79.2% 80.3% 81.4% 82.6% 84.0% 85.4% 86.9% 88.5% 90.3% 92.2% 94.3% 96.5% 99.0% 101.6 104.5 107.5 110.8
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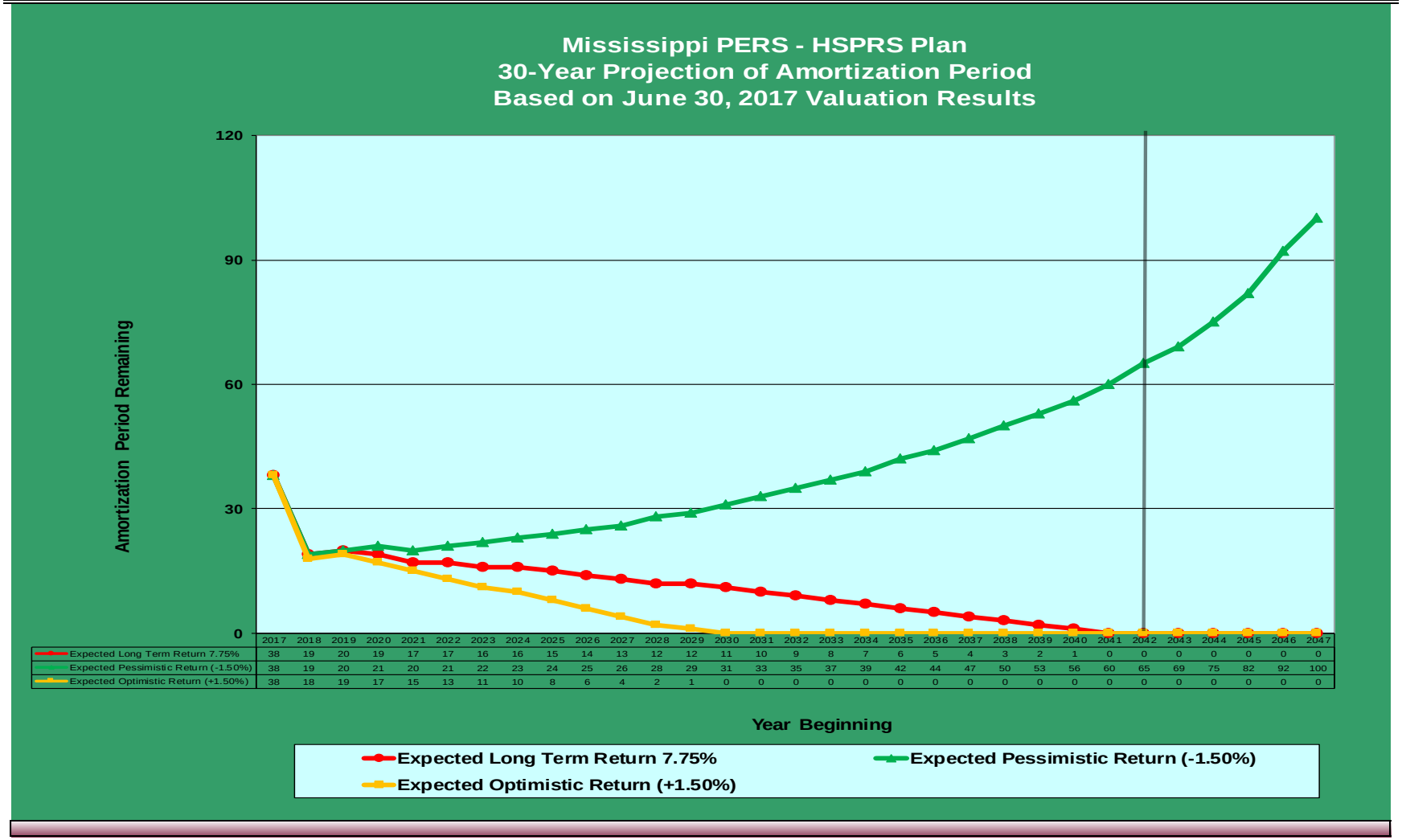
Year Beginning
Expected Long Term Return 7.75%
Expected Pessimistic Return (-1.50%)
Expected Optimistic Return (+1.50%)



	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047
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Expected Pessimistic Return (-1.50%)	38	19	20	21	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	28	29	31	33	35	37	39	42	44	47	50	53	56	60	65	69	75	82	92	100
Expected Optimistic Return (+1.50%)	38	18	19	17	15	13	11	10	8	6	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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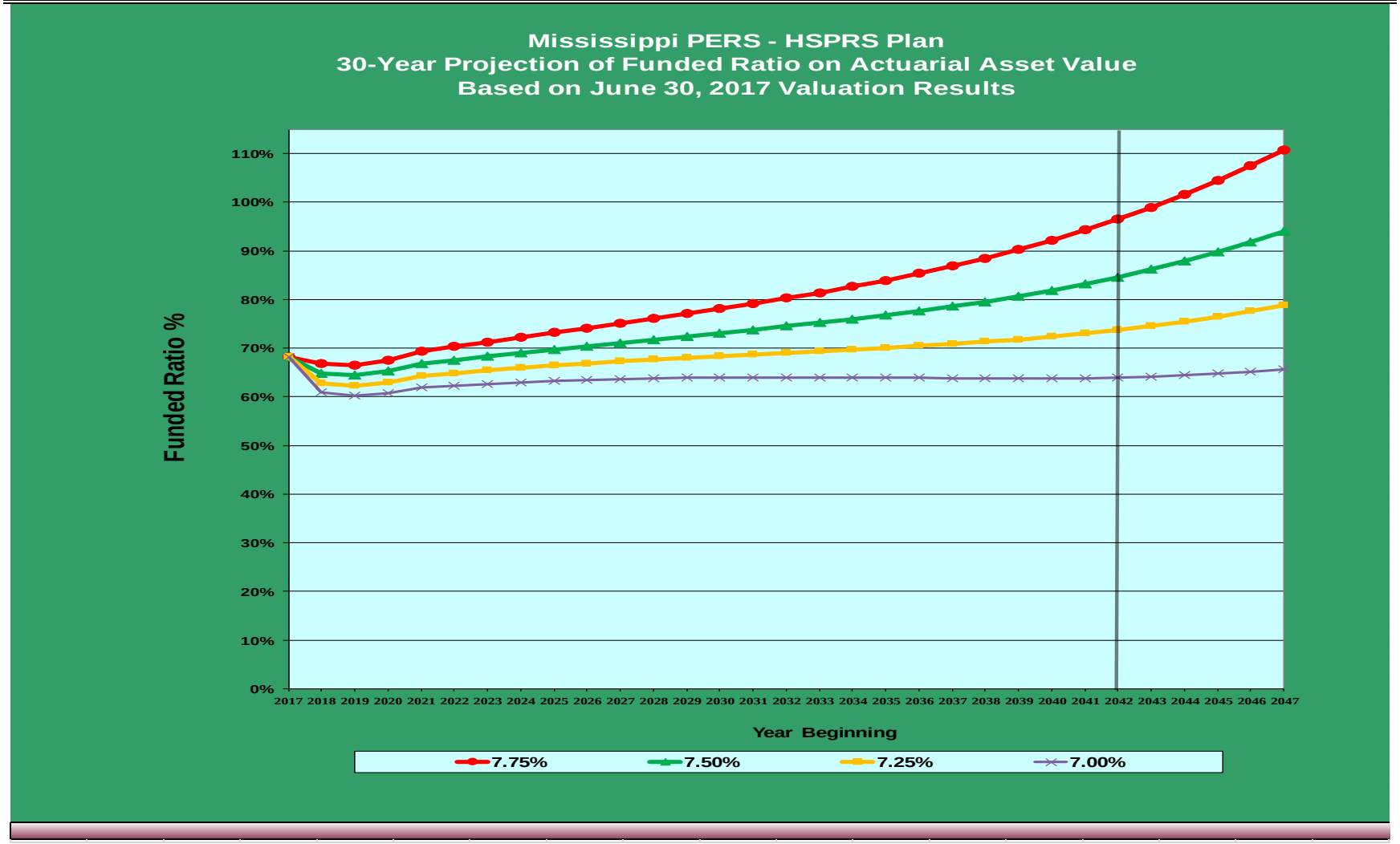


Section IV – SLRP Projection Results

SPECIAL ASSUMPTIONS

In addition to the regular valuation assumptions used in performing the annual actuarial valuations of SLRP (all assumptions utilized in the projection study are outlined in Appendix D), additional assumptions must be made that are unique to projections. The first of these is what, if any, change in the overall active membership will be anticipated. For this projection study it was assumed that the number of active members would remain static over the 30 year projection period.

Since we assume active members will leave the system through termination, death, disability or retirement, we need to make some assumptions as to the composition of new hires that will replace departing members in order to maintain the membership at a constant number. The new entrant profile we developed was based on the new hires over the 3 year period prior to the projection start date of June 30, 2017. Since there were very few new entrants for the June 30, 2017 valuation report, the new entrant profile is the same as used in last year's projection report. That profile is summarized in the table below.

Age	Average Pay	Percent Male	Weight
32	$40,000	85.0%	18.0%
38	40,000	85.0	18.0
46	40,000	60.0	22.0
52	40,000	85.0	22.0
57	40,000	85.0	10.0
63	40,000	85.0	10.0

For the projection results presented in this section of the report, it was further assumed that the benefit structure as it exists on June 30, 2017 would remain in place for the following 30 years.

Section IV – SLRP Projection Results

FUTURE MEMBERSHIP

The following chart and graph show the headcounts of active participants and retired members over the projection period. The actives are broken down into those existing as of June 30, 2017 and those who are hired after June 30, 2017. We have assumed the active membership will continue at the current maximum population of 174 active members over the projected period. After about 9 years, the retiree headcount begins to drop as retiree deaths outnumber new retirees.

Member	2017	2022	2032	2042	2047
Active – Existing Employees	174	119	38	14	7
Active – New Entrants	0	55	136	160	167
Retired	205	216	194	142	117
Total	379	390	368	316	291

PROJECTION RESULTS

The baseline projection results shown below use the same actuarial assumption as used in the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation report. In addition, the projection results using different long-term investment return assumptions for future valuations (7.50%, 7.25% and 7.00%) are included.

Baseline Projection Results (7.75%)
($000's)

	2017	2022	2032	2042	2047
Total Payroll	$6,928	$8,189	$11,201	$15,370	$18,034
UAL	$4,641	$4,482	$2,874	($3,228)	($9,751)
Normal Cost Rate	2.76%	2.64%	2.51%	2.38%	2.29%
UAL Rate	4.64%	4.76%	4.89%	5.02%	5.11%
Total Rate	7.40%	7.40%	7.40%	7.40%	7.40%
Funding Ratio	78.8%	82.0%	90.2%	109.7%	126.9%
Amortization Period	22 years	16 years	6 years	0 years	0 years

Section IV – SLRP Projection Results

Projection Results Assuming 7.50% Long-Term Investment Return
($000's)

	2017	2022	2032	2042	2047
Total Payroll	$6,928	$8,189	$11,201	$15,370	$18,034
UAL	$4,641	$5,319	$4,826	$1,250	($2,995)
Normal Cost Rate	2.76%	2.91%	2.76%	2.61%	2.52%
UAL Rate	4.64%	4.49%	4.64%	4.79%	4.88%
Total Rate	7.40%	7.40%	7.40%	7.40%	7.40%
Funding Ratio	78.8%	79.1%	83.9%	96.3%	108.1%
Amortization Period	22 years	22 years	12 years	2 years	0 years

Projection Results Assuming 7.25% Long-Term Investment Return
($000's)

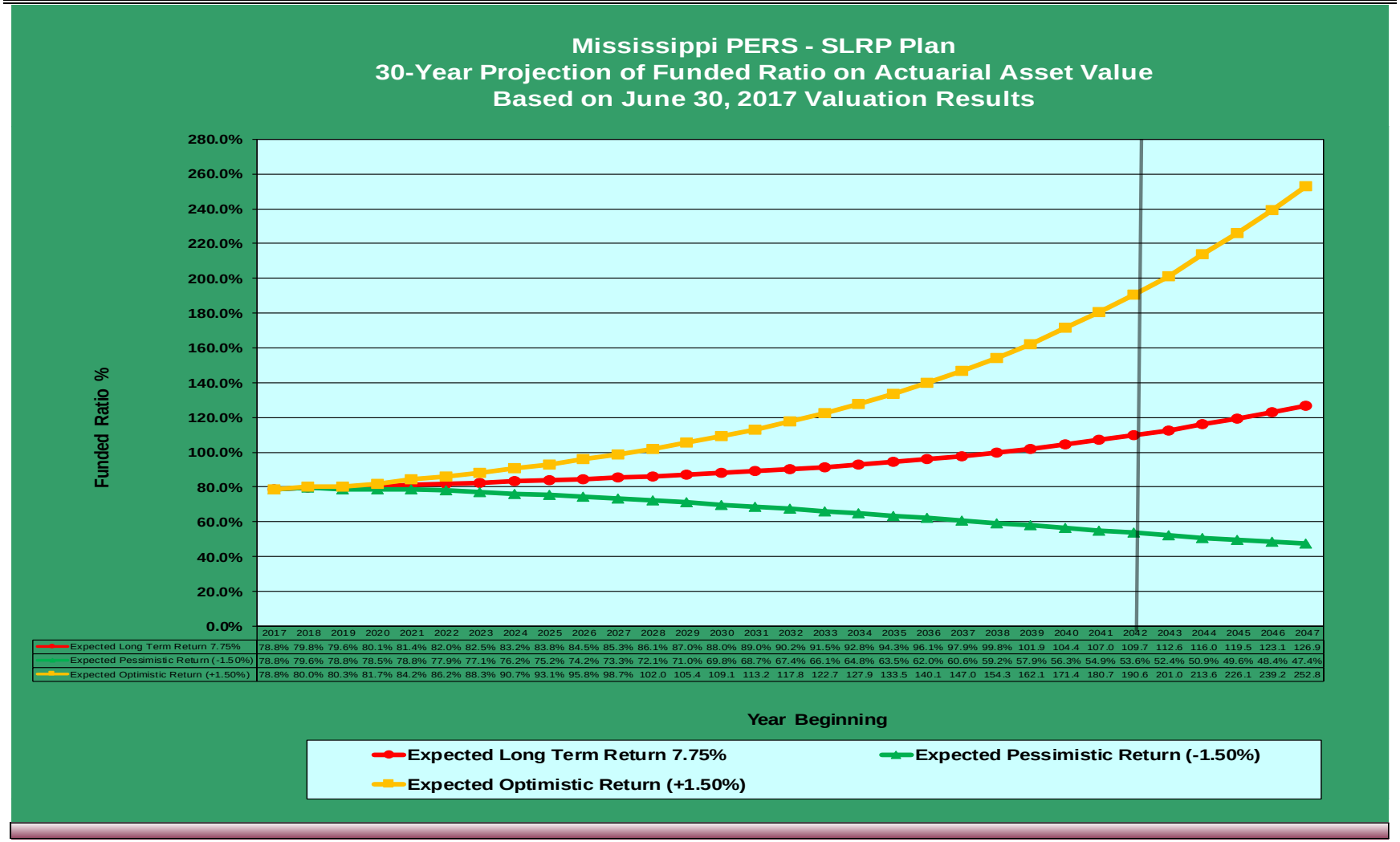
	2017	2022	2032	2042	2047
Total Payroll	$6,928	$8,189	$11,201	$15,370	$18,034
UAL	$4,641	$6,186	$6,767	$5,520	$3,324
Normal Cost Rate	2.76%	3.21%	3.04%	2.88%	2.78%
UAL Rate	4.64%	4.19%	4.36%	4.52%	4.62%
Total Rate	7.40%	7.40%	7.40%	7.40%	7.40%
Funding Ratio	78.8%	76.2%	77.9%	84.1%	91.2%
Amortization Period	22 years	30 years	20 years	10 years	5 years

Projection Results Assuming 7.00% Long-Term Investment Return
($000's)

	2017	2022	2032	2042	2047
Total Payroll	$6,928	$8,189	$11,201	$15,370	$18,034
UAL	$4,641	$7,052	$8,661	$9,558	$9,193
Normal Cost Rate	2.76%	3.50%	3.30%	3.13%	3.03%
UAL Rate	4.64%	3.90%	4.10%	4.27%	4.37%
Total Rate	7.40%	7.40%	7.40%	7.40%	7.40%
Funding Ratio	78.8%	73.5%	72.4%	73.1%	76.2%
Amortization Period	22 years	43 years	31 years	21 years	15 years

Section IV – SLRP Projection Results

The following graphs show a comparison of the projected funded ratios and amortization periods for the baseline valuation (assuming 7.75%) and two alternative investment return scenarios to show an optimistic view if the fund earns 1.50% above the assumed rate each year of the projection study and a pessimistic view if the fund earns 1.50% less than the assumed rate each year of the projection study. As can be seen from the graphs, even under a pessimistic view of investment returns, the Plan remains solvent over the length of the projection period.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Based on June 30, 2017 Valuation Results
Funded Ratio %
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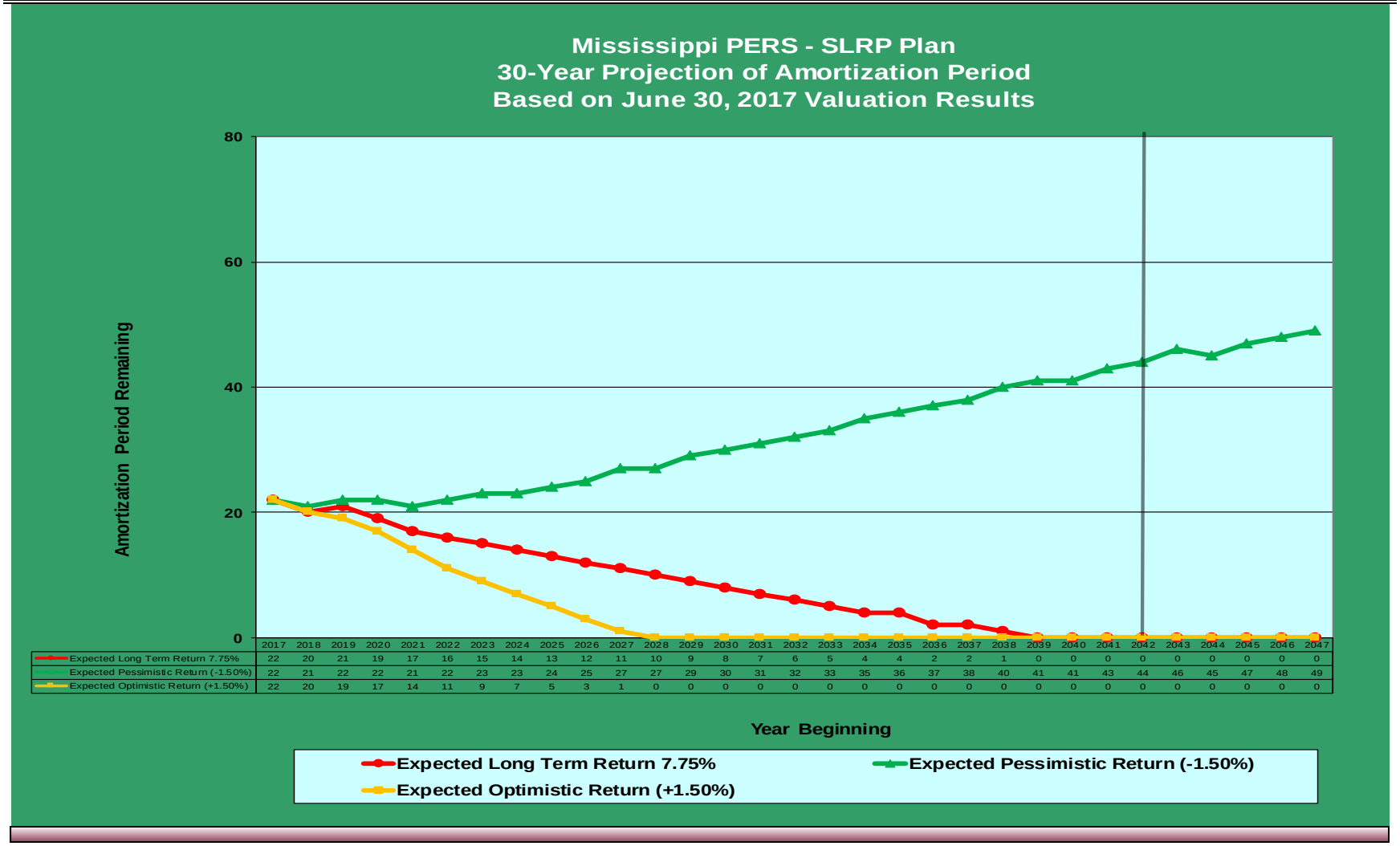

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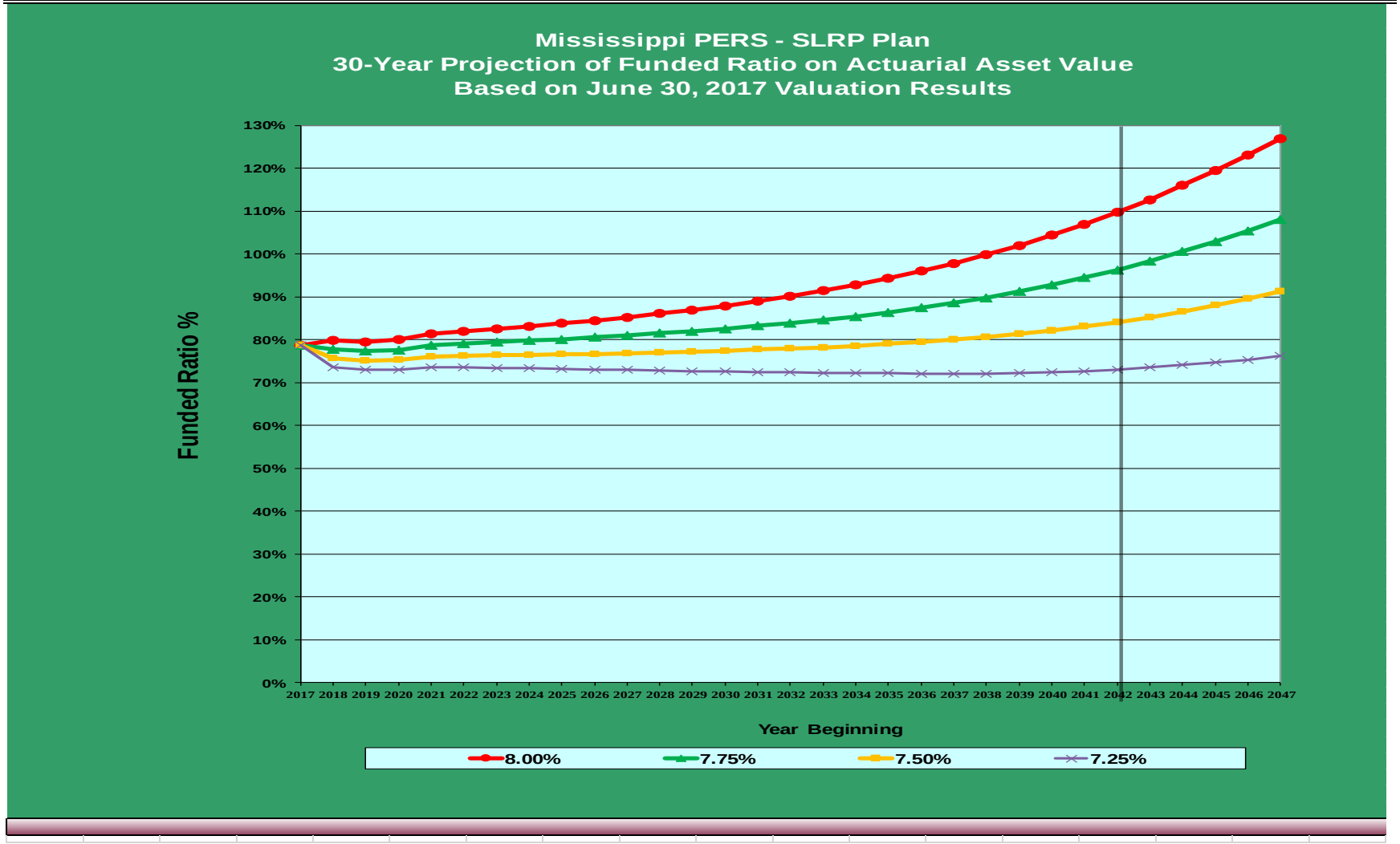
Section IV – SLRP Projection Results



Section V – Sensitivity Analysis

As mentioned earlier in the report, the intended purpose of the Projection Report is to help assess the Plan's funding progress and to provide information to decision makers to help ensure that the applicable pension liabilities and funding mechanisms are managed in a manner that promotes sustainability. The Projection Report process should be viewed as an enhancement to the actuarial valuation control cycle by providing additional evaluation metrics to assess the need for further, in-depth analysis of the risks to the Plan's sustainability. The actuarial valuation control cycle is a key component of managing a long-term liability whose ultimate value is based upon uncertain future events. As the ultimate value of future cash flows cannot be predicted with certainty, pension liabilities are managed in the short-term through the continuous monitoring of economic and demographic assumptions, with a keen eye on the identification, measurement, and management of risks.

The Projection Report process, like other actuarial modeling, is not intended to provide absolute results. The intended purpose of the Projection Report process is to identify anticipated trends and to compare various outcomes, under a given methodology, rather than predicting certain future events. The results produced by the Projection Report process do not predict the financial condition of the Plan or the Plan's ability to pay benefits in the future and do not provide any guarantee of future financial soundness of the Plan. Because actual experience will not unfold exactly as expected, actual results can be expected to differ from the results presented herein. To the extent actual experience deviates significantly from the assumptions, results could be significantly better or significantly worse than the expected outcome indicated in this report.

Actuarial assumptions are a key component of both the snapshot measurements in the actuarial valuation process and the projection of future valuation results. Actual experience can be expected to vary from year to year, even if the actuarial assumptions are met over the long term. The variability of certain key measures can have a significant impact on the date the Plan will reach full funding (actuarial value of assets equal to or greater than the actuarial accrued liability). The key variables include:

- Investment return
- Active membership growth
- Individual pay increases for active members

Of these variables, investment return is, by far, the most significant variable and the most volatile. The active membership growth and pay increase variables are also very important, but not nearly as significant as the investment return variable.

Section V – Sensitivity Analysis

In this section of the report, we will demonstrate the variability in achieving funding goals based on sensitivity around the three key variables listed above. Earlier in this section, we reviewed the projections if the long-term investment return assumption was lowered to rates below 7.75%. In this section, we keep the long-term investment return assumption at 7.75% but review the sensitivity of short-term investment returns as a single year event (and then 7.75% for all years thereafter) and simulate the next 5- or 10-year periods of return (and then 7.75% for all years thereafter).

Projected Funded Ratios in 2042

Single Year Event	PERS	HSPRS	SLRP
• 1.75% in 2018	55.1%	81.5%	91.3%
• 3.75% in 2018	60.1%	86.5%	97.4%
• 5.75% in 2018	65.1%	91.5%	103.6%
• 7.75% in 2018 (Baseline)	70.1%	96.5%	109.7%
• 9.75% in 2018	75.2%	101.6%	115.8%
• 11.75% in 2018	80.2%	106.6%	122.0%
• 13.75% in 2018	85.2%	111.6%	128.1%
• Simulate 2008 loss using -15% in 2018	Insolvency in 2048	39.4%	40.1%
Returns over next 5-Year Period*			
• Next five years equal to last five years (13.45%, 18.73%, 3.46%, 0.89%, 14.96%)	99.8%	126.3%	145.9%
Average Returns over next 10-Year Period (Simulated returns using mean and standard deviations from PERS' Investment Consultant's Capital Market Assumptions)**			
• 6.00%	36.5%	61.6%	68.1%
• 7.00%	55.6%	81.2%	91.7%
• 8.00%	81.2%	106.4%	122.7%

***6.00% Average Returns over the next 10-Year Period: 7.04%, 10.32%, 2.25%, 5.45%, 8.52%, 0.00%, 5.44%, 11.49%,-7.04%, 18.53%*
7.00% Average Returns over the next 10-Year Period: 3.61%, 20.67%,-0.02%, 11.58%,-4.84%, 8.13%, 18.10%, 2.04%, 0.83%, 12.67%
8.00% Average Returns over the next 10 Year Period: 9.00%, 9.01%, 16.24%, 4.84%, 16.62%, 6.78%,-3.74%, 6.19%, 18.57%,-1.19%

To put this table of funded ratios in perspective, the graphs on the next three pages provide the projection results of several of these sensitivity scenarios on short-term investment returns. We believe it demonstrates the importance of these continued projection reports and the continued monitor of this sensitivity analysis because short-term differences in investment returns can have a major impact on the projection of funded ratios.

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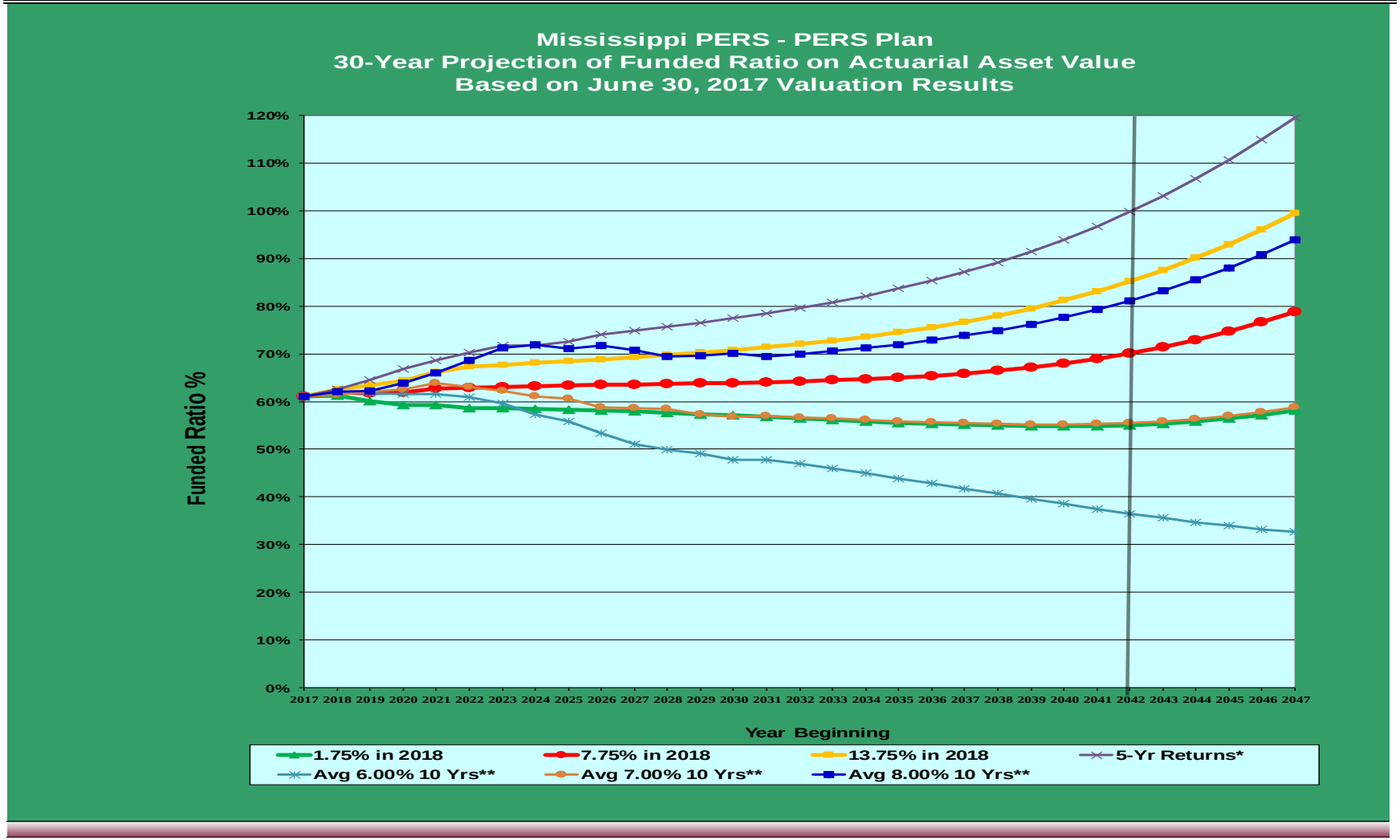

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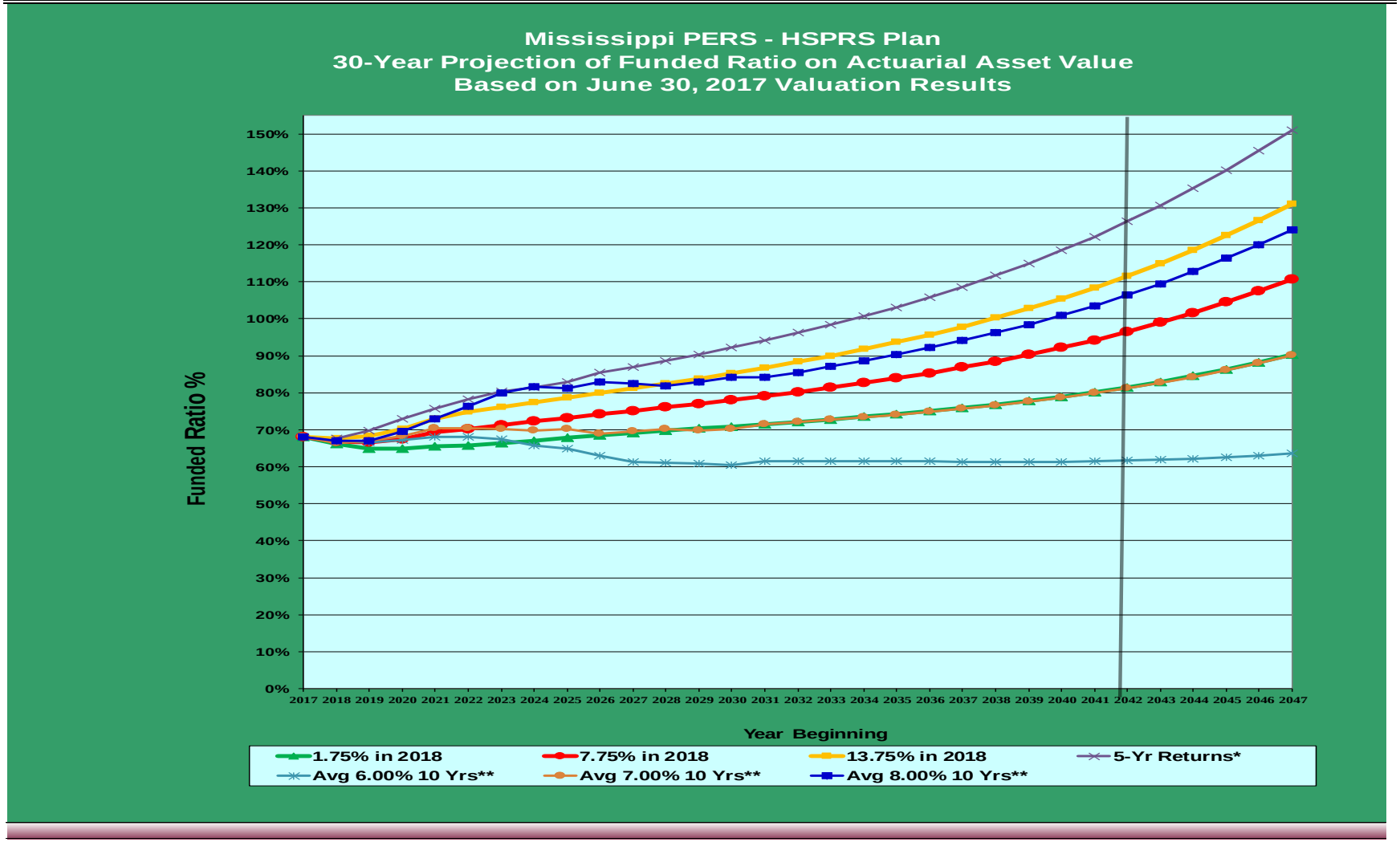

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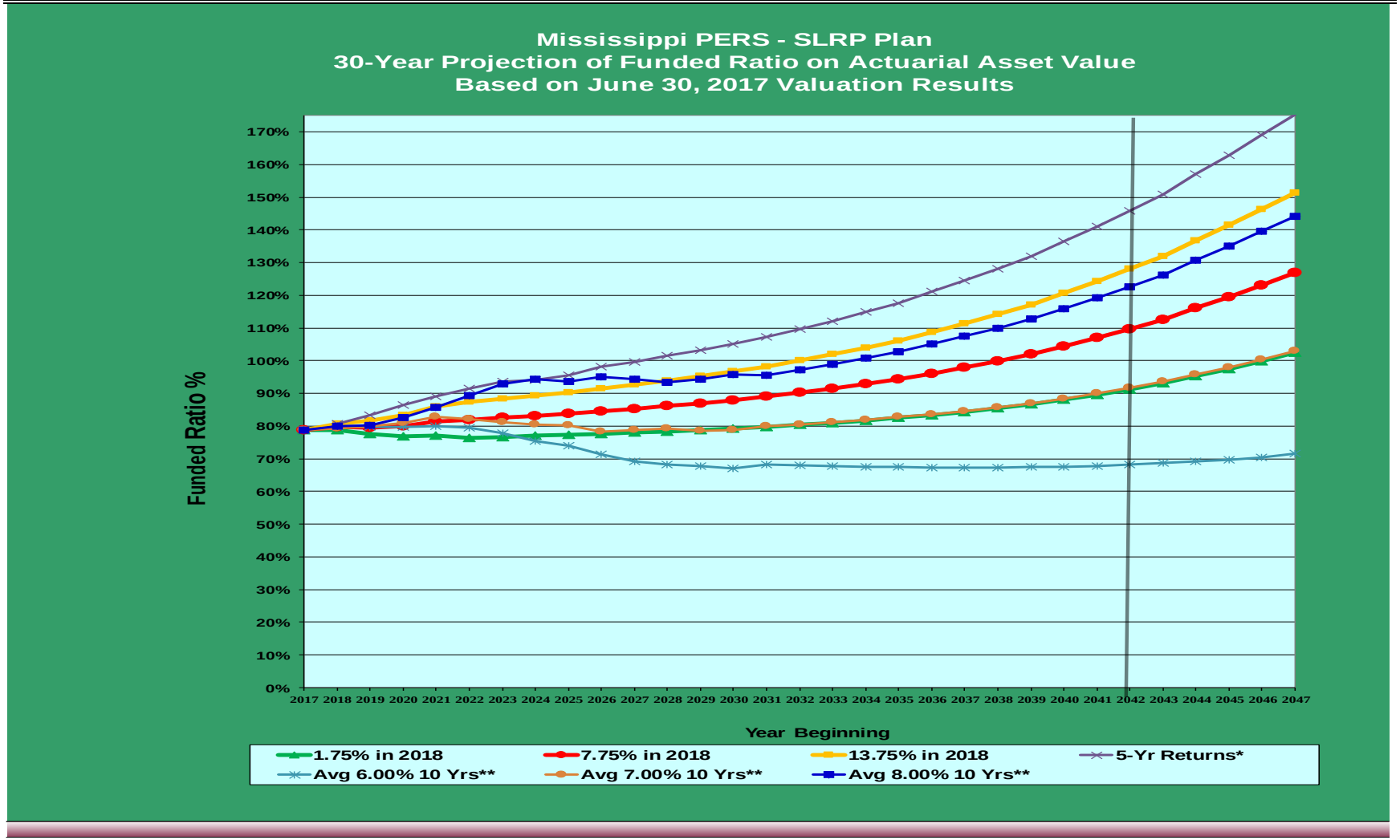

Section V – Sensitivity Analysis

While actual investment returns compared to that assumed is the most critical driver of funding, many other assumptions are used in the actuarial projections to review sensitivity. Variances in these other assumptions over the long-term may also have an impact on the funding of the Plan.

For the PERS and HSPRS plans, there have been significant decreases in active membership since 2008. In the baseline projections we assume a static population, meaning the active membership will be the same in each of the projection than it is in 2017. Since SLRP has a set number of active legislative members and should remain static over the projection period, we have not reviewed the sensitivity around this assumption.

As a result of the experience study presented in April, 2017, the Board adopted a reduction in the wage inflation assumption from 3.75% to 3.25%, which is 0.25% above the price inflation of 3.00%. Wage inflation is major component of the underlying salary increase assumptions, as well as the amortization of the Unfunded Accrued Liability which is based on the level percent of payroll amortization methodology.

In the table below, we review other alternatives to active membership growth and wage inflation assumptions:

Projected Funded Ratios in 2042

Active Membership Growth	PERS	HSPRS	SLRP
• Increase 0.50% each year	77.8%	101.1%	N/A
• Increase 0.25% each year	73.9%	98.8%	N/A
• Static Population (Baseline Assumption)	70.1%	96.5%	109.7%
• Decrease 0.25% each year	66.4%	94.3%	N/A
• Decrease 0.50% each year	62.7%	92.0%	N/A
Wage Inflation Assumptions			
• 2.75% (7.25% Discount Rate)	47.7%	74.0%	86.3%
• 3.00% (7.75% Discount Rate)	69.0%	97.1%	111.5%
• 3.25% (Baseline Assumption)	70.1%	96.5%	109.7%

Over a long projection period, gains and losses due to population growth and wage inflation assumptions will be relatively concentrated around the expected value of these assumptions. So, the impact of the sensitivity around these baseline assumptions is small when compared to the investment return assumption. We have included graphs of these sensitivity projections on the next three pages. As can be seen, only the lowering of wage inflation to 2.75% (price inflation to 2.50%) and investment return assumption to 2.75% has a major impact on the baseline projections. The sensitivity of the active membership growth is minor when compared to the investment sensitivity.

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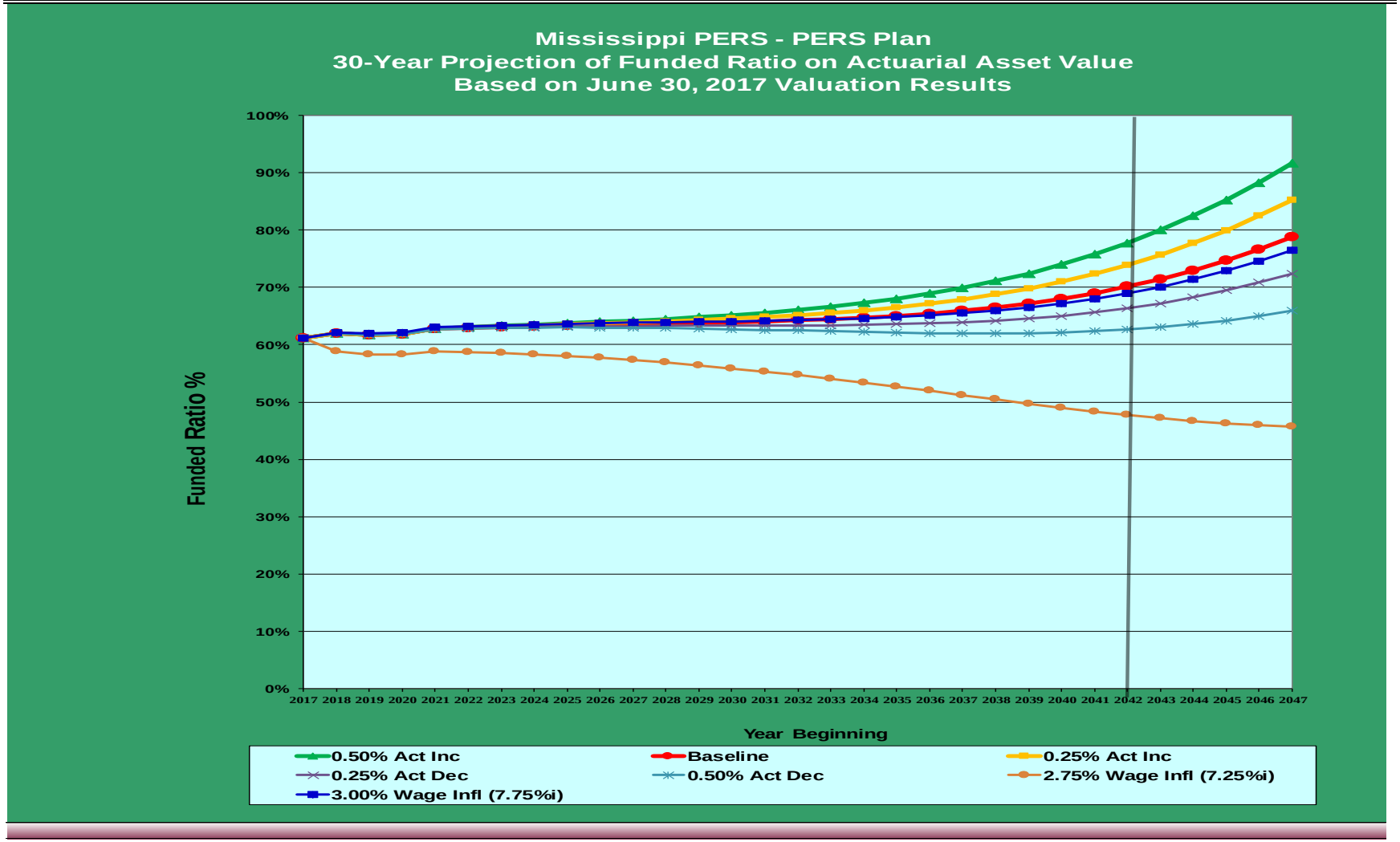

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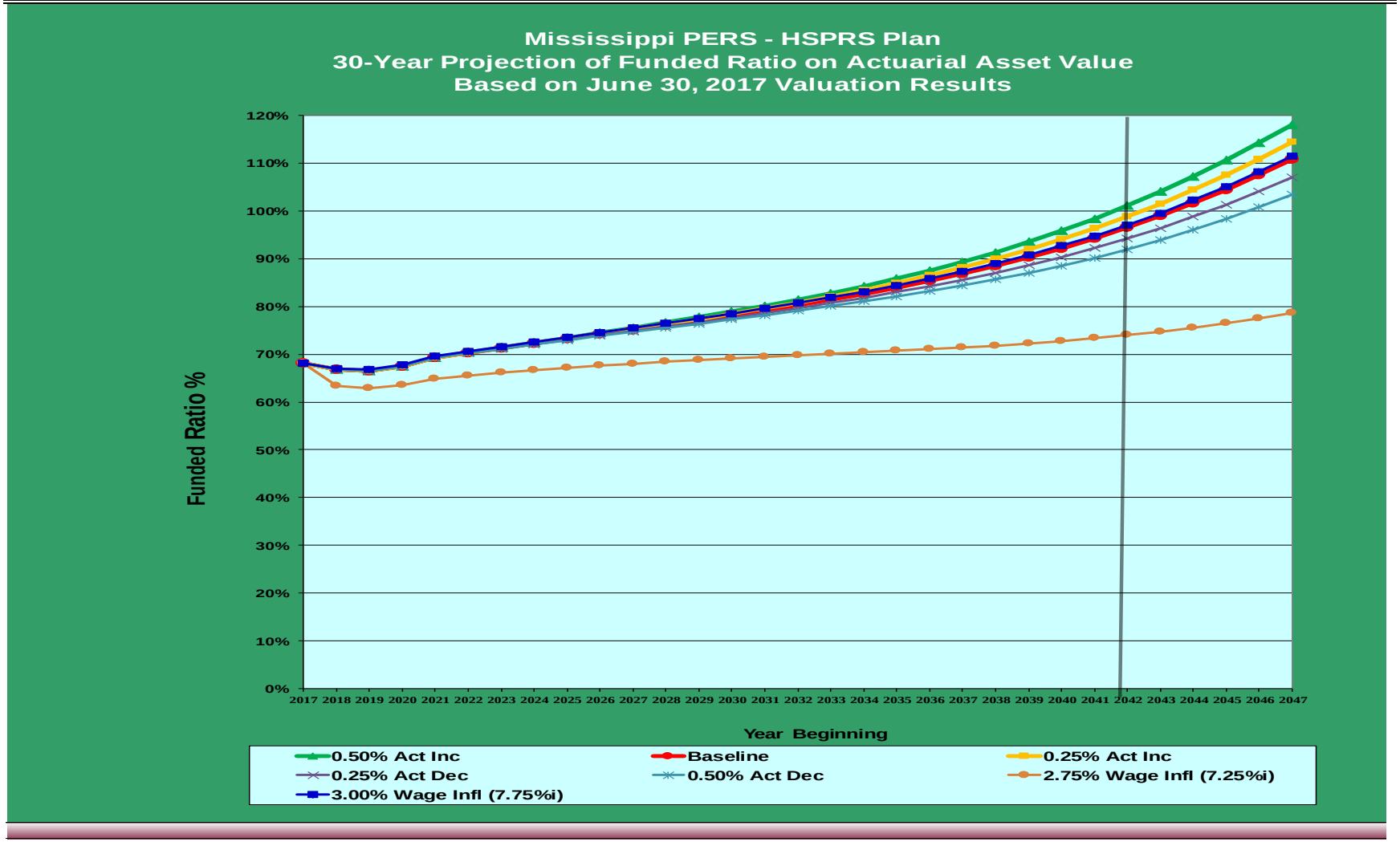

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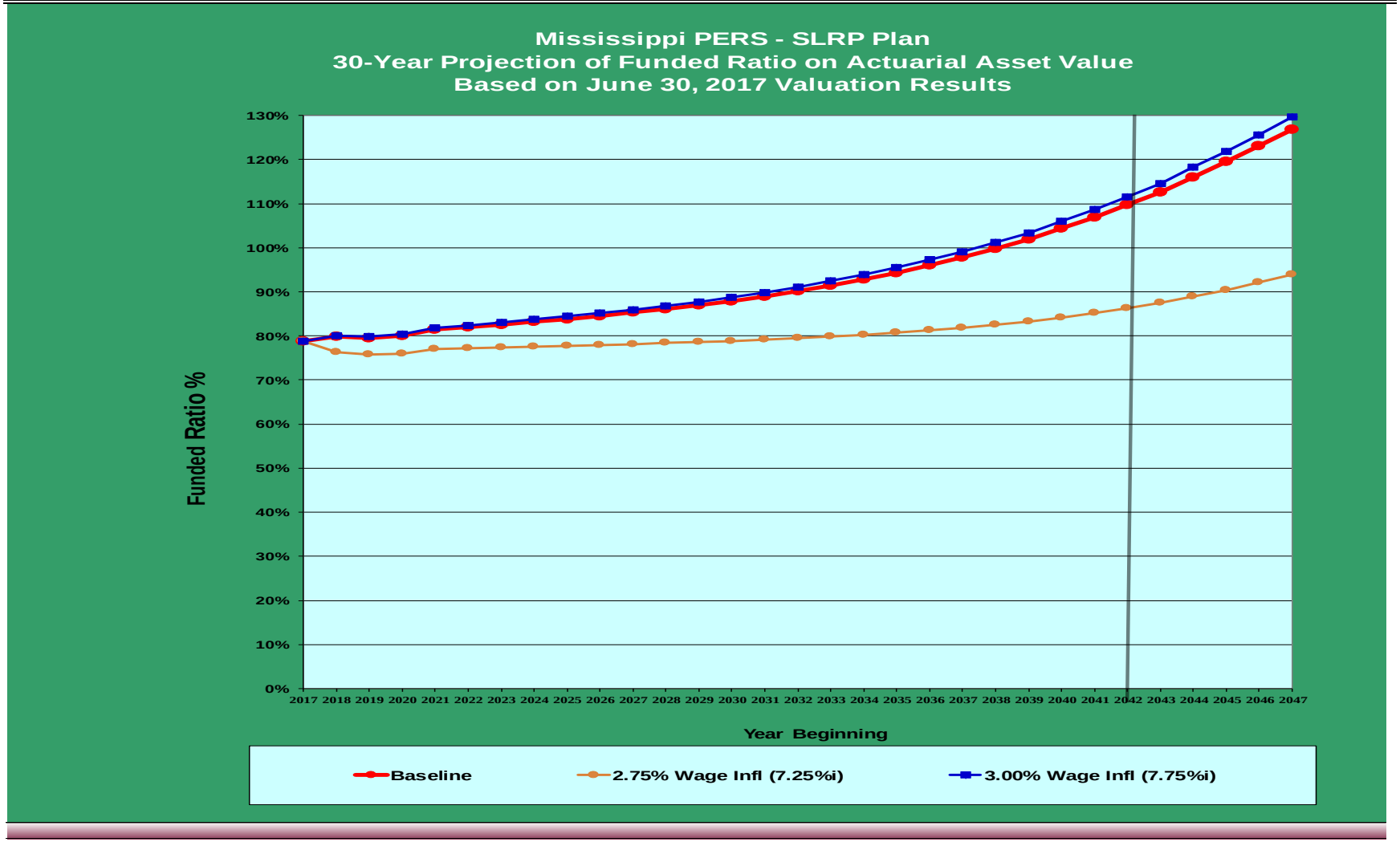

Section VI – Conclusion

PERS

Since the projected funded ratio in 2042 for the PERS' plan is 70.1% and is below the 75% benchmark for the second consecutive year, this result does not meet the funding goals and benchmarks set by the current PERS' funding policy and an increase in the employer contribution rate is necessary at this time. The contribution rate increase that is sufficient to generate a funded ratio of 85% in 2042 is 17.65%. **Therefore, the Board should recommend an increase in the PERS' employer contribution rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 from 15.75% to 17.65%.**

HSPRS

Utilizing the funding policy for HSPRS, with a fixed contribution rate of 49.08%% for the length of the projection period, the projection results for 2017 show that the Plan will have a funded ratio of 96.5% in 2042. **This result meets the funding goals and benchmarks set by the Board in the current funding policy and no change in the HSPRS employer contribution rate is necessary at this time.**

SLRP

Utilizing the funding policy for SLRP, with a fixed contribution rate of 7.40% for the length of the projection period, the projection results for 2017 show that the Plan will have a funded ratio of 109.7% in 2042. **This result meets the funding goals and benchmarks set by the Board in the current funding policy and no change in the SLRP employer contribution rate is necessary at this time.**

Although PERS' Systems experienced an above average investment return (14.96%) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, it wasn't enough to get the PERS projected funded ratios in 2042 above the 75% trigger. Going forward, short-term variations, both positive and negative, are to be expected given the volatility inherent in the actual investment return from year to year and should not elicit extreme concern without further analysis. Hopefully, with the addition of several actuarial metrics and sensitivity on the projection results, the Board will have more information on the trend of funded ratios for each of the Systems when making decisions in the future.

Appendix A – PERS Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

INTEREST RATE: 7.75% per annum, compounded annually (net of investment expense 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:

	Annual Rates of					
	Withdrawal and Vesting*		Death		Disability	
Age	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
20	25.00%	30.00%	0.0256%	0.0080%	0.010%	0.009%
25	18.00	18.25	0.0306	0.0085	0.012	0.011
30	11.50	12.00	0.0286	0.0107	0.017	0.014
35	8.50	8.75	0.0330	0.0141	0.036	0.017
40	6.75	7.00	0.0397	0.0195	0.110	0.070
45	6.25	6.00	0.0615	0.0324	0.230	0.140
50	6.25	6.00	0.1065	0.0543	0.290	0.220
55	6.25	6.00	0.1761	0.0811	0.500	0.380
60	6.25	6.00	0.2868	0.1137	0.530	0.410
65	6.25	6.00	0.4862	0.1694	0.200	0.150
70	6.25	6.00	0.7656	0.2850	0.200	0.150
74	6.25	6.00	1.1226	0.4322	0.200	0.150

	Annual Rates of Service Retirements			
	Male		Female	
Age	Under 25 Years of Service**	25 Years of Service and Over**	Under 25 Years of Service**	25 Years of Service and Over**
45		21.75%		17.50%
50		14.50		12.50
55		18.25		19.00
60	10.25%	19.50	13.00%	22.25
62	20.25	32.00	18.75	37.50
65	24.00	29.50	28.75	42.50
70	20.00	25.00	24.00	25.50
75	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

* For all ages, rates of 32.5% for 1st year of employment and 23.5% for 2nd year.
** For Tier 4 members, 30 years of service.

Appendix A – PERS Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

SALARY INCREASES: Representative values of the assumed annual rates of salary increases are as follows:

Service	Merit & Seniority	Annual Rates of Base (Economy)	Increase Next Year
0	15.25%	3.25%	18.50%
1	5.25	3.25	8.50
2	2.75	3.25	6.00
3	1.75	3.25	5.00
4	1.25	3.25	4.50
5-7	0.75	3.25	4.00
8-27	0.25	3.25	3.50
28 and Over	0.00	3.25	3.25

DEATH AFTER RETIREMENT: The mortality table, for post-retirement mortality, used in evaluating allowances to be paid is the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar 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 than 76, 95% for age 76, 105% for age 78 and 110% for ages 79 and greater. The RP-2014 Disabled Retiree 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 non-disability 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.

ACTIVE MEMBER DISABILITY ASSUMPTION: 7% of active member disabilities are assumed to be in the line of duty and 93% of active member disabilities are assume to not be in the line of duty.

ACTIVE MEMBER DEATH ASSUMPTION: 6% of active deaths are assumed to be in the line of duty and 94% of active member deaths are assumed to not be in the line of duty.

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ACTIVE MEMBER WITHDRAWAL ASSUMPTION: 60% of vested participants who terminate before retirement elect to receive a deferred benefit upon attaining the eligibility requirements for retirement. They are assumed to commence their benefit at age 60 for Tiers 1, 2 and 3 and age 62 for Tier 4. The remaining 40% elect to withdraw their contributions.

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

UNUSED SICK LEAVE: Assumed 0.50 years at retirement.

MILITARY SERVICE: For those who don't have a military service included in the data, we have assumed 0.20 years at retirement.

MAXIMUM COVERED EARNINGS ASSUMPTION GROWTH: 3.25%

AGE-LIMITED DISABILITY DECREMENTS: Assumed to turn off at age 60.

DEFERRED VESTEDS: Deferred vested benefits are assumed to commence at age 60 for Tiers 1, 2 and 3 and at age 65 for Tier 4.

ASSUMED INTEREST RATE ON EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS: 2.00%.

ASSET VALUATION METHOD: Actuarial value. 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.

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.

Appendix A – PERS Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

The employer contributions required to support the benefits of PERS 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 PERS. The accrued liability contribution amortizes the balance of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over a period of years from the valuation date.

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 annual rates of separation from active service are as follows:

		Death		Disability			
Age	Withdrawal and Vesting	Males	Females	Non-Duty	Duty	Service	Service Retirement*
25	5.60%	0.03%	0.01%	0.07%	0.00%	5	5%
30	4.00	0.03	0.01	0.09	0.01	10	5%
35	3.00	0.03	0.01	0.12	0.04	15	5%
40	2.00	0.04	0.02	0.15	0.05	20	5%
45	1.00	0.06	0.03	0.22	0.05	25	10%
50	1.00	0.11	0.05	0.38	0.04	30	25%
55	0.00	0.18	0.08	0.68	0.01	35	25%
60	0.00	0.29	0.11	1.16	0.00	40+	100%

* The annual rate of service retirement is 100% at age 61.

It is assumed that a member will be granted 1¾ years of service credit for unused leave at termination of employment. In addition, it is assumed that, on average, ¼ year of service credit for peace-time military service will be granted to each member.

SALARY INCREASES: Representative values of the assumed annual rates of salary increases are as follows:

	Annual Rates of		
Age	Merit & Seniority	Base (Economy)	Increase Next Year
20	5.56%	3.25%	8.81%
25	2.31	3.25	5.56
30	1.49	3.25	4.74
35	1.49	3.25	4.74
40	1.49	3.25	4.74
45	1.00	3.25	4.25
50	0.50	3.25	3.75
55	0.50	3.25	3.75
60	0.00	3.25	3.25

Appendix B – HSPRS Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

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 110% 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 non-disability 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 DECREMENT AND PAY INCREASES: Middle of Year.

ASSUMED INTEREST RATE ON EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS: 2.00%

MARRIAGE ASSUMPTION: 100% married with the husband three years older than his wife.

SURVIVING CHILD BENEFITS ASSUMPTION: A small load is applied for surviving children.

MAXIMUM COVERED EARNINGS ASSUMPTION GROWTH: 3.25%

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

ASSET VALUATION METHOD: Actuarial value. 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.

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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.

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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 HSPRS. The accrued liability contribution amortizes the balance of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over a period of years from the valuation date.

Appendix C – HSPRS History of Benefit Improvements

MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
History of Benefit Modifications

Fiscal Year Beginning	Benefit Modifications
July 1, 1958	• Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System created.
July 1, 1966	• Removed limit of $200 per month for disability retirement payments. • Eliminated reduction in retirement benefits resulting from Social Security payments. • Provided same survivor benefits to disability retirant's beneficiaries as those provided for service retirant's beneficiaries.
July 1, 1974	• Authorized military service credit (not to exceed 4 years maximum unless proof furnished member was retained by causes beyond his control).
July 1, 1975	• Provided additional benefit payments (13th Checks) to retired patrolmen. • Authorized payment of benefits to spouses and families of patrolmen who die after serving minimum period or who are killed in line of duty.
July 1, 1976	• Provided benefits to widows of highway patrolmen who were killed in line of duty prior to enactment of highway patrol retirement system.
July 1, 1977	• Provided that a highway patrolman who reenters service with the highway safety patrol may receive retirement credit for prior years upon repayment of amount refunded and interest from date of refund to repayment.
July 1, 1979	• Provided guaranty of benefits and maximum retirement allowance in the highway safety patrol retirement system.
July 1, 1980	• Provided a minimum service and disability retirement benefit for members of MHSPRS. • Provided any member who served in maritime service during periods of hostility in WWII shall be allowed credit for maritime service. • Provided all members who served in armed forces during war or military conflict or in maritime service during periods of hostility in WWII shall be allowed credit regardless of when they retired.
July 1, 1982	• Provided employer pickup of member contributions. • Increases additional payment (13th check) to 1/2 of annual percentage change of CPI not to exceed 2 1/2%.
July 1, 1984	• Provided that unused leave shall be treated as creditable service under MHSPRS.
July 1, 1985	• Increased 13th check to an amount equal to 2 1/2% of annual percentage change in CPI for years thru 6-30-85; and for subsequent years 100% of annual percentage change in CPI not to exceed 2 1/2%; provided an additional amount could be paid in increments of 1/4 of 1% to a maximum of 1 1/2% provided there were sufficient gains in excess of accrued liability.
July 1, 1986	• Reduced to 5 years the required years to qualify to retire at age 55. • Provided full retirement with 30 years creditable service regardless of age. • Reduced the number of years which determine average compensation to 4 highest consecutive years.

Appendix C – HSPRS History of Benefit Improvements

Fiscal Year Beginning	Benefit Modifications
	• 3% reduction in retirement allowance shall apply to the lesser of: each year of age below age 55 or each year less 30 years of creditable service. • Provided retirement allowance shall not exceed 85% of average compensation. • Provided mandatory retirement and termination of membership at age 60. • Provided no monthly benefit payment may be made for a period of time in excess of that allowed by federal law. • Provided an ad hoc increase of 3% to retirees who retired prior to July 1, 1986, and average compensation was based on 5 consecutive years of earned compensation instead of 4. • Provided that a retiree may elect by an irrevocable agreement to receive additional payment (13th check) in equal installments not to exceed 6 months. • Amended section 25-13-13 on death benefits to conform to section 25-13-11 allowing 5 year vesting by deleting 10 year requirement. • Provided a one-time early retirement for any member who had at least 20 years of creditable service; exempted early service retirement allowance from the 3% reduction if member is below age 55; allowance was based on current fiscal year's salary.
July 1, 1989	• Provided survivor benefits from day one of employment to a spouse and/or dependent children of a member who is either killed in the line of performance of duty or dies as a direct result.
July 1, 1990	• Amended section 25-13-11 to reduce from 30 to 25 numbers of years required for full retirement regardless of age. • Provided a 10% ad hoc increase in annual retirement allowance to retired members and beneficiaries with minimum benefits of $500.00 if retired with 15 or more years of service credit; $300.00 per month if retired with 10 or more but less than 15 years credit; $250.00 per month to anyone with less than 10 years credit; beneficiaries to receive a minimum of $250.00 per month. • Established options for service and disability retirees retiring 7-1-90 or later. • Provided an active member qualified for retirement may pre-select an option. • Provided option selection will take precedence over automatic survivor benefits.
July 1, 1991	• Allowed sworn agents of MS Bureau of Narcotics, who were employed by such bureau prior to December 1, 1990, regardless of age, may be employed as enforcement officers, if they meet all other qualifications. Those employed retain all compensatory, personal and sick leave accrued; • Provided cost-of-living payment (13th check) shall be cumulative to conform to PERS law. • Provided regular interest shall be credited annually to member's employee contribution account.
July 1, 1992	• Provided benefits to dependent children to age 23 if they remain in school.
July 1, 1997	• Allowed retired Highway Patrolmen to irrevocably elect to have COLA (13th check) paid in twelve (12) equal installments.

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July 1, 1999	• Provide that if the member and beneficiary die before having received in benefits an amount equal to the total of the contributions and accrued interest of the member at the time of death, that the balance will be refunded to the designated beneficiary or by statutory succession. • Provided that payment of death benefits shall be in accordance with the statutory provisions set forth as of the date of death of the member. • Authorized a retiree who retired before or after July 1, 1999, to be eligible for the same "pop-up" and "pop-down" provisions of PERS; and recalculates the benefits of those retirees who selected Option 5 "pop-up" protection. • Authorized an ad hoc benefit adjustment to each member of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System (MHSPRS) retired on or before July 1, 1999, in the amount of $3.50 per month for each full fiscal year of retirement through June 30, 1999, plus $1.00 per month for each year of service credit used in the calculation of benefits. • Removed from consideration in the base COLA the requirement that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) have increased by at least 2 ½%. • Provided that a prorated portion of the annual adjustment will be paid to the beneficiary or estate of any member or beneficiary who is receiving the annual adjustment in a lump sum, but who dies between July 1 and December 1 in those cases where no more monthly benefits will be paid after the member's or beneficiary's death. This prorated portion will be equal to the amount that such recipient would have received had he or she elected to receive the annual adjustment for the year on a monthly basis.
July 1, 2000	• Deleted the maximum option where no additional benefits are payable after death. The statute retains Option 9, which provides a maximum option with a 50% survivor benefit with no reduction in the member's retirement allowance. • Provided for a new retirement option that would allow a member who is eligible for an unreduced retirement benefit to select a partial lump-sum option at retirement. • **Allowed the Cost of Living Adjustment to be calculated on all full fiscal years in retirement, not just the years since the retirant's last retirement.** • Provided for the same service credit for active duty, as is allowed in PERS and is no longer limited to active duty service during times of conflict. This amendment applies to all persons who have retired from the Highway Patrol and who qualify for such credit, whether they retired before or after July 1, 2000. This provision, however, did not require any back payments. • Changed the maximum limitation on the retirement benefit from 85% of the average compensation regardless of the years of service to 100% of the average compensation.
July 1, 2002	• Provided that Option 4-C, Social Security Leveling Option, will no longer be available to members retiring on or after July 1, 2004. • Provided that any member who has five years of service (reduced from 10 years) may apply for a regular non-duty related disability retirement allowance.

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Fiscal Year Beginning	Benefit Modifications
	• Provided for a compounded COLA, based on 3% of the retirement allowance for each full fiscal year in retirement with the 3% compounding beginning at age 60; to further provide that the age at which the compounding begins will be reduced gradually to age 55 as such can be accomplished without causing the unfunded accrued liability amortization period to exceed 20 years; to further provide that a pro-rated share of the lump-sum COLA will be paid if a benefit terminates before December 1 of the fiscal year. Also, allows the Board to grant a change in the manner the COLA is paid if a hardship is shown.
July 1, 2004	• Conformed the MHSPRS COLA section (except for the age of compounding) to the provisions in PERS. • Eliminated the re-marriage penalty which terminates a spouse's benefit, currently provided in subsections (1) and (3), upon his/her remarriage. This amendment also allows those spouses whose benefits have been previously terminated to apply to have the benefits reinstated prospectively.
July 1, 2008	• Allowed a retroactive effective date (up to 3 months) for retirees who revert from Option 2 or Option 4A to the maximum option following the death of the named beneficiary.
July 1, 2011	• Option 4, a 75% joint and survivor annuity, made available to members who retire on or after July 1, 2011 • For members hired on or after July 1, 2011, the mandatory retirement age was increased from age 60 to age 63.
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 early retirement formula shall be reduced by an actuarially determined percentage or factor (rather than a fixed 3%) for each year of age below 55 or for each year of service below 25, whichever is less.

Appendix D – SLRP 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:

	Annual Rate of Death		
Age	Male	Female	Disability*
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.

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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 110% 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 non-disability 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.

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.

ASSET VALUATION METHOD: Actuarial value. 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.

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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.

Appendix E – Board Funding Policies

Funding Policy for PERS and SLRP

The purpose of the funding policy is to state the overall funding goals for the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi and the Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan (jointly referred to as "System" in this policy), 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 60 percent in 2042 or if the projected funded ratio is projected to be less than 75 percent in 2042 following two consecutive annual projection reports, 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 following two consecutive annual projection reports, 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.

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.

Appendix E – Board Funding Policies

Funding Policy for HSPRS

The purpose of the funding policy is to state the overall funding goals for the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System (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.

I. Funding Goals

The objective in requiring employer and member contributions 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 funded ratio is projected to be less than 60 percent in 2042 or if the funded ratio is projected to be less than 70 percent following three consecutive annual projection reports, a contribution rate increase will be determined that is sufficient to generate a funded ratio of 90 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 following three consecutive annual projection reports, 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 reaches a level that triggers a change in contribution rates. The initial employer contribution rate set under this policy as revised June 19, 2013 is 37.00 percent of active member payroll effective July 1, 2013. This contribution rate will increase to 49.08 percent of active member payroll effective July 1, 2018.
- **Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) amortization period** - The amortization period for the System's UAAL should be declining over time.

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 of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS).

The actuarial assumptions used will be those last adopted by the PERS 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 PERS 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.