#### ASSESSORS' RETIREMENT FUND

ACTUARIAL VALUATION AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are pleased to present our report on the actuarial valuation of the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Our report is based on the actuarial assumptions specified and relies on the data supplied by the system's administrators and accountants. This report was prepared at the request of the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund of the State of Louisiana. The primary purpose of this report is to determine the actuarially required contribution for the retirement system for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and to recommend the net direct employer contribution rate for Fiscal 2018. This report does not contain the information necessary for accounting disclosures as required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements 67 and 68; that information is included in a separate report. This report was prepared exclusively for the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund for a specific limited purpose. It is not for the use or benefit of any third party for any purpose.

In our opinion, all of the assumptions on which this valuation is based are reasonable individually and in the aggregate. Both economic and demographic assumptions are based on our expectations for future experience for the fund. This report has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices, and to the best of our knowledge and belief, fairly reflects the actuarial present values and costs stated herein. The undersigned actuaries are members of the American Academy of Actuaries and have met the qualification standards for the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinions incorporated in this report, and are available to provide further information or answer any questions with respect to this valuation.

Sincerely,

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#### SUMMARY OF VALUATION RESULTS ASSESSORS' RETIREMENT FUND

| Valuation Date:          |                                       | Septe | ember 30, 2016 | Septe | ember 30, 2015 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|
| Census Summary:          | Active Members                        |       | 772            |       | 757            |
| Consus Summing.          | Retired Members and Survivors         |       | 556            |       | 544            |
|                          | Terminated Due a Deferred Benefit     |       | 10             |       | 13             |
|                          | Terminated Due a Refund               |       | 84             |       | 79             |
| Payroll:                 |                                       | \$    | 43,573,217     | \$    | 41,689,719     |
| Benefits in Payment:     |                                       | \$    | 19,561,454     | \$    | 18,432,197     |
| Present Value of Future  | Benefits                              | \$    | 482,314,477    | \$    | 462,585,043    |
| Actuarial Accrued Liabi  | ility (EAN):                          | \$    | 378,520,063    | \$    | 362,594,812    |
| Frozen Unfunded Actua    | rial Accrued Liability:               | \$    | 9,593,206      | \$    | 12,221,554     |
| Funding Deposit Accou    | •                                     | \$    | 31,866,114     | \$    | 21,170,541     |
| Actuarial Asset Value (A | AVA):                                 | \$    | 351,549,680    | \$    | 319,630,048    |
| Market Value of Assets   | (Includes side funds)                 | \$    | 343,233,124    | \$    | 310,262,528    |
| Ratio of AVA to Actuar   | ial Accrued Liability:                |       | 92.87%         |       | 88.15%         |
|                          |                                       |       | Fiscal 2016    |       | Fiscal 2015    |
| Market Rate of Return:   |                                       |       | 8.8%           |       | -1.7%          |
| Actuarial Rate of Return | 1:                                    |       | 8.2%           |       | 7.4%           |
|                          |                                       |       | Fiscal 2017    |       | Fiscal 2016    |
| Employers' Normal Cos    | st (Mid-year):                        | \$    | 11,473,693     | \$    | 11,543,891     |
| Amortization Cost (Mid   | • •                                   | \$    | 3,485,851      | \$    | 3,367,972      |
| Estimated Administrativ  | ve Cost                               | \$    | 369,420        | \$    | 298,435        |
| Projected Ad Valorem 7   | Tax Contributions                     | \$    | 12,889,173     | \$    | 12,838,130     |
| Projected Revenue Shar   | ing Funds                             | \$    | 350,967        | \$    | 351,109        |
| Net Direct Employer Ac   | ctuarially Required Contributions:    | \$    | 2,088,824      | \$    | 2,021,059      |
| Projected Payroll:       |                                       | \$    | 44,517,916     | \$    | 42,544,277     |
| Actual Employee Contra   | ibution Rate:                         |       | 8.00%          |       | 8.00%          |
| Actual Net Direct Empl   | oyer Contribution Rate:               |       | 10.00%         |       | 13.50%         |
| Actuarially Required No  | et Direct Employer Contribution Rate: |       | 4.69%          |       | 4.75%          |
|                          |                                       |       | Fiscal 2018    |       | Fiscal 2017    |
| Minimum Recommende       | ed Net Direct Employer Cont. Rate:    |       | 4.75%          |       | 4.75%          |

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#### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

The values and calculations in this report were determined by applying statistical analysis and projections to system data and the assumptions listed. There is sometimes a tendency for readers to either dismiss results as mere "guesses" or alternatively ascribe absolute accuracy. In fact, neither of these descriptions is valid. Actuarial calculations by their very nature involve estimations. As such, it is likely that eventual results will differ from those presented. The degree to which such differences evolve will depend on several factors including the completeness and accuracy of data used; the degree to which assumptions approximate future experience and the extent to which the mathematical model accurately describes the plan's design and future outcomes.

Data quality varies from system to system and year to year. The data inputs involve both asset information and census information of plan participants. In both cases, the actuary must rely on third parties; nevertheless, steps are taken to reduce the probability and degree of errors. The development of assumptions is primarily the task of the actuary; however, information and advice from plan administrators, staff and other professionals may be factored into the formation of assumptions. The process of setting assumptions is based primarily on analysis of past trends, but modification of historical experience is often required when the actuary has reason to believe that future circumstances may vary significantly from the past. Setting assumptions includes but is not limited to collecting past plan experience and studying general population demographics and economic factors from the past. The actuary will also consider current and future macro-economic and financial expectations as well as factors that are likely to impact the particular group under consideration. Hence, assumptions will also reflect the actuary's judgment in such areas as expectation of population increase and turnover for the plan in view of the particular factors which impact participants. Thus, the process of setting assumptions is not mere "guess work" but rather a process of mathematical analysis of past experience and of those factors likely to impact the future.

One area where the actuary is limited in his ability to develop accurate estimates is the projection of future investment earnings. The difficulties here are significant. First, the future is rarely like the past, and the data points available to develop stochastic trials are far fewer than the amount required for statistical significance. In this area, some guess work is inevitable. However, there are tools available to lay a foundation for making estimates with an expectation of reliability. Although past data is limited, that which is available is likely to provide some insight into the future. This data consists of general economic and financial values such as past rates of inflation, rates of return variance, and correlations of returns among various asset classes along with the actual asset experience of the plan. In addition, the actuary can review the current asset market environment as well as economic forecasts from governmental and investment research groups to form a reasonable opinion with regard to probable future investment experience for the plan.

All of the above process would be in vain if the assumption process was static, and the plan would have to deal with the consequences of actual experience differing from assumptions after forty or fifty years of compounded errors. Fortunately, actuarial funding methods for pension plans all allow for periodic corrections of assumptions to conform with reality as it unfolds. This process of repeated correction of estimates produces results which although imperfect are nevertheless a reasonable approach to determine the level of funding and to provide for the future benefits of plan participants.

#### **COMMENTS ON DATA**

For the valuation, the administrative staff of the system furnished a census on electronic media derived from the system's master data processing file indicating each active covered employee's sex, date of birth, service credit, annual salary, and accumulated contributions. Information on retirees detailing dates of birth of retirees and beneficiaries, as well as option categories and benefit amounts, was provided in like manner. In addition, data was supplied on former employees who are vested or who have contributions remaining on deposit. As illustrated in Exhibit X, there are 772 active members in the system of whom 301 members have vested retirement benefits; 556 former members or their beneficiaries are receiving retirement benefits. An additional 94 terminated members have contributions remaining on deposit with the system; of this number, 10 have vested rights for future retirement benefits. All participant data is as of September 30, 2016. All individuals submitted were included in the valuation.

Census data submitted to our office is tested for errors. Several types of census data errors are possible; to ensure that the valuation results are as accurate as possible, a significant effort is made to identify and correct these errors. In order to minimize coverage errors (i.e., missing or duplicated individual records) the records are checked for duplicates, and a comparison of the current year's records to those submitted in prior years is made. Changes in status, new records, and previous records, which have no corresponding current record, are identified. This portion of the review indicates the annual flow of members from one status to another and is used to check some of the actuarial assumptions, such as retirement rates, rates of withdrawal, and mortality. In addition, the census is checked for reasonableness in several areas, such as age, service, salary, and current benefits. The records identified by this review as questionable are checked against data from prior valuations; those not recently verified are included in a detailed list of items sent to the system's administrator for verification and/or correction. Once the identified data has been researched and verified or corrected, it is returned to us for use in the valuation. Occasionally some requested information is either unavailable or impractical to obtain. In such cases, values may be assigned to missing data. The assigned values are based on information from similar records or based on information implied from other data in the record.

In addition to the statistical information provided on the system's participants, the system's administrator furnished general information related to other aspects of the system's expenses, benefits and funding. Valuation asset values as well as income and expenses for the fiscal year were based on information furnished by the system's auditor, the firm of Hawthorne, Waymouth, and Carroll, L.L.P. As indicated in the system's audit report, the net market value of system's assets was \$343,233,124 as of September 30, 2016. Net investment income for Fiscal 2016 measured on a market value basis was \$27,531,480. Contributions to the system for the fiscal year totaled \$27,955,230; benefits and expenses amounted to \$22,516,114.

Notwithstanding our efforts to review both census and financial data for apparent errors, we must rely upon the system's administrative staff and accountants to provide accurate information. Our review of submitted information is limited to validation of reasonableness and consistency. Verification of submitted data to source information is beyond the scope of our efforts.

#### COMMENTS ON ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS

This valuation is based on the Frozen Attained Age Normal actuarial cost method with the unfunded accrued liability frozen as of September 30, 1989. Under the provisions of Louisiana R.S. 11:103 the unfunded accrued liability which was determined to be \$27,874,011 as of September 30, 1989, was amortized over forty years with payments increasing at 3.5% per year. Payroll growth in excess of 3.5% per year will reduce future amortization payments as a percent of payroll; payroll growth less than 3.5% will increase future payments as a percent of payroll. Under the Frozen Attained Age Normal Cost Method, actuarial gains and losses are spread over future normal costs. Thus, favorable plan experience will lower future normal costs; unfavorable experience will cause future normal costs to increase. In addition, changes in benefits and assumptions are also spread over future normal costs.

Prior to the passage of Act 296 in the 2009 legislative session, as outlined by R. S. 11:105, in any year in which the net direct employer contribution was scheduled to decrease, the Board of Trustees could freeze the net direct employer contribution rate and use the excess funds collected, if any, to reduce the frozen unfunded actuarial accrued liability. Also, in any year in which the Board elected to increase contributions pursuant to R.S. 11:106 the excess funds, if any, were used to reduce the system's frozen unfunded actuarial accrued liability. Notwithstanding such a decrease, payments were made according to the regular amortization schedule, thereby reducing the amortization period. Such additional unfunded liability payments of \$791,748; \$101,831; \$538,661; \$1,020,879; \$2,890,530; and \$7,988,122 were made in Fiscal 1999, Fiscal 2000, Fiscal 2003, Fiscal 2006, Fiscal 2007, and Fiscal 2008 respectively. In addition, the Board of Trustees voted to maintain the net direct employer contribution rate at 13.50% for fiscal years 2009 through 2015 instead of lowering the rate to the minimum recommended employer contribution rate for those years. These freezes resulted in additional collections totaling \$13,968,371 over the six fiscal years, which under the provisions of Act 296 were credited to the Funding Deposit Account. For Fiscal 2016, the contribution rate was set at 10.00%; the additional funds collected, amounting to \$9,213,635, were also credited to the Funding Deposit Account.

The current year actuarial assumptions utilized for this report are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2014, unless otherwise specified in this report. In determining the valuation interest rate, consideration was given to several factors. First consensus estimates of rates of return, standard deviations, and correlation coefficients for asset classes derived from various asset consulting firms were developed. These factors were used to derive forward estimates of the Fund's portfolio earnings rate. Consideration was also given to the 2015 report of the Bogdahn Group on future expected rates of return for the current portfolio asset allocation. This report projected future average portfolio nominal returns of 8.43%. Our review of reasonable return expectations based on the current asset allocation and the assumed rate of inflation of 2.5% produced a range of results from 5.26% to 7.66%. Based on the results of this interest rate assumption review and a desire to reduce the long-term risk of the retirement fund, the assumed rate of return for the valuation set at 7.0% as of September 30, 2016. An inflation rate of 2.5% was implicit in both the assumed rate of return and rate of salary increases. Additional details are given in the complete Experience Report for fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

Although the Board of Trustees has authority to grant ad hoc Cost of Living Increases (COLAs) under limited circumstances, these COLAs have not been shown to have a historical pattern, the amounts of the COLAs have not been relative to a defined cost-of-living or inflation index, and there is no evidence to conclude that COLAs will be granted on a predictable basis in the future. Therefore, for purposes of determining the present value of benefits, these COLAs were deemed not to be substantively automatic and the present value of benefits excludes COLAs not previously granted by the Board of Trustees.

The current year actuarial assumptions utilized for the report are outlined on pages thirty-nine through forty-three. With the exception of the assumptions described above, all assumptions were the same as those used in the Fiscal 2015 valuation. All assumptions used are based on estimates of future long-term experience for the fund. All calculations, recommendations, and conclusions are based on the assumptions specified. To the extent that prospective experience differs from that assumed, adjustments to contribution levels will be required. Such differences will be revealed in future actuarial valuations.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

Defined benefit pension plans are subject to a number of risks. These can be related either to plan assets or liabilities. In order to pay benefits, the plan must have sufficient assets. Several factors can lead to asset levels which are below those required to pay promised benefits. The first risk in this regard is the failure to contribute adequate funds to the plan. In some ways, this is the greatest risk, since other risks can usually be addressed by adequate actuarial funding.

All pension plans are subject to asset performance risk. Asset performance is comprised of the real rates of return earned on the portfolio of investments plus the underlying inflation rate. High levels of inflation or deflation can present the plan with problems by either reducing the purchasing power of plan benefits or impairing asset values in the trust. Asset performance over the long run depends not only on average returns but also on the volatility of returns. Two portfolios of identical size with identical average rates of return will accumulate different levels of assets if the volatility of returns differs since increased volatility reduces the accumulation of assets. Another element of asset risk is reinvestment risk. Recent interest rate declines have subjected pension plans to an increase in this risk. As fixed income securities have matured, investment managers have been forced to reinvest funds at decreasing rates of return. For pension plans which require significant net cash flow above contributions to fund benefit payments, the risk of insufficient liquidity is another risk component which can create problems if it becomes necessary to sell securities under unfavorable market conditions in order to raise cash necessary to pay retirement benefits. Even for individual securities, insolvency and performance risk can subject a plan to stress if these investments comprise a significant portion of plan assets. Security insolvency or severe underperformance can result in steep increases in sponsor contributions where individual investments comprise more than a de minimis amount of the investment portfolio.

In addition to asset risk, the plan is also subject to risks related to liabilities. These risks include longevity risk (the risk that retirees will live longer than expected), termination risk (the risk that fewer than the anticipated number of members will terminate service prior to retirement), and other factors that may have an impact on the liability structure of the plan. Final average compensation plans are vulnerable to unexpectedly large increases in salary for individual members near retirement. Conversely, in cases where plans have large unfunded liabilities, payroll contraction is a risk insofar as contributions which are typically reported as a percentage of payroll may increase as payrolls decline. Liability risk also includes items such as data errors. Significant errors in plan data can distort or disguise plan liabilities. When data corrections are made, the plan may experience unexpected increases or decreases in liabilities. Even natural disasters and dislocations in the economy or other unforeseen events can present risks to the plan. These events can affect member payroll and plan demographics, both of which impact costs.

Recommended actuarial contributions are based on expectations related to asset and liability performance; all of the above mentioned factors can produce unexpected changes in the future cost structures of the plan. For this reason, future costs may differ significantly from current levels. Ordinarily, variations in these factors will offset to some extent. However, even with the expectation that not all variations in costs will likely travel in the same direction, certain factors have the potential on their own accord to pose a significant risk to future cost levels and solvency.

Beyond identifying risk categories, it is possible to quantify some risk factors. One fairly well known risk metric is the funded ratio of the plan. The rate is given as plan assets divided by plan liabilities. However, the definition of each of these terms may vary. The two typical alternatives used for assets are the market and actuarial value of assets. There are a number of alternative measures of liability depending on the funding method employed. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) specifies that for financial reporting purposes, the funded ratio is determined by using the market value of assets divided by the entry age normal accrued liability. This value is given in the system's financial report. Alternatively, we have calculated the ratio of the actuarial value of assets to the entry age normal accrued liability based on the funding methodology used to fund the plan. The ratio is 92.87% as of September 30, 2016. This value gives some indication of the financial strength of the plan; however, it does not guarantee the ability of the fund to pay benefits in the future or indicate that in the future, contributions are likely to be less than or greater than current contributions. In addition, the ratio cannot be used in isolation to compare the relative strength of different retirement systems. However, the trend of this ratio over time can give some insight into the financial health of the plan. Even in this regard, caution is warranted since market fluctuations in asset values and changes in plan assumptions can distort underlying trends in this value. One additional risk measure is the sensitivity of the plan's cost structure to asset gains and losses. For this plan, we have determined that based on current assets and demographics, for each percentage under (over) the assumed rate of return on the actuarial value of assets, there will be a corresponding increase (reduction) in the actuarially required contribution as a percentage of projected payroll of 0.78% for the fund.

The ability of a system to recover from adverse asset or liability performance is related to the maturity of the plan population. In general, plans with increasing active membership are less sensitive to asset and liability gains and losses than mature plans since changes in plan costs can be partially allocated to new members. If the plan has a large number of active members compared to retirees, asset or liability losses can be more easily addressed. As more members retire, contributions can only be collected from a smaller segment of the overall plan population. Often, population ratios of actives to annuitants are used to measure the plan's ability to adjust or recover from adverse events since contributions are made by or on behalf of active members but not for retirees. Thus, if the plan suffers a mortality loss through increased longevity, this will affect both actives and retirees, but the system can only fund this loss by contributions related to active members. A measure of risk related to plan maturity is the ratio of total benefit payments to active payroll. For Fiscal 2016, this ratio is 45%; ten years ago this ratio was 32%.

One other area of risk is the risk that plan assumptions will need to be revised to conform to changing actual or expected plan experience. Such assumption revisions could relate to demographic or economic factors. With regard to the economic assumptions, we have determined that a reduction in the valuation interest rate by 1% (without any change to other collateral factors) would increase the actuarially required employer contribution rate for Fiscal 2017 by 12.09% of payroll.

There is a risk that future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from current measurements presented in this report due to factors such as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions, changes in economic or demographic assumption, completion of amortization payment and credit schedules, and changes in plan provisions or applicable law. Analysis of the effect of all these factors and additional risk metrics is beyond the scope of this report.

#### CHANGES IN PLAN PROVISIONS

The following statutes affecting the retirement system were enacted during the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature:

**ACT 176** provides that the actuarial note for any bill prefiled at least 45 days prior to a regular session of the legislature shall be completed and filed at least five days prior to the convening of that session.

**ACT 410** requires the executive director or person holding the equivalent position of each state or statewide retirement system to file a Tier 2.1 personal financial statement.

**ACT 460** requires that at least every five years the legislative auditor report to the legislature comparative summaries of each system's reported actuarial assumptions and funded ratio and his findings as to the appropriateness of each system's assumptions.

**ACT 621** places a member of the House Committee on Retirement appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives as a trustee on each of the Boards of the state and statewide retirement systems, instead of the chairman of the House Committee on Retirement.

#### ASSET EXPERIENCE

The actuarial and market rates of return for the past ten years are given below. These investment rates of return were determined by assuming a uniform distribution of income and expense throughout the fiscal year.

| Market Value | Actuarial Value                          |
|--------------|--|
| 14.7%        | 12.1%                                    |
| -13.7%       | 1.9%                                     |
| 6.6%         | 6.8%                                     |
| 7.7%         | 5.1%                                     |
| -1.2%        | 2.6%                                     |
| 18.4%        | 3.5%                                     |
|              | 14.7%<br>-13.7%<br>6.6%<br>7.7%<br>-1.2% |

| 2013 | 13.4% | 9.2% |
|------|-------|------|
| 2014 | 9.1%  | 9.8% |
| 2015 | -1.7% | 7.4% |
| 2016 | 8.8%  | 8.2% |

The market rate of return gives a measure of investment return on a total return basis and includes realized and unrealized capital gains and losses as well as interest income and dividends. This rate of return gives an indication of performance for an actively managed portfolio where securities are bought and sold with the objective of producing the highest total rate of return. During 2016, the fund earned \$5,908,841 of dividends, interest and other recurring income. Net income was increased by realized and unrealized capital gains of \$23,030,606. Investment expenses reduced income by \$1,407,967. The geometric mean of the market value rates of return measured over the last ten years was 5.8%. For the last twenty-five years, the geometric mean returns was 6.9%.

The actuarial rate of return is presented for comparison to the assumed long-term rate of return of 7.00%. This rate is calculated based on the actuarial value of assets and the market value income adjusted for actuarial smoothing as given in Exhibit VI. Investment income used to calculate this yield is based upon a smoothing of investment income above or below the valuation interest rate over a five year period subject to limits as described in the section detailing actuarial assumptions. The difference between rates of return on an actuarial and market value basis results from the smoothing utilized. In the future, yields in excess of the 7.00% assumption will reduce future costs; yields below 7.00% will increase future costs. For Fiscal 2016, the system experienced net actuarial investment earnings of \$3,919,263 more than the actuarial assumed earnings rate of 7.00% in effect for Fiscal 2016 This surplus in earnings produced an actuarial gain, which decreased the normal cost accrual rate by 0.8750%.

#### DEMOGRAPHICS AND LIABILITY EXPERIENCE

A reconciliation of the census for the system is given in Exhibit IX. The average active member is 48 years old with 11.66 years of service and an annual salary of \$56,442. The system's active membership increased during the fiscal year by 15 members. The plan has experienced an increase in the active plan population of 28 members over the last five years. A review of the active census by age indicates that over the last ten years the population has changed in several age subgroups but no overall trend is observable. Within the active census by service, the fund has shown an increase in the lower service categories over the past ten years.

The average regular retiree is 72 years old with a monthly benefit of \$3,020. The number of retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits from the system increased by 12 during the fiscal year. Over the last five years, the number of retirees has increased by 63; during this same period, annual benefits in payment increased by \$5,842,975.

Plan liability experience for Fiscal 2016 was unfavorable. Withdrawals from the Fund were below projected levels. Partially offsetting this loss were retirements slightly fewer than projected and salary increases slightly below projections. In aggregate, liability losses increased the normal cost accrual rate by 0.4867%.

#### FUNDING ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Actuarial funding of a retirement system is a process whereby funds are accumulated over the working lifetimes of employees in such a manner as to have sufficient assets available at retirement to pay for the lifetime benefits accrued by each member of the system. The required contributions are determined by an actuarial valuation based on rates of mortality, termination, disability, and retirement, as well as investment return and other statistical measures specific to the particular group. Each year a determination is made of two cost components, and the actuarially required contributions are based on the sum of these two components plus administrative expenses. These two components are the normal cost and the amortization payment on the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The normal cost refers to the portion of annual cost based on the salary of active participants. The term unfunded accrued liability (UAL) refers to the excess of the present value of plan benefits over the sum of current assets and future normal costs. Each year the UAL grows with interest and is reduced by payments. Under the funding method used for the plan, changes in plan experience, benefits, or assumptions do not affect the frozen unfunded actuarial accrued liability. These items increase or decrease future normal costs.

In order to establish the actuarially required contribution in any given year, it is necessary to define the assumptions, funding method, and method of amortizing the UAL. Thus, the determination of what contribution is actuarially required depends upon the funding method and amortization schedules employed. Regardless of the method selected, the ultimate cost of providing benefits is dependent upon the benefits, expenses, and investment earnings. Only to the extent that some methods accumulate assets more rapidly and thus produce greater investment earnings does the funding method affect the ultimate cost.

The derivation of the actuarially required contribution for the current fiscal year is given in Exhibit I. The normal cost for Fiscal 2017 adjusted with interest for mid-year payment is \$11,473,693. The amortization payment on the fund's frozen unfunded actuarial accrued liability adjusted with interest for mid-year payment is \$3,485,851. The total actuarially required contribution is determined by adding to these values estimated administrative expenses. As given on line 16 of Exhibit I the total actuarially required contribution for Fiscal 2017 is \$15,328,964. When this amount is reduced by projected tax contributions and revenue sharing funds, the resulting employers' net direct actuarially required contribution for Fiscal 2017 is \$2,088,824 or 4.69% of projected payroll.

Liability and asset experience as well as changes in assumptions and benefits can increase or decrease plan costs. In addition to these factors, any COLA granted in the prior fiscal year will increase required contributions. New entrants to the system can also increase or decrease costs as a percent of payroll depending upon their demographic distribution and other factors related to prior plan experience. Finally, contributions above or below requirements may reduce or increase future costs.

The effects of various factors on the fund's cost structure are outlined below:

| Employer's Normal Cost Accrual Rate – Fiscal 2016 | 27.4646%           |
|---|--------------------|
| Factors Increasing the Normal Cost Accrual Rate:  |                    |
| Plan Liability Experience Loss                    | 0.4867%            |
| Factors Decreasing the Normal Cost Accrual Rate:  |                    |
| Asset Experience Gain<br>New Members              | 0.8750%<br>0.9096% |
| Employer's Normal Cost Accrual Rate – Fiscal 2017 | 26.1667%           |

In addition to the above factors, payroll growth affects plan costs to the extent that payments on the system's unfunded liability are on a schedule that varies from actual trends in payroll growth or decline. If payroll changes at rates not consistent with the amortization schedule the result will be costs that change as a percentage of payroll. For Fiscal 2017, the net effect of the change in payroll on amortization costs was to decrease such costs by 0.09% of payroll. Required net direct employer contributions are also affected by the available ad valorem taxes and revenue sharing funds which the system receives each year. When these funds change as a percentage of payroll, net direct employer contributions are adjusted accordingly. We estimate that these funds will decrease by 1.26% of payroll in Fiscal 2017. (Note: This excludes \$5,250,000 of non-recurring payments from Orleans Parish related to prior due and unpaid ad valorem taxes.)

Although the actuarially required net direct employer contribution rate for Fiscal 2016 was 4.75%, the Board voted to maintain the employer contribution at 13.50%. For Fiscal 2016, this system experienced a contribution gain of \$9,213,635. In accordance with R. S. 11:107, these additional contributions were credited to the system's Funding Deposit Account as of September 30, 2016. Although the actuarially required net direct employer contribution rate for Fiscal 2017 is 4.69%, the actual employer contribution rate for Fiscal 2017 is 10.00% of payroll. Since the contribution rate for Fiscal 2017 was held at 10.00% by the Board, any surplus in employer contributions collected during the fiscal year will be credited to the Funding Deposit Account.

R.S. 11:103 requires that the net direct employer contributions be rounded to the nearest 0.25%, hence we are recommending a minimum net direct employer contribution rate of 4.75% for Fiscal 2018. Under the provisions of R.S. 11:105, R.S. 11:106 and R.S. 11:107, the Board of Trustees may set the net direct employer contribution at any level between the minimum recommended employer contribution rate of 4.75% and 10.00%. If the Board sets the net direct employer contribution rate above the minimum rate, any excess funds collected will be deposited into the Funding Deposit Account. Funds in this account can be used to reduce either future required contributions in a particular year or the normal cost accrual rate or reduce the frozen unfunded accrued liability. In addition, if the system may grant a cost of living increase to retirees, such increase may be paid from funds in the Funding Deposit Account.

#### COST OF LIVING INCREASES

The last cost of living increase granted by the Assessors' Retirement Fund was on October 1, 2014. During Fiscal 2016, the actual cost of living (as measured by the US Department of Labor CPI-U) decreased by 1.01%. Cost of living provisions for the system are detailed in R.S. 11:241, R.S. 11:246, and R.S. 11:1461. R.S. 11:241 provides that cost of living benefits shall be in the form (unless the Board otherwise specifies) of \$X×(A+B) where X is at most \$1 and "A" represents the number of years of credited service accrued at retirement or at death of the member or retiree and "B" is equal to the number of years since retirement or since death of the member or retiree to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the initial year of such increase. The provisions of this subpart do not repeal provisions relative to cost of living adjustments contained within the individual laws governing systems; however, they are to be controlling in cases of conflict. R.S. 11:1461(A) allows the Board of Trustees to provide a cost of living increase from exceed the lesser of 3% of the retiree's original benefit or an increase of \$300 per year for each year of retirement. R.S. 11:246 provides cost of living increases to retirees and beneficiaries over the age of 65 equal to 2% of the benefit in payment on October 1, 1977, or the date the benefit was originally received if retirement commenced after that date.

R.S. 11:246 provides that this COLA's may be paid only when the investment earnings of the system are sufficiently above the valuation interest rate to fund the benefit granted. For Fiscal 2016 the fund achieved an actuarial rate of return of 8.2% and \$3,919,263 in excess interest was produced.

Based upon the irrevocable election of the Board of Trustees to accept the alternative method for determining eligibility to authorize cost of living increases under Act 170 of the 2013 Legislative Session, the ratio of the plan's assets to benefit obligations must meet the criteria established in R.S. 11:243. Under this section, unless the COLA is paid from the Funding Deposit Account, it may only be paid under the following conditions:

- 1. The system has a funded ratio of 90% or more and has not granted a benefit increase to retirees, survivors, and beneficiaries in the most recent fiscal year.
- 2. The system has a funded ratio of 80% or more and has not granted a benefit increase to retirees, survivors, and beneficiaries in the two most recent fiscal years.
- 3. The system has a funded ratio of 70% or more and has not granted a benefit increase to retirees, survivors, and beneficiaries in the three most recent fiscal years.

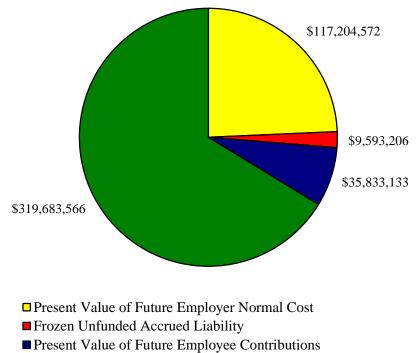
In addition, Act 113 of the 2008 Regular Legislation Session (R.S. 11:1461(B)) provides for a COLA of 3% of the normal monthly benefit but not less than \$20 per month. Although this COLA is permanent, it may only be granted once.

Below is a summary of the expected cost of the various COLA provisions:

| COLA Description  | <u>Increa</u> | Annual<br>ase in Benefits | <br>sent Value<br>f Increase | Contribution Cost as<br>a change in the<br>normal cost accrual rate |
|---|---------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 3% of original benefit to pensioners<br>with \$25 per month maximum | \$            | 159,196                   | \$<br>1,457,031              | 0.32%   |
| 2% of base benefit to pensioners<br>over age 65                     | \$            | 256,381                   | \$<br>2,269,645              | 0.51%   |
| 3% to pensioners with \$20 per month minimum                        | \$            | 589,786                   | \$<br>5,778,028              | 1.29%   |
| $1 \times (A + B)$  | \$            | 244,308                   | \$<br>2,097,386              | 0.47%   |

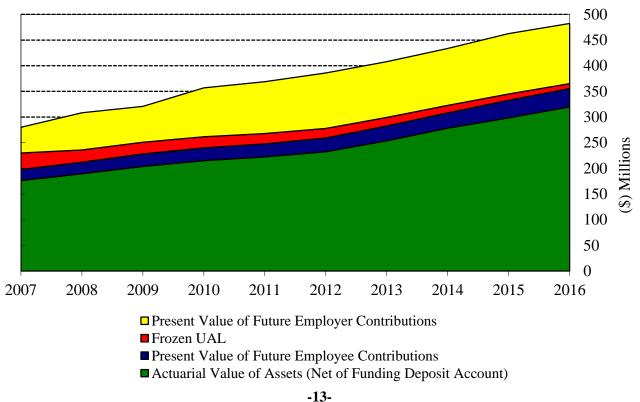
Note: If funds are charged against the Funding Deposit Account equal to the present value of increased COLA benefits, there is no change to future normal costs.

# **Components of Present Value of Future Benefits** September 30, 2016

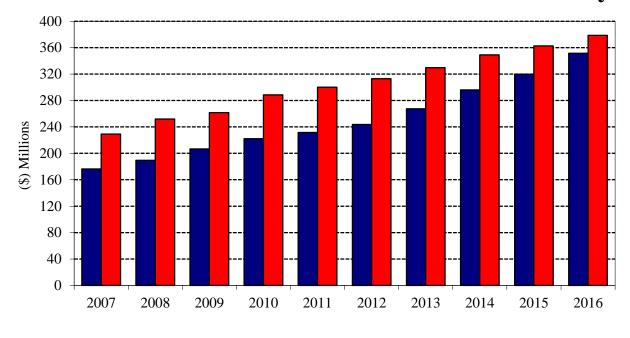


Actuarial Value of Assets (Net of Funding Deposit Account)

# **Components of Present Value of Future Benefits**

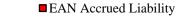


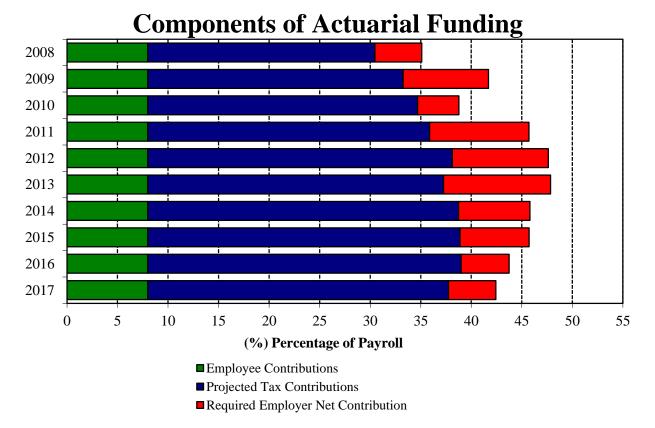
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# Actuarial Value of Assets vs. EAN Accrued Liability

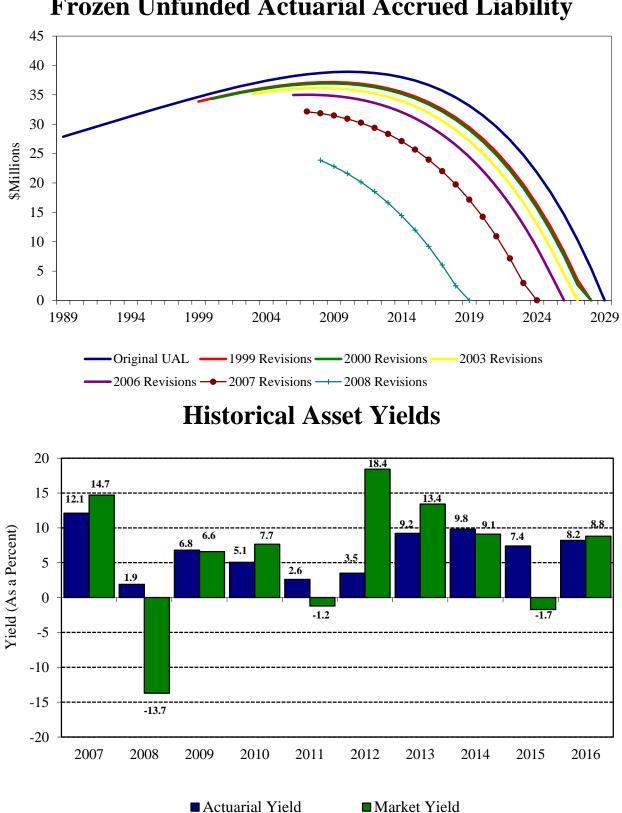
Actuarial Value of Assets





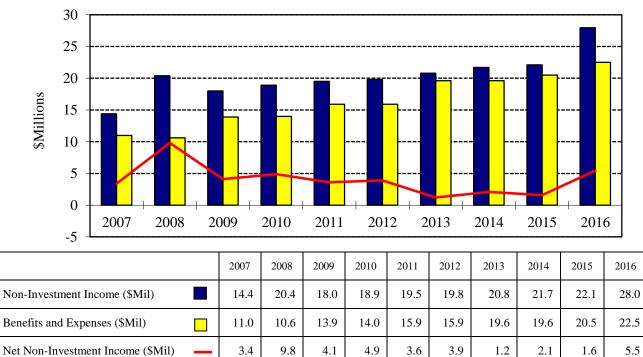
Actuarially Required Tax Contributions consist of the lesser of Actuarially Required Contributions and amount of taxes divided by the projected valuation payroll.

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**Frozen Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability** 

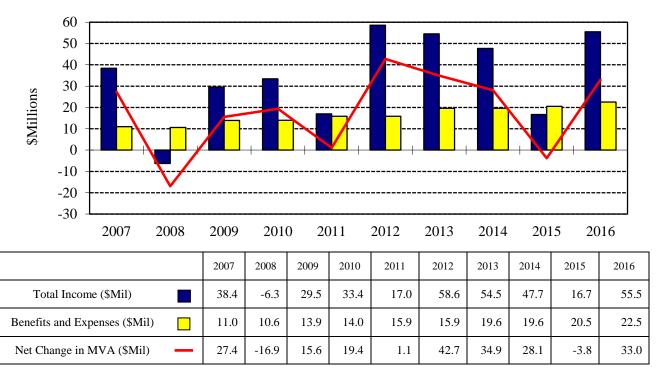
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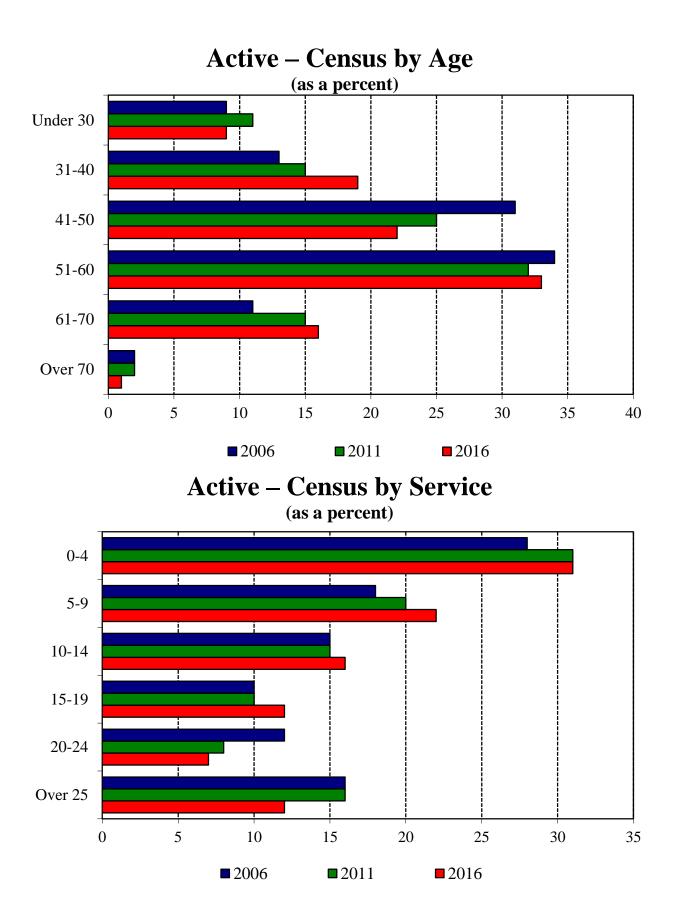


# **Net Non-Investment Income**

# **Total Income vs. Expenses**

(Based on Market Value of Assets)





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#### EXHIBIT I ANALYSIS OF ACTUARIALLY REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS

| 1.  | Present Value of Future Benefits  | \$ | 482,314,477 |
|-----|---|----|-------------|
| 2.  | Funding Deposit Account Credit Balance  | \$ | 31,866,114  |
| 3.  | Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability  | \$ | 9,593,206   |
| 4.  | Actuarial Value of Assets   | \$ | 351,549,680 |
| 5.  | Present Value of Future Employee Contributions  | \$ | 35,833,133  |
| 6.  | Present Value of Future Employer Normal Costs $(1 + 2 - 3 - 4 - 5)$   | \$ | 117,204,572 |
| 7.  | Present Value of Future Salaries  | \$ | 447,914,162 |
| 8.  | Employer Normal Cost Accrual Rate (6 ÷ 7)   |    | 26.166748%  |
| 9.  | Projected Fiscal 2017 Salary for Current Membership   | \$ | 42,389,821  |
| 10. | Employer Normal Cost as of October 1, 2016 (8 $\times$ 9)   | \$ | 11,092,038  |
| 11. | Employer Normal Cost Interest Adjusted for Mid-year Payment   | \$ | 11,473,693  |
| 12. | Amortization Payment on Remaining Frozen Unfunded Accrued Liability   | ¢  | 2 2 60 000  |
|     | with Payments Increasing at 3 1/2% per Year   | \$ | 3,369,899   |
| 13. | Amortization Payment Interest Adjust for Mid-year Payment   | \$ | 3,485,851   |
| 14. | TOTAL Employer Normal Cost and Amortization Payment (11 + 13)   | \$ | 14,959,544  |
| 15. | Estimated Administrative Cost for Fiscal 2017   | \$ | 369,420     |
| 16. | GROSS Employer Actuarially Required Contribution  |    |             |
|     | for Fiscal 2017 (14 + 15)   | \$ | 15,328,964  |
| 17. | Projected Ad Valorem Tax Contributions for Fiscal 2017  | \$ | 12,889,173  |
| 18. | Projected Revenue Sharing Funds for Fiscal 2017   | \$ | 350,967     |
| 19. | Employer's Net Direct Employer Actuarially Required Contribution  | ¢  | 2 000 024   |
|     | for Fiscal 2017 (16 – 17 – 18)  | \$ | 2,088,824   |
| 20. | Projected Payroll for Fiscal 2017   | \$ | 44,517,916  |
| 21. | Employers' Minimum Net Direct Actuarially Required Contribution<br>as a % of Projected Payroll for Fiscal 2017 (19 $\div$ 20) |    | 4.69%       |
| 22. | Minimum Recommended Net Direct Employer Contribution Rate for Fiscal 2018 (21, Rounded to nearest 0.25%)                      |    | 4.75%       |

#### **EXHIBIT II PRESENT VALUE OF FUTURE BENEFITS**

#### PRESENT VALUE OF FUTURE BENEFITS FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS:

| Retirement Benefits\$ 273,005,671Survivor Benefits5,791,894Disability Benefits1,298,948Vested Termination Benefits2,089,780Refunds of Contributions1,930,256 |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| TOTAL Present Value of Future Benefits for Active Members  | \$<br>284,116,549 |
| PRESENT VALUE OF FUTURE BENEFITS FOR TERMINATED MEMBERS:   |                   |
| Terminated Vested Members Due Benefits at Retirement \$ 2,030,800  |                   |
| Terminated Members with Reciprocals<br>Due Benefits at Retirement  |                   |
| Terminated Members Due a Refund669,923   |                   |
| TOTAL Present Value of Future Benefits for Terminated Members  | \$<br>2,700,723   |

#### PRESENT VALUE OF FUTURE BENEFITS FOR RETIREES:

| Regular Retirees  |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Maximum \$ 79,292,779   |                   |
| Option 2 74,019,482   |                   |
| Option 3 23,764,121   |                   |
| Option 4 176,236  |                   |
| TOTAL Regular Retirees \$ 177,252,618                           |                   |
| Disability Retirees   |                   |
| Survivors & Widows 14,182,084                                   |                   |
| DROP & Back-DROP Account Balances Payable to Retirees 3,504,816 |                   |
| TOTAL Present Value of Future Benefits for Retirees & Survivors | \$<br>195,497,205 |
| TOTAL Present Value of Future Benefits                          | \$<br>482,314,477 |

#### **EXHIBIT III – SCHEDULE A** MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS

#### CURRENT ASSETS:

| Cash in Banks<br>Contributions and Taxes Receivable<br>Accrued Interest and Dividends<br>Other Income | · | / / |                  |
|---|---|-----|------------------|
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS  |   |     | \$<br>11,316,037 |

#### **INVESTMENTS:**

| Equities    \$ 202,473,054      Fixed Income    107,235,813      Real Estate    18,058,667      Cash Equivalents    2,398,828      Other Investments    2,104,463 |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS   | \$<br>332,270,825 |
| TOTAL ASSETS  | \$<br>343,586,862 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES:  |                   |
| Accounts Payable\$ 162,479Investments Payable191,259  |                   |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES   | \$<br>353,738     |
| MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS  | \$<br>343,233,124 |

#### **EXHIBIT III – SCHEDULE B** ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS

Excess (Shortfall) of Invested Income For Current and Previous 4 Years:

| Fiscal year 2016     | \$<br>4,843,728  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Fiscal year 2015     | (28,265,481)     |
| Fiscal year 2014     | 4,468,634        |
| Fiscal year 2013     | 14,901,485       |
| Fiscal year 2012     | 23,015,456       |
| Total for Five Years | \$<br>18,963,822 |

Deferral of Excess (Shortfall) of Invested Income:

| Fiscal year 2016 (80%)<br>Fiscal year 2015 (60%)<br>Fiscal year 2014 (40%)<br>Fiscal year 2013 (20%)<br>Fiscal year 2012 (0%) | 3,874,982<br>(16,959,289)<br>1,787,454<br>2,980,297<br>0 |
|---|--|
| Total Deferred for Year   | \$<br>(8,316,556)  |
| Market Value of Plan Net Assets, End of Year  | \$<br>343,233,124  |
| Preliminary Actuarial Value of Plan Assets, End of Year   | \$<br>351,549,680  |
| Actuarial Value of Assets Corridor  |  |
| 85% of Market Value, End of Year  | \$<br>291,748,155  |
| 115% of Market Value, End of Year   | \$<br>394,718,093  |
| Final Actuarial Value of Plan Net Assets, End of Year   | \$<br>351,549,680  |

#### **EXHIBIT IV PRESENT VALUE OF FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS**

| Employee Contributions to the Annuity Savings Fund              | \$<br>35,833,133  |
|---|-------------------|
| Employer Normal Contributions to the Pension Accumulation Fund  | 117,204,572       |
| Employer Amortization Payments to the Pension Accumulation Fund | 9,593,206         |
| Funding Deposit Account Debit (Credit) Balance                  | (31,866,114)      |
| TOTAL PRESENT VALUE OF FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS                     | \$<br>130,764,797 |

#### **EXHIBIT V** CHANGE IN FROZEN UNFUNDED ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY

| Prior Year Frozen Unfunded Accrued Liability                    | \$<br>12,221,554  |
|---|-------------------|
| Interest on Frozen Unfunded Accrued Liability \$ 855,509        |                   |
| TOTAL Increase in Unfunded Accrued Liability                    | \$<br>855,509     |
| Amortization Payment on Unfunded Accrued Liability \$ 3,255,941 |                   |
| Interest on Amortization Payment                                |                   |
| Withdrawals from Funding Deposit Account 0                      |                   |
| TOTAL Decrease in Unfunded Accrued Liability                    | \$<br>3,483,857   |
| NET Change in Frozen Unfunded Accrued Liability                 | \$<br>(2,628,348) |
| CURRENT YEAR FROZEN UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITY                  | \$<br>9,593,206   |

#### EXHIBIT VI ANALYSIS OF INCREASE IN ASSETS

| Actuarial Value of Assets (September 30, 2015)  | \$<br>319,630,048 |
|---|-------------------|
| INCOME:   |                   |
| Member Contributions\$ 3,508,927Employer Contributions5,912,689Irregular Contributions260,796Tax Revenue18,272,818  |                   |
| Total Contributions   | \$<br>27,955,230  |
| Net Appreciation of Investments\$ 23,030,606Interest & Dividends5,908,841Investment Expense(1,407,967)  |                   |
| Net Investment Income   | \$<br>27,531,480  |
| TOTAL Income  | \$<br>55,486,710  |
| EXPENSES:   |                   |
| Retirement Benefits\$ 19,030,073DROP and Back-DROP Disbursements2,372,790Refunds of Contributions120,216Transfers to Other Systems626,548Administrative Expenses366,487 |                   |
| TOTAL Expenses  | \$<br>22,516,114  |
| Net Market Value Income for Fiscal 2016 (Income – Expenses)   | \$<br>32,970,596  |
| Unadjusted Fund Balance as of September 30, 2016<br>(Fund Balance Previous Year + Net Income)   | \$<br>352,600,644 |
| Adjustment for Actuarial Smoothing  | \$<br>(1,050,964) |
| Actuarial Value of Assets: (September 30, 2016)   | \$<br>351,549,680 |

#### EXHIBIT VII FUNDING DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

| Funding Deposit Account Balance as of September 30, 2015 | \$<br>21,170,541 |
|--|------------------|
| Contributions to the Funding Deposit Account             | 9,213,635        |
| Withdrawals from the Funding Deposit Account             | 0                |
| Interest on Opening Balance at 7.00%                     | 1,481,938        |
| Funding Deposit Account Balance as of September 30, 2016 | \$<br>31,866,114 |

#### **EXHIBIT VIII** PENSION BENEFIT OBLIGATION

| Present Value of Credited Projected Benefits Payable to Current Employees | \$<br>171,353,792 |
|---|-------------------|
| Present Value of Benefits Payable to Terminated Employees                 | 2,700,723         |
| Present Value of Benefits Payable to Current Retirees and Beneficiaries   | 195,497,205       |
| TOTAL PENSION BENEFIT OBLIGATION  | \$<br>369,551,720 |
| NET ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS   | \$<br>351,549,680 |
| Ratio of Net Actuarial Value of Assets to Pension Benefit Obligation      | 95.13%            |

#### EXHIBIT IX ENTRY AGE NORMAL ACCRUED LIABILITIES

| Accrued Liability for Active Employees                                       | \$<br>180,322,135 |
|--|-------------------|
| Accrued Liability for Terminated Employees                                   | 2,700,723         |
| Accrued Liability for Current Retirees and Beneficiaries                     | 195,497,205       |
| TOTAL ENTRY AGE NORMAL ACCRUED LIABILITY                                     | \$<br>378,520,063 |
| NET ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS  | \$<br>351,549,680 |
| Ratio of Net Actuarial Value of Assets to Entry Age Normal Accrued Liability | 92.87%            |

#### EXHIBIT IX CENSUS DATA

|   |        | Terminated<br>with Funds |         |              |
|---|--------|--------------------------|---------|--------------|
|   | Active | on Deposit               | Retired | Total        |
| Number of members as of<br>September 30, 2015                           | 757    | 92                       | 544     | 1,393        |
| Additions to Census<br>Initial membership<br>Omitted in error last year | 59     | 1                        |         | 60           |
| Death of another member<br>Adjustment for multiple records              |        |                          | 7       | 7            |
| Change in Status during Year<br>Actives terminating service             | (12)   | 12                       |         |              |
| Actives who retired   | (25)   |                          | 25      |              |
| Term. members rehired<br>Term. members who retire                       | 1      | (1)<br>(3)               | 3       |              |
| Retirees who are rehired<br>Refunded who are rehired                    | 1      |                          |         | 1            |
| Omitted in error last year<br>Eliminated from Census                    |        |                          |         |              |
| Refund of contributions<br>Deaths                                       | (9)    | (7)                      | (23)    | (16)<br>(23) |
| Included in error last year<br>Adjustment for multiple records          |        |                          |         |              |
| Number of members as of<br>September 30, 2016                           | 772    | 94                       | 556     | 1,422        |

#### ACTIVES CENSUS BY AGE:

| Age  | Number | Number | Total  | Average | Total      |
|--|--------|--------|--------|---------|------------|
|  | Male   | Female | Number | Salary  | Salary     |
| $\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$ | 11     | 10     | 21     | 32,612  | 684,843    |
|  | 18     | 31     | 49     | 37,749  | 1,849,685  |
|  | 22     | 50     | 72     | 43,555  | 3,135,934  |
|  | 30     | 43     | 73     | 49,007  | 3,577,541  |
|  | 35     | 56     | 91     | 52,547  | 4,781,799  |
|  | 25     | 53     | 78     | 57,236  | 4,464,388  |
|  | 42     | 100    | 142    | 62,246  | 8,838,875  |
|  | 45     | 64     | 109    | 61,387  | 6,691,201  |
|  | 38     | 49     | 87     | 66,075  | 5,748,485  |
|  | 25     | 15     | 40     | 76,365  | 3,054,597  |
| 71 - 75  | 3      | 6      | 9      | 65,406  | 588,650    |
| 76 - 80  | 1      | 0      | 1      | 157,219 | 157,219    |
| TOTAL  | 295    | 477    | 772    | 56,442  | 43,573,217 |

THE ACTIVE CENSUS INCLUDES 301 ACTIVES WITH VESTED BENEFITS, INCLUDING 0 DROP PARTICIPANTS AND 2 ACTIVE FORMER DROP PARTICIPANTS.

#### TERMINATED MEMBERS DUE A DEFERRED RETIREMENT BENEFIT:

| Age     | Number<br>Male | Number<br>Female | Total<br>Number | Average<br>Benefit | Total<br>Benefit |
|---------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 41 - 45 | 1              | 1                | 2               | 26,585             | 53,169           |
| 46 - 50 | 1              | 2                | 3               | 38,896             | 116,688          |
| 51 - 55 | 1              | 4                | 5               | 17,526             | 87,632           |
| TOTAL   | 3              | 7                | 10              | 25,749             | 257,489          |

#### TERMINATED MEMBERS DUE A REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS:

| Contributi | ons Ranging |        | Total         |
|------------|-------------|--------|---------------|
| From       | То          | Number | Contributions |
| 0 –        | 99          | 2      | 8 9           |
| 100 -      | 499         | 7      | 2,178         |
| 500 -      | 999         | 13     | 9,296         |
| 1,000 -    | 1,999       | 8      | 12,451        |
| 2,000 -    | 4,999       | 16     | 52,547        |
| 5,000 -    | 9,999       | 15     | 99,557        |
| 10,000 -   | 19,999      | 12     | 177,776       |
| 20,000 -   | 99,999      | 11     | 316,029       |
|            | TOTAL       | 84     | 669,923       |

#### REGULAR RETIREES:

| Age     | Number<br>Male | Number<br>Female | Total<br>Number | Average<br>Benefit | Total<br>Benefit |
|---------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 51 - 55 | 1              | 12               | 13              | 51,071             | 663,927          |
| 56 - 60 | 12             | 41               | 53              | 47,255             | 2,504,532        |
| 61 - 65 | 23             | 55               | 78              | 46,914             | 3,659,305        |
| 66 - 70 | 28             | 68               | 96              | 39,728             | 3,813,906        |
| 71 - 75 | 36             | 45               | 81              | 38,099             | 3,085,999        |
| 76 - 80 | 22             | 35               | 57              | 23,883             | 1,361,326        |
| 81 - 85 | 29             | 30               | 59              | 27,371             | 1,614,883        |
| 86 - 90 | 15             | 20               | 35              | 21,334             | 746,680          |
| 91 - 99 | 4              | 13               | 17              | 15,748             | 267,723          |
| TOTAL   | 170            | 319              | 489             | 36,234             | 17,718,281       |

#### DISABILITY RETIREES:

| Age     | Number<br>Male | Number<br>Female | Total<br>Number | Average<br>Benefit | Total<br>Benefit |
|---------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 51 - 55 | 1              | 0                | 1               | 42,921             | 42,921           |
| TOTAL   | 1              | 0                | 1               | 42,921             | 42,921           |

#### SURVIVORS:

| Age     | Number<br>Male | Number<br>Female | Total<br>Number | Average<br>Benefit | Total<br>Benefit |
|---------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 56 - 60 | 0              | 2                | 2               | 71,903             | 143,806          |
| 61 - 65 | 0              | 5                | 5               | 56,080             | 280,401          |
| 66 - 70 | 2              | 3                | 5               | 34,379             | 171,895          |
| 71 - 75 | 0              | 7                | 7               | 31,594             | 221,161          |
| 76 - 80 | 1              | 11               | 12              | 22,800             | 273,605          |
| 81 - 85 | 0              | 13               | 13              | 25,146             | 326,898          |
| 86 - 90 | 2              | 11               | 13              | 20,010             | 260,124          |
| 91 - 99 | 1              | 8                | 9               | 13,596             | 122,364          |
| TOTAL   | 6              | 60               | 66              | 27,277             | 1,800,254        |

|                 | Total            | 11<br>10<br>10<br>10<br>10<br>10<br>10<br>10<br>10<br>10<br>10<br>10<br>10<br>1   | 277                      | Average<br>Salary | 32,612<br>37,749<br>43,555<br>49,555<br>52,5547<br>52,246<br>61,387<br>66,075<br>76,365<br>787<br>787  | 56,442  |
|-----------------|------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------|--|---------|
|                 | 30&Over          | 1111  | 4 8                      | 30&Over           | 50,400<br>88,318<br>73,061<br>95,932<br>111,883<br>157,219   | 91,789  |
|                 | 25-29            | н с<br>с<br>с<br>с<br>с<br>с<br>с<br>с<br>с<br>с<br>с<br>с<br>с<br>с<br>с<br>с<br>с<br>с<br>с   | 4 1                      | 25-29             | 50,914<br>83,230<br>80,685<br>57,939<br>60,584<br>46,580   | 68,303  |
|                 | 20-24            | 9 7 0 8 7 8 0<br>1 1 1  | ы<br>С                   | 20-24             | 63,934<br>74,179<br>67,378<br>63,022<br>83,984<br>83,251<br>83,251   | 72,035  |
| Service         | 15-19            | 4 8 1 6 7 1 1<br>2 8 1 6 7 1 1<br>2 8 1 6 7 8 1 1   | 6 90<br>Service          | 15-19             | 47,181<br>77,529<br>70,5829<br>75,620<br>69,939<br>63,617<br>76,295<br>44,100  | 70,527  |
| of              | 10-14            | 0 0 0 0 7 7 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0   | 12<br>s of               | 10-14             | 40,018<br>59,697<br>59,694<br>477<br>48,477<br>48,471<br>48,702<br>55,103<br>70,235<br>66,795  | 55,270  |
| Completed Years | ع<br>  ا         | 001001<br>001001<br>001441  | 28 173<br>Completed Year | 2 - 3             | 45, 196<br>43, 196<br>43, 296<br>555, 296<br>43, 296<br>44, 946<br>66, 954<br>66, 751<br>831<br>831  | 52,474  |
| Comp            | 4  <br>          | <u> </u>  | 2 8<br>C omp             |                   | 41,067<br>38,413<br>41,733<br>48,871<br>43,111<br>39,588<br>41,700<br>86,967<br>32,939   | 47,600  |
|                 | m                | ۲ ۲ ۲<br>۲ ۲ ۲ ۲<br>۵ ۳ ۳ ۳ ۳ ۳ ۳ ۳ ۳ ۳ ۳ ۳ ۳   | 78<br>S:                 | m                 | 32, 498<br>40, 465<br>40, 465<br>437, 465<br>433, 410<br>433, 410<br>433, 410<br>410<br>410<br>4019<br>4019<br>461<br>595                          | 50,853  |
|                 | N                | ろりらょ 7 1 4 2 3 1  | 39<br>VE MEMBERS         | 5                 | 34,953<br>33,129<br>35,129<br>43,2246<br>332,014<br>332,014<br>55,506  | 36,036  |
|                 | -                | ი ი ი ი ი ი ი н   | 37<br>Y OF ACTIVE        | -                 | 31,547<br>31,547<br>42,1887<br>33,5660<br>333,5660<br>35,922<br>33,334<br>35,473<br>35,473   | 35,292  |
|                 | 0                | 9699999999999999999   | 59<br>UAL SALARY         | 0                 | 32, 579<br>330, 7111<br>333, 7111<br>338, 093<br>34, 870<br>34, 076<br>31, 882<br>33, 842<br>33, 842   | 36,424  |
|                 | Attained<br>Ages | 0 - 20<br>21 - 25<br>26 - 30<br>31 - 25<br>31 - 35<br>36 - 40<br>41 - 45<br>51 - 55<br>56 - 50<br>66 - 55<br>66 - 60<br>65 - 65<br>65 - 65<br>71 & 0Ver | Totals<br>AVERAGE ANNUAL | Attained<br>Ages  | 0 - 20<br>21 - 25<br>26 - 25<br>31 - 25<br>31 - 35<br>36 - 40<br>51 - 45<br>56 - 40<br>51 - 55<br>61 - 65<br>61 - 65<br>61 - 65<br>70<br>71 & Over | Average |

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ACTIVE MEMBERS:

TERMINATED MEMBERS DUE A DEFERRED RETIREMENT BENEFIT:

Years Until Retirement Eligibility

| 1      | 3 | 56 & OVER<br>Totals 1 0 1 1 2 3 2 0 0 0 0 10<br>AVERAGE ANNUAL BENEFITS OF TERMINATED MEMBERS DUE A DEFERRED RETIREMENT BENEFIT:<br>Years Until Retirement Eligibility | 2 3<br>2 3<br>13 85<br>13 85<br>14 8 |
|--------|---|--|---|
| 25,885 |   | DUE  | 6 18,061  |

|               | Total             | 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2   | 489                      | Average<br>Benefit | 51,071<br>47,255<br>46,914<br>39,728<br>38,099<br>23,883<br>21,337<br>21,337<br>15,748                        | 36,234  |
|---------------|-------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------|---|---------|
|               | 30&Over           | ω ∞   | 1 8                      | 30&Over            | 24,529<br>11,558<br>11,368  | 12,915  |
|               | 25-29             | с<br>С<br>С<br>С<br>С<br>С<br>С<br>С<br>С<br>С<br>С<br>С<br>С<br>С<br>С<br>С<br>С<br>С<br>С<br>С            | о<br>ю                   | 25-29              | 18,694<br>17,985<br>15,194<br>16,622  | 17,084  |
| Ļ             | 20-24             | ユ ら の ア 4   | 36<br>It                 | 20-24              | 23,544<br>14,951<br>27,921<br>18,771<br>25,493  | 20,346  |
| Retirement    | 15-19             | 1 1 1<br>0 8 0 8 0 1  | 60<br>Retirement         | 15-19              | 34,504<br>20,648<br>21,496<br>24,170<br>27,593  | 23,172  |
| ars Since     | 10-14             | 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0   | 84<br>ars Since          | 10-14              | 36,409<br>29,527<br>35,841<br>25,080<br>15,292  | 30,350  |
| Completed Yea | - L<br>- L<br>- L | 8 0 1 1 1 8 8<br>1 0 1 1 1 8 8<br>8 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1                                   | 15 124<br>Completed Yea  | - <del>2</del>     | 54,752<br>41,445<br>45,514<br>43,606<br>38,318<br>39,767  | 44,185  |
| Comp          | 4                 | $\omega \circ \omega \circ \omega \circ \omega \circ \omega$  | ••                       | 4                  | 55,796<br>22,062<br>64,120<br>15,509<br>437<br>41,040   | 54,414  |
|               | m                 | 11<br>11<br>11<br>11  | 40<br>VICE RETIREES      | m                  | 90,193<br>48,106<br>65,628<br>61,332<br>64,611<br>112,903<br>122,453  | 64,931  |
|               | N                 | 0 5 7 8 0 1   | 24<br>LE TO SERV         | N                  | 45,403<br>38,708<br>31,612<br>30,386<br>23,787<br>23,787  | 34,687  |
|               |                   | 4 0 5 6 4 1   | 31<br>ITS PAYABLE        |                    | 42,088<br>48,848<br>44,677<br>22,021<br>17,083<br>14,803  | 38,972  |
| RETIREES:     | 0                 | <u> </u>  | 27<br>UAL BENEFITS       | 0                  | 28,498<br>45,643<br>69,225<br>60,241<br>32,184<br>18,022<br>18,022  | 50,672  |
| SERVICE RET   | Attained<br>Ages  | 0 - 50<br>51 - 55<br>61 - 60<br>61 - 65<br>71 - 70<br>71 - 75<br>81 - 80<br>81 - 80<br>81 - 80<br>91 & OVer | Totals<br>AVERAGE ANNUAL | Attained<br>Ages   | 0 - 50<br>56 - 55<br>56 - 55<br>66 - 60<br>66 - 70<br>71 - 75<br>76 - 80<br>861 - 80<br>861 - 90<br>91 & Over | Average |

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|                  | Total            | 0 4 0                          | г   |                                 |            | Average<br>Benefit | 42,921<br>0                      | 42,921    |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
|                  | 30&Over          |                                | 0   |                                 |            | 30&Over            |                                  | 0         |
|                  | 25-29            |                                | 0   |                                 |            | 25-29              |                                  | 0         |
|                  | 20-24            |                                | 0   |                                 |            | 20-24              |                                  | 0         |
| Since Retirement | 15-19            |                                | 0   |                                 | Retirement | 15-19              |                                  | 0         |
|                  | 10-14            |                                | 0   |                                 | Since      | 10-14              |                                  | 0         |
| Completed Years  | - G<br>- G       |                                | 0   |                                 | eted Years | ے ا<br>1<br>1      |                                  | 0         |
| Comp 1           | 4                |                                | 0   | RETIREES:                       | Completed  | 4                  |                                  | 0         |
|                  | m                |                                | 0   |                                 |            | m                  |                                  | 0         |
|                  | ~                |                                | 0   | TO DISABILITY                   |            | N                  |                                  | 0         |
|                  | -                |                                | 0   | S PAYABLE                       |            | -                  |                                  | 0         |
|                  | 0                | Н                              | г   | L BENEFIT                       |            | 0                  | 42,921                           | 42,921    |
|                  | Attained<br>Ages | 0 - 50<br>51 - 55<br>56 & Over | -31 | AVERAGE ANNUAL BENEFITS PAYABLE |            | Attained<br>Ages   | 0 - 50<br>51 - 55 4<br>56 & Over | Average 4 |

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DISABILITY RETIREES:

|  |               |                   |        |                    |                        | 4  |                                      |                                      |  |                  |   |  |
|--|---------------|-------------------|--------|--------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------|---|--|
| Attained<br>Ages   | 0             | 1                 | 5      | m                  | 4                      | 6<br>  2   | 10-14                                | 15-19                                | 20-24  | 25-29            | 30&Over                                     | Total  |
| 0 - 55<br>56 - 60<br>61 - 65<br>66 - 70<br>71 - 75<br>76 - 80<br>81 - 85<br>86 - 90<br>81 & OVer |               |                   | Ч      |                    | L.                     | O O  | 2 NUN                                | N MNN                                | 20100  | н m              | <b>чч</b> а мо                              | 0 M M 7 4 6 6 7 0<br>1 1 1 1<br>1 1 1 1                                      |
| Totals 0<br>-35-<br>AVERAGE ANNUAL BENEFITS  | 0<br>AL BENEF | 2<br>FITS PAYABLE | TO     | 1 2<br>SURVIVORS O | 1<br>OF FORMER MEMBERS | 6<br>MEMBERS:  | 11                                   | σ                                    | 12   | 4                | 18  | 9  |
|  |               |                   |        |                    | Com                    | Completed Yea  | ars Since                            | Retirement                           | ıt   |                  |   |  |
| Attained<br>Ages   | 0             | -                 | ~      | m                  | 4                      | - 1<br>- 1<br>- 1<br>- 1<br>- 1<br>- 1<br>- 1<br>- 1<br>- 1<br>- 1 | 10-14                                | 15-19                                | 20-24  | 25-29            | 30&Over                                     | Average<br>Benefit   |
| 0 - 55<br>56 - 60<br>61 - 65<br>66 - 70<br>71 - 75<br>76 - 80<br>81 - 85<br>86 - 90<br>91 & OVer |               | 38,515<br>52,097  | 67,919 | 31,593<br>15,846   | 151,666                | 78,450<br>17,545<br>28,443<br>51,204                               | 75,887<br>39,942<br>21,538<br>31,900 | 29,313<br>29,287<br>27,545<br>35,193 | 12,751<br>24,232<br>19,470<br>25,228<br>11,086 | 19,830<br>35,255 | 35,325<br>1,696<br>8,828<br>9,513<br>13,596 | 71,903<br>56,080<br>34,379<br>31,594<br>25,146<br>25,146<br>25,146<br>13,596 |
| Average  | 0             | 45,306            | 67,919 | 23,719             | 151,666                | 42,548   | 33,382                               | 30,218                               | 16,610   | 31,399           | 12,402                                      | 27,277   |

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#### EXHIBIT X YEAR-TO-YEAR COMPARISON

|   | Fiscal 2016            | Fiscal 2015            | Fiscal 2014            | Fiscal 2013            |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Number of Active Members<br>Number of Retirees & Survivors<br>Number of Terminated Due Deferred Benefits<br>Number Terminated Due Refunds | 772<br>556<br>10<br>84 | 757<br>544<br>13<br>79 | 757<br>535<br>14<br>74 | 747<br>519<br>17<br>75 |
| Active Lives Payroll  | \$<br>43,573,217       | \$<br>41,689,719       | \$<br>40,498,685       | \$<br>39,962,471       |
| Retiree Benefits in Payment   | \$<br>19,561,454       | \$<br>18,432,197       | \$<br>17,346,092       | \$<br>16,681,535       |
| Market Value of Assets  | \$<br>343,233,124      | \$<br>310,262,528      | \$<br>314,045,097      | \$<br>285,977,787      |
| Entry Age Normal Accrued Liability  | \$<br>378,520,063      | \$<br>362,594,812      | \$<br>349,004,741      | \$<br>329,768,390      |
| Ratio of AVA to EAN Accrued Liability   | 92.87%                 | 88.15%                 | 84.80%                 | 81.11%                 |
| Actuarial Value of Assets   | \$<br>351,549,680      | \$<br>319,630,048      | \$<br>295,965,881      | \$<br>267,473,843      |
| Frozen Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability   | \$<br>9,593,206        | \$<br>12,221,554       | \$<br>14,585,158       | \$<br>16,695,158       |
| Present Value of Future Employer Normal Cost  | \$<br>117,204,572      | \$<br>117,637,907      | \$<br>110,250,598      | \$<br>108,615,730      |
| Present Value of Future Employee Contrib.   | \$<br>35,833,133       | \$<br>34,266,075       | \$<br>29,803,451       | \$<br>28,814,590       |
| Funding Deposit Account Balance   | \$<br>31,866,114       | \$<br>21,170,541       | \$<br>17,024,774       | \$<br>13,720,700       |
| Present Value of Future Benefits  | \$<br>482,314,477      | \$<br>462,585,043      | \$<br>433,580,314      | \$<br>407,878,621      |
|   | <br>Fiscal 2017        | <br>Fiscal 2016        | <br>Fiscal 2015        | Fiscal 2014            |
| Employee Contribution Rate  | 8.00%                  | 8.00%                  | 8.00%                  | 8.00%                  |
| Estimated Tax Contribution as a % of Payroll  | 29.74%                 | 31.00%                 | 30.90%                 | 30.75%                 |
| Actuarially Required Net Direct Employer<br>Contribution Rate   | 4.69%                  | 4.75%                  | 6.84%                  | 7.05%                  |
| Actual Employer Contribution Rate   | 10.00%                 | 13.50%                 | 13.50%                 | 13.50%                 |

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| Fiscal 2012            |    | Fiscal 2011            | Fiscal 2010 Fiscal 2009 |            | Fiscal 2008            |    | Fiscal 2007            |    |                        |
|------------------------|----|------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------------------|----|------------------------|----|------------------------|
| 758<br>489<br>18<br>70 |    | 744<br>493<br>20<br>68 | 768<br>460<br>22<br>60  |            | 777<br>454<br>23<br>58 |    | 786<br>437<br>22<br>54 |    | 748<br>443<br>21<br>45 |
| \$<br>39,098,798       | \$ | 36,976,826             | \$<br>37,837,825        | \$         | 38,039,395             | \$ | 36,638,923             | \$ | 33,568,909             |
| \$<br>14,191,340       | \$ | 13,718,479             | \$<br>11,705,460        | \$         | 11,184,513             | \$ | 9,705,668              | \$ | 9,618,856              |
| \$<br>251,096,489      | \$ | 208,403,362            | \$<br>207,336,952       | \$         | 187,888,278            | \$ | 172,306,395            | \$ | 189,183,894            |
| \$<br>312,848,872      | \$ | 300,017,223            | \$<br>288,389,709       | \$         | 261,531,084            | \$ | 251,974,627            | \$ | 229,079,819            |
| 77.93%                 |    | 77.21%                 | 77.03%                  |            | 79.03%                 |    | 75.22%                 |    | 76.93%                 |
| \$<br>243,797,375      | \$ | 231,647,617            | \$<br>222,141,802       | \$         | 206,677,106            | \$ | 189,537,035            | \$ | 176,223,629            |
| \$<br>18,552,185       | \$ | 20,177,466             | \$<br>21,590,624        | \$         | 22,817,329             | \$ | 23,857,602             | \$ | 32,124,893             |
| \$<br>108,058,007      | \$ | 101,041,103            | \$<br>95,265,554        | \$         | 69,846,719             | \$ | 72,468,052             | \$ | 50,033,632             |
| \$<br>26,841,544       | \$ | 25,278,807             | \$<br>24,956,172        | \$         | 24,352,444             | \$ | 22,452,996             | \$ | 21,608,375             |
| \$<br>11,421,183       | \$ | 9,257,096              | \$<br>7,104,280         | \$         | 2,939,108              |    | N/A                    |    | N/A                    |
| \$<br>385,827,928      | \$ | 368,887,897            | \$<br>356,849,872       | \$         | 320,754,490            | \$ | 308,315,685            | \$ | 279,990,529            |
| Fiscal 2013            |    | Fiscal 2012            | Fiscal 2011             |            | Fiscal 2010            |    | Fiscal 2009            |    | Fiscal 2008            |
| 8.00%                  |    | 8.00%                  | 8.00%                   |            | 8.00%                  |    | 8.00%                  |    | 8.00%                  |
| 29.26%                 |    | 30.13%                 | 27.88%                  | 88% 26.69% |                        |    | 25.25%                 |    | 22.46%                 |
| 10.58%                 |    | 9.49%                  | 9.83%                   |            | 4.08%                  |    | 8.45%                  |    | 4.64%                  |
| 13.50%                 |    | 13.50%                 | 13.50%                  |            | 13.50%                 |    | 13.50%                 |    | 13.50%                 |

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#### SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL PLAN PROVISIONS

The Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund is a defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement allowances and other benefits for the assessors and their permanent, full-time employees. The plan was established by Act 91 of the 1950 Louisiana Legislative Session. Provisions of the plan are set forth in the Louisiana Revised Statutes (R.S. 11:1401 through R.S. 11:1483). The following summary of plan provisions is for general informational purposes only and does not constitute a guarantee of benefits.

MEMBERSHIP – Membership in the fund is allowed only to assessors, full-time permanent employees of assessors, the secretary and regular employees of the Assessors' Retirement Fund, and permanent employees of the Louisiana Assessors' Association and Louisiana Assessors' Insurance Fund. Full-time, permanent employees as used herein, means those employed on a full twelve-month basis within each calendar year; provided, however, that members may be granted leaves of absence, with no creditable service to be allowed for time on leave. Membership is not allowed on a part-time, temporary, or intermittent basis.

CONTRIBUTION RATES – Under the provisions of R.S. 11:62 and 11:103, the fund is financed by employee contributions of at least 7% but not more than 9% of earnable compensation as determined by the Board of Trustees. Each assessor has the option of electing to pay all or a portion of their employees' contribution into the retirement fund. This election remains in effect for 1 year and can be rescinded only upon written notice to the retirement system. In addition, the fund receives revenue sharing funds as appropriated each year by the legislature. Also, under R.S. 11:82, each sheriff and exofficio tax collector remits the employers' share of the actuarially required contribution to fund the system up to a maximum of 0.25% of the aggregate amount of the tax shown to be collected by the tax roll of each respective parish, including that shown on the tax rolls to be exempted by virtue of homestead exemptions. Should employee contributions and tax funds collected from ad valorem taxes and revenue sharing funds be insufficient to provide for the gross employer actuarially required contribution, the employer is required to make direct contributions as determined by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. Under R.S. 11:106, the Board of Trustees is authorized to require a net direct contribution rate of up to three percent more than the rate determined under R.S. 11:103. Under R.S. 11:105 and R.S. 11:107, in any fiscal year during which the net direct employer contribution rates would otherwise be decreased, the Board of Trustees is authorized to set the employer contribution rate at any point between the previous year's employer contribution rate and the decreased rate that would otherwise occur. Any excess funds resulting from the additional contributions will be credited to the Funding Deposit Account defined in R.S. 11:107.1.

FUNDING DEPOSIT ACCOUNT – If the contribution rate is set above the minimum recommended rate pursuant to R.S. 11:106 or 11:107, the surplus contributions collected, if any, are credited to the Funding Deposit Account defined in R.S. 11:107.1. The funds in the account earn interest annually at the Board-approved actuarial valuation interest rate, and such interest is credited to the account at least once a year. The Board of Trustees may, in any fiscal year, direct that funds from the account be charged for the following purposes: (1) to reduce the unfunded accrued liability; (2) to reduce the present value of future normal costs for systems using an aggregate funding method; (3) to pay all or a portion of any future net direct employer contributions; or (4) to provide for cost of living increases, in accordance with applicable law. In no event will the funds charged from the account exceed the funding deposit account to pay all or a portion of any future net direct to pay all or a portion of any future net direct may an approach of the system elects to utilize funds from the funding deposit account to pay all or a portion of any future net direct employer contributions, the percent reduction in the minimum recommended employer contribution rate otherwise applicable is determined by dividing the interest-adjusted value of the charges from the funding deposit account by

-35-G. S. Curran & Company, Ltd. the projected payroll for the fiscal year for which the contribution rate is to be reduced. For funding purposes, any asset value utilized in the calculation of the actuarial value of assets of a system excludes the funding deposit account balance as of the asset determination date for such calculation. For all purposes other than funding, the funds in the account are considered assets of the system.

## **RETIREMENT BENEFITS –**

**For members hired before October 1, 2013** – Members with thirty years of creditable service may retire at any age and members with at least twelve years of service may retire at age fifty-five. The benefit accrual rate is three and one-third percent for all years of service. The normal retirement benefit for individuals hired prior to October 1, 2006, will be equal to three and one-third percent of the highest monthly average final compensation received during any thirty-six consecutive months while employed in an assessor's office or other creditable employment times the number of years of the member's creditable service not to exceed one hundred percent of the member's monthly average final compensation after taking into account the reduction arising from any optional retirement selected. The normal retirement benefit for individuals hired on or after October 1, 2006, will be equal to three and one-third percent of the highest monthly average final compensation received during any sixty consecutive months while employed in an assessor's office or other creditable service or other creditable employment times the number of years of the normal retirement benefit for individuals hired on or after October 1, 2006, will be equal to three and one-third percent of the highest monthly average final compensation received during any sixty consecutive months while employed in an assessor's office or other creditable employment times the number of years of the member's creditable service not to exceed one hundred percent of the member's monthly average final compensation received during any sixty consecutive months while employed in an assessor's office or other creditable employment times the number of years of the member's creditable service not to exceed one hundred percent of the member's monthly average final compensation after taking into account the reduction arising from any optional retirement selected.

**For members hired on or after October 1, 2013** – Members with twelve or more years of creditable service may retire at age sixty and members with thirty or more years of creditable service may retire at age fifty-five. The normal retirement benefit for members with less than thirty years of creditable service will be equal to three percent of the highest monthly average final compensation times the number of years of creditable service. The normal retirement benefit for members with at least thirty years of creditable service will be equal to three and one-third percent of the highest monthly average final compensation times the number of years of creditable service will be equal to three and one-third percent of the highest monthly average final compensation times the number of years of creditable service. Only transferred service with an accrual rate of at least three and one-third percent will be used to meet the thirty year requirement. Benefits are calculated using the highest sixty month average compensation. Monthly benefits may not exceed 100% of the monthly average final compensation.

OPTIONAL ALLOWANCES – Members may receive their benefits as a life annuity, or in lieu of such receive a reduced benefit according to the option selected that is the actuarial equivalent of the maximum benefit. If, upon retirement, a member selects their spouse as their beneficiary under Option 2 or Option 3 or Option 4, the option reduction factor will be based on the ages of the member and his or her beneficiary as of the member's sixtieth birthday. If a participant selects an option 4 for someone other than their spouse, the option reduction factor is based on the ages of the member and beneficiary as of the later of the date of the member's retirement or the member's sixtieth birthday.

**Option 1** – If the member dies before he has received in annuity payments the present value of his member's annuity, as it was at the time of retirement the balance is paid to his beneficiary.

**Option 2** – Upon retirement, the member receives a reduced benefit. Upon the member's death, the surviving spouse will continue to receive the same reduced benefit.

**Option 3** – Upon retirement, the member receives a reduced benefit. Upon the member's death, the surviving spouse will receive one-half of the member's reduced benefit.

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**Option 4** – Upon retirement, the member may elect to receive a Board-approved benefit that is actuarially equivalent to the maximum benefit.

EXCESS BENEFIT PLAN – Under the provisions of this excess benefit plan a member may receive a benefit equal to the amount by which the member's monthly benefit from the fund has been reduced because of the limitations of Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

DISABILITY BENEFITS – Disability benefits are awarded to active members who are totally disabled with twelve or more years of creditable service. In addition, any member with twenty years of service who withdraws from service prior to reaching retirement age is eligible for disability benefits. The disability benefit is equal to the lesser of the member's applicable retirement accrual rate times the final average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service (but not less than forty-five percent) or the retirement benefit which would be payable assuming accrued creditable service plus additional accrued service, if any, to the earliest normal retirement age.

SURVIVOR BENEFITS – If a member dies in service with less than twelve years of service credit, his accumulated contributions are paid to the surviving spouse. If a member dies with twelve or more years of creditable service and is not eligible for retirement, the surviving spouse receives an automatic option 2 benefit that ceases on remarriage. If a member dies who is eligible for retirement, the surviving spouse receives an automatic option 2 benefit that does not terminate on remarriage. The minor children or handicapped children of a member with no spouse who dies in the line of duty or with four years of creditable service receives \$50 per month for the first child and \$10 per month for each additional child.

DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN – In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member who becomes eligible for normal retirement may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for up to three years and defer the receipt of benefits. Upon commencement of participation in the plan, active membership in the system terminates. During participation in the plan both employer and employee contributions continue to be payable. The monthly retirement benefits that would have been payable, had the member elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the deferred retirement option plan account. In addition, no cost-of-living increases are payable to participants until employment which made them eligible to become members of the system has been terminated for at least one full year.

Upon termination of employment at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the program may receive, at his option, a lump sum payment from the account equal to the payments to the account, or a true annuity based upon his account balance, or he may elect any other method of payment if approved by the Board of Trustees. The monthly benefits that were being paid into the fund during the period of participation will begin to be paid to the retiree. If employment is not terminated at the end of the participation period, payments into the account cease and the member resumes active membership in the system. If a member, who was eligible to participate in DROP prior to January 1, 2004, completes participation in the plan and does not terminate employment their account will earn interest at the actual rate of return less 1%. A member's account will cease to earn interest upon termination of employment. For individuals who become eligible to participate in DROP on or after January 1, 2004, all amounts which remain credited to the individual's subaccount after termination in the plan will be placed in liquid asset money market investments at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. These subaccounts may be credited with interest at the actual rate of return earned on the

-37-G. S. Curran & Company, Ltd. subaccount investments less one-fourth of one percent per annum, or at the option of the system, the funds may be credited to self-directed subaccounts. The participant in the self-directed portion of this plan must agree that the benefits payable to the participant are not the obligations of the state or the system, and that any returns and other rights of the plan are the sole liability and responsibility of the participant and the designated provider to which contributions have been made. Upon termination, the member receives a lump sum payment for the DROP fund equal to the payments made into that fund on his behalf, or a true annuity based on his account (subject to approval by the Board of Trustees). The monthly benefit payments that were being paid into the DROP fund are paid to the retiree and an additional benefit based on the additional service rendered since termination of DROP participation is calculated based on the subsequent participant compensation and service credit only. In no event can the entire monthly benefit paid to the retiree exceed 100% of the average compensation used to compute the additional benefit. If a participant dies after the period of participation in the program, automatic option 2 benefits are paid to the surviving spouse with whom the member was living at the time of death on the supplemental benefits earned since DROP participation. No entries to the DROP are permitted after September 30, 2008.

Back-DROP – In lieu of receiving a service retirement allowance any member of the fund who has more than sufficient service for a regular service retirement may elect to receive a "Back-DROP" benefit. The Back-DROP benefit is based upon the Back-DROP period selected and the final average compensation prior to the period selected. The Back-DROP period is the lesser of three years or the service accrued between the time a member first becomes eligible for retirement and his actual date of retirement. At retirement the member's maximum monthly retirement benefit is based upon his service, final average compensation, and plan provisions in effect on the last day of creditable service immediately prior to the commencement of the Back-DROP period. In addition to the monthly benefit at retirement, the member receives a lump-sum payment equal to the maximum monthly benefit as calculated above multiplied by the number of months in the Back-DROP period.

CONTRIBUTION REFUNDS – Upon withdrawal from service, members not entitled to a retirement allowance are paid a refund of accumulated contributions upon request. Receipt of such a refund cancels all accrued benefits in the system. If the total of all benefits paid to a retiree and all benefits paid on the retiree's account after their death is less than the retiree's accumulated employee contributions, the remaining accumulated employee contributions shall be paid to the retiree's beneficiary or to their estate if they do not have a designated beneficiary. Upon the death of a member or former member who has not been paid any benefits from the fund and who is not survived by any person eligible for any benefits from the fund, the accumulated employee contributions of the member or former member shall be paid to their designated beneficiary or to their estate if they do not have a designated beneficiary or to their or the fund, the accumulated employee contributions of the member or former member shall be paid to their designated beneficiary or to their estate if they do not have a designated beneficiary or to their estate if they do not have a designated beneficiary or to their estate if they do not have a designated beneficiary or to their estate if they do not have a designated beneficiary.

COST OF LIVING INCREASES – The Board of Trustees may use excess interest earnings as determined by the actuary to provide a cost of living increase in benefits for retired members or their beneficiaries of three percent of their original benefit (not to exceed three hundred dollars per year). In addition, the Board of Trustees may grant an additional cost of living increase of two percent of their original benefit (or the benefit as of October 1, 1977 if they retired prior to that time). In order to grant either cost of living increase the ratio of the systems assets to pension benefit obligations must exceed a target ratio that is set by statute. In lieu of the above described cost of living increases, the Board may provide a cost of living increase in the form of up to \$1.00 per month for each year of service plus the number of years since retirement.

## **ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS**

In determining actuarial costs, certain assumptions must be made regarding future experience under the plan. These assumptions include the rate of investment return, mortality of plan members, rates of salary increase, rates of retirement, rates of termination, rates of disability, and various other factors which have an impact on the cost of the plan. To the extent that future experience varies from the assumptions selected for valuation, future costs will be either higher or lower than anticipated. The following chart illustrates the effect of emerging experience on the plan.

| Factor   | Increase in Factor Results in  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Investment Earnings Rate<br>Annual Rate of Salary Increase<br>Rates of Retirement<br>Rates of Termination<br>Rates of Disability<br>Rates of Mortality | Decrease in Cost<br>Increase in Cost<br>Increase in Cost<br>Decrease in Cost<br>Increase in Cost<br>Decrease in Cost   |  |  |  |
| ACTUARIAL COST METHOD:   | Frozen Attained Age Normal Actuarial Method with<br>allocation based on earnings. The actuarial accrued<br>liabilities utilized to calculate the frozen unfunded<br>accrued liability were calculated on the Projected Unit<br>Credit Cost Method. Changes in assumptions and plan<br>benefits are funded through adjustments to future<br>normal costs.   |  |  |  |
| VALUATION INTEREST RATE:   | 7.00 % (Net of Investment Expense)   |  |  |  |
| ACTUARIAL ASSET VALUES:  | Assets are valued at market value adjusted to defer<br>four-fifths of all earnings above or below the<br>valuation interest rate in the valuation year, three-<br>fifths of all earnings above or below the valuation<br>interest rate in the prior year, two-fifths of all earnings<br>above or below the valuation interest rate from two<br>years prior, and one-fifth of all earnings above or<br>below the valuation interest rate from three years<br>prior. The resulting smoothed values are subject to a<br>corridor of 85% to 115% of the market value of<br>assets. If the smoothed value falls outside the corridor,<br>the actuarial value is set equal to the average of the<br>corridor limit and the smoothed value. |  |  |  |
| Note:  | All deferrals are based on the valuation interest rate in<br>effect as of the beginning of the fiscal year for each<br>individual year.  |  |  |  |

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#### ANNUAL SALARY INCREASE RATE: 5.75% (2.50% inflation /3.25% merit)

ACTIVE MEMBER MORTALITY:

ANNUITANT AND BENEFICIARY MORTALITY:

RETIREE COST OF LIVING INCREASE: The

The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the system and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees.

RP 2000 Employee Table set back 4 years for males

RP 2000 Healthy Annuitant Table set forward 1 year

and projected to 2030 for males and projected to 2030

and set back 3 years for females

for females with no set forward

RATES OF RETIREMENT: The table of these rates is included later in the report. These rates apply only to those individuals eligible to retire.

RETIREMENT LIMITATIONS: Projected retirement benefits are not subjected to IRS Section 415 limits.

RATES OF WITHDRAWAL: The rates of withdrawal are applied based upon completed years of service according to the following table:

| Service | Factor | Service | Factor |
|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| <1      | 0.100  | 6       | 0.060  |
| 1       | 0.100  | 7       | 0.060  |
| 2       | 0.060  | 8       | 0.020  |
| 3       | 0.060  | 9       | 0.020  |
| 4       | 0.060  | >9      | 0.005  |
| 5       | 0.060  |         |        |

Note: Withdrawal rates for members eligible to retire are assumed to be zero.

# RETIREMENT RATES FOR ACTIVE FORMER DROP PARTICIPANTS:

The rate for all ages is assumed to be 33%.

DISABILITY RATES:

12% of the disability rates used for the 21<sup>st</sup> valuation of the Railroad Retirement System for individuals with 10-19 years of service. The table of these rates is included later in the report.

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# DISABLED LIVES MORTALITY: RP-2000 Disabled Lives Mortality Table set back 5 years for Males and set back 3 years for Females

## VESTING ELECTING PERCENTAGE:

MARRIAGE AND OPTION SELECTION:

60% of those vested elect deferred benefits in lieu of contribution refunds.

70% of members are assumed to be married. Wives are assumed to be 3 years younger than their husbands. Fifty-five percent of married members who retire are assumed to select a Joint and 100% Survivor Annuity form of optional benefits.

# FAMILY STATISTICS: Assumptions utilized in determining the costs of various survivor benefits as listed below, are derived from the information provided in the 2010 U. S. Census:

| Member' | s % With        | Number of       | Average | Remarriage |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|------------|
| Age     | <u>Children</u> | <u>Children</u> | Age     | Rates      |
| 25      | 70%             | 1.84            | 5       | 0.04566    |
| 35      | 86%             | 2.13            | 9       | 0.02636    |
| 45      | 75%             | 1.70            | 12      | 0.01355    |
| 55      | 22%             | 1.42            | 14      | N/A        |
| 65      | 4%              | 1.45            | 15      | N/A        |

| Back-DROP BENEFITS: | Members eligible for Back-DROP benefits are         |
|---------------------|---|
|                     | assumed to elect the benefit form with the greatest |
|                     | present value.                                      |

## ACTUARIAL TABLES AND RATES

| Age      | Male Employee<br>Mortality Rates | Female Employee<br>Mortality Rates | Male Retired<br>Mortality Rates | Female Retired<br>Mortality Rates | Male Disabled<br>Mortality Rates | Female Disabled<br>Mortality Rates |
|----------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 18       | 0.00025                          | 0.00017                            | 0.00019                         | 0.00012                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 19       | 0.00027                          | 0.00018                            | 0.00019                         | 0.00012                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 20       | 0.00028                          | 0.00018                            | 0.00020                         | 0.00012                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 21       | 0.00030                          | 0.00019                            | 0.00021                         | 0.00011                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 22       | 0.00032                          | 0.00019                            | 0.00022                         | 0.00012                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 23       | 0.00033                          | 0.00019                            | 0.00024                         | 0.00012                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 24       | 0.00035                          | 0.00019                            | 0.00025                         | 0.00013                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 25       | 0.00036                          | 0.00019                            | 0.00028                         | 0.00014                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 26       | 0.00037                          | 0.00020                            | 0.00032                         | 0.00015                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 27       | 0.00037                          | 0.00020                            | 0.00034                         | 0.00016                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 28       | 0.00038                          | 0.00021                            | 0.00035                         | 0.00016                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 29       | 0.00038                          | 0.00021                            | 0.00038                         | 0.00017                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 30       | 0.00038                          | 0.00022                            | 0.00043                         | 0.00020                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 31       | 0.00038                          | 0.00024                            | 0.00048                         | 0.00024                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 32       | 0.00039                          | 0.00025                            | 0.00054                         | 0.00028                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 33<br>34 | 0.00041                          | 0.00026                            | 0.00060                         | 0.00030                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
|          | 0.00044                          | 0.00031                            | 0.00067                         | 0.00032                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 35<br>36 | 0.00050                          | 0.00035                            | 0.00072                         | 0.00034                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 30<br>37 | 0.00056                          | 0.00039                            | 0.00078                         | 0.00036                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 38       | 0.00063                          | 0.00044                            | 0.00083                         | 0.00037                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 39       | 0.00070<br>0.00077               | $0.00047 \\ 0.00051$               | $0.00085 \\ 0.00087$            | 0.00039<br>0.00041                | 0.02257<br>0.02257               | $0.00745 \\ 0.00745$               |
| 40       | 0.00084                          | 0.00051                            | 0.00087                         | 0.00041                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 41       | 0.00084                          | 0.00055                            | 0.00090                         | 0.00043                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 42       | 0.00090                          | 0.00065                            | 0.00095                         | 0.00049                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 43       | 0.00090                          | 0.00071                            | 0.00100                         | 0.00054                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 44       | 0.00102                          | 0.00077                            | 0.00100                         | 0.00065                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 45       | 0.00108                          | 0.00085                            | 0.00109                         | 0.00069                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 46       | 0.00114                          | 0.00094                            | 0.00109                         | 0.00073                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 47       | 0.00122                          | 0.00103                            | 0.00114                         | 0.00073                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 48       | 0.00140                          | 0.00112                            | 0.00123                         | 0.00083                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00745                            |
| 49       | 0.00151                          | 0.00122                            | 0.00320                         | 0.00090                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00818                            |
| 50       | 0.00162                          | 0.00133                            | 0.00321                         | 0.00140                           | 0.02257                          | 0.00896                            |
| 51       | 0.00173                          | 0.00143                            | 0.00317                         | 0.00152                           | 0.02385                          | 0.00978                            |
| 52       | 0.00186                          | 0.00155                            | 0.00312                         | 0.00173                           | 0.02512                          | 0.01063                            |
| 53       | 0.00200                          | 0.00168                            | 0.00316                         | 0.00202                           | 0.02640                          | 0.01154                            |
| 54       | 0.00214                          | 0.00181                            | 0.00322                         | 0.00236                           | 0.02769                          | 0.01248                            |
| 55       | 0.00229                          | 0.00197                            | 0.00344                         | 0.00277                           | 0.02897                          | 0.01346                            |
| 56       | 0.00245                          | 0.00213                            | 0.00374                         | 0.00328                           | 0.03027                          | 0.01446                            |
| 57       | 0.00262                          | 0.00232                            | 0.00412                         | 0.00377                           | 0.03156                          | 0.01550                            |
| 58       | 0.00281                          | 0.00253                            | 0.00461                         | 0.00423                           | 0.03286                          | 0.01654                            |
| 59       | 0.00303                          | 0.00276                            | 0.00505                         | 0.00476                           | 0.03415                          | 0.01760                            |
| 60       | 0.00331                          | 0.00301                            | 0.00555                         | 0.00533                           | 0.03544                          | 0.01865                            |
| 61       | 0.00363                          | 0.00329                            | 0.00630                         | 0.00595                           | 0.03673                          | 0.01971                            |
| 62       | 0.00400                          | 0.00360                            | 0.00696                         | 0.00662                           | 0.03803                          | 0.02077                            |
| 63       | 0.00441                          | 0.00393                            | 0.00794                         | 0.00732                           | 0.03933                          | 0.02184                            |
| 64       | 0.00488                          | 0.00429                            | 0.00879                         | 0.00808                           | 0.04067                          | 0.02294                            |
| 65       | 0.00538                          | 0.00466                            | 0.00974                         | 0.00892                           | 0.04204                          | 0.02408                            |
| 66       | 0.00592                          | 0.00504                            | 0.01112                         | 0.00982                           | 0.04347                          | 0.02529                            |
| 67       | 0.00647                          | 0.00543                            | 0.01229                         | 0.01079                           | 0.04498                          | 0.02660                            |
| 68       | 0.00703                          | 0.00582                            | 0.01317                         | 0.01185                           | 0.04658                          | 0.02803                            |
| 69<br>70 | 0.00757                          | 0.00621                            | 0.01455                         | 0.01304                           | 0.04831                          | 0.02959                            |
| 70       | 0.00810                          | 0.00658                            | 0.01561                         | 0.01440                           | 0.05017                          | 0.03132                            |
| 71       | 0.00860                          | 0.00695                            | 0.01734                         | 0.01551                           | 0.05221                          | 0.03323                            |
| 72       | 0.00907                          | 0.00729                            | 0.01931                         | 0.01725                           | 0.05445                          | 0.03533                            |
| 73<br>74 | 0.00951                          | 0.00761                            | 0.02154                         | 0.01861                           | 0.05691                          | 0.03764                            |
| 74<br>75 | 0.00992                          | 0.01858                            | 0.02404                         | 0.02062                           | 0.05961                          | 0.04014                            |
| 15       | 0.02457                          | 0.02067                            | 0.02762                         | 0.02209                           | 0.06258                          | 0.04285                            |

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## **ACTUARIAL TABLES AND RATES (Continued)**

| 1 | IAD      |                    |                    |
|---|----------|--------------------|--------------------|
|   |          | Retirement         | Disability         |
|   | Age      | Rates              | Rates              |
|   | 18       | 0.00000            | 0.00018            |
|   | 19       | 0.00000            | 0.00018            |
|   | 20       | 0.00000            | 0.00018            |
|   | 21       | 0.00000            | 0.00018            |
|   | 22       | 0.00000            | 0.00018            |
|   | 23       | 0.00000            | 0.00018            |
|   | 24       | 0.00000            | 0.00018            |
|   | 25       | 0.00000            | 0.00018            |
|   | 26       | 0.00000            | 0.00018            |
|   | 27       | 0.00000            | 0.00018            |
|   | 28       | 0.00000            | 0.00018            |
|   | 20<br>29 | 0.00000            | 0.00018            |
|   | 30       | 0.00000            | 0.00018            |
|   | 31       | 0.00000            | 0.00018            |
|   | 32       | 0.00000            | 0.00018            |
|   | 33       | 0.00000            | 0.00018            |
|   | 33<br>34 | 0.00000            | 0.00018            |
|   | 35       | 0.00000            | 0.00020            |
|   | 35<br>36 | 0.00000            | 0.00020            |
|   | 30<br>37 | 0.00000            | 0.00025            |
|   | 38       | 0.00000            | 0.00029            |
|   | 38<br>39 | 0.00000            | 0.00032            |
|   | 39<br>40 | 0.00000            | 0.00032            |
|   | 40<br>41 |                    | 0.00042            |
|   | 41<br>42 | 0.00000<br>0.00000 | 0.00042            |
|   | . –      |                    | 0.00047            |
|   | 43       | 0.00000            | 0.00055            |
|   | 44       | 0.00000            | 0.00068            |
|   | 45       | 0.00000            | 0.00078            |
|   | 46       | 0.30000            |                    |
|   | 47       | 0.30000            | 0.00088<br>0.00100 |
|   | 48       | 0.30000            |                    |
|   | 49       | 0.30000            | 0.00113            |
|   | 50       | 0.30000<br>0.30000 | 0.00128            |
|   | 51       |                    | 0.00146            |
|   | 52       | 0.30000            | 0.00166            |
|   | 53       | 0.30000            | 0.00188            |
|   | 54       | 0.20000            | 0.00214            |
|   | 55       | 0.20000            | 0.00242            |
|   | 56       | 0.10000            | 0.00276            |
|   | 57       | 0.10000            | 0.00313            |
|   | 58       | 0.10000            | 0.00355            |
|   | 59       | 0.10000            | 0.00404            |
|   | 60       | 0.10000            | 0.00586            |
|   | 61       | 0.10000            | 0.00586            |
|   | 62       | 0.10000            | 0.00586            |
|   | 63       | 0.10000            | 0.00586            |
|   | 64       | 0.10000            | 0.00586            |
|   | 65       | 0.25000            | 0.00586            |
|   | 66       | 0.25000            | 0.00586            |
|   | 67       | 0.25000            | 0.00586            |
|   | 68       | 0.25000            | 0.00586            |
|   | 69       | 0.25000            | 0.00586            |
|   | 70       | 0.25000            | 0.00586            |
|   | 71       | 0.25000            | 0.00586            |
|   | 72       | 0.25000            | 0.00586            |
|   | 73       | 0.25000            | 0.00586            |
|   | 74       | 0.25000            | 0.00586            |
|   | 75       | 0.25000            | 0.00586            |
|   |          |                    |                    |

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## GLOSSARY

Accrued Benefit – The pension benefit that an individual has earned as of a specific date based on the provisions of the plan and the individual's age, service, and salary as of that date.

Actuarial Accrued Liability – The actuarial present value of benefits payable to members of the fund less the present value of future normal costs attributable to the members.

Actuarial Assumptions – Assumptions as to the occurrence of future events affecting pension costs. These assumptions include rates of mortality, withdrawal, disablement, and retirement. Also included are rates of investment earnings, changes in compensation, as well as statistics related to marriage and family composition.

Actuarial Cost Method – A procedure for determining the portion of the cost of a pension plan to be allocated to each year. Each cost method allocates a certain portion of the actuarial present value of benefits between the actuarial accrued liability and future normal costs. Once this allocation is made, a determination of the normal cost attributable to a specific year can be made along with the payment to amortize any unfunded actuarial accrued liability. To the extent that a particular funding method allocates a greater (lesser) portion of the actual present value of benefits to the actuarial accrued liability it will allocate less (more) to future normal costs.

Actuarial Equivalence – Payments or receipts with equal actuarial value on a given date when valued using the same set of actuarial assumptions.

Actuarial Gain (Loss) – The financial effect on the fund of the difference between the expected and actual experience of the fund. The experience may be related to investment earnings above (or below) those expected or changes in the liability structure due to fewer (or greater) than the expected numbers of retirements, deaths, disabilities, or withdrawals. In addition, other factors such as pay increases above (or below) those forecast can result in actuarial gains or losses. The effect of such gains (or losses) is to decrease (or increase) future costs.

Actuarial Present Value – The value, as of a specified date, of an amount or series of amounts payable or receivable thereafter, with each amount adjusted to reflect the time value of money (through accrual of interest) and the probability of payments. For example: if \$600 invested today will be worth \$1,000 in 10 years and there is a 50% probability that a person will live 10 years, then the actuarial present value of \$1,000 payable to that person if he should survive 10 years is \$300.

Actuarial Value of Assets – The value of cash, investments, and other property belonging to the pension plan as used by the actuary for the purpose of the actuarial valuation. This may correspond to the book value, market value, or some modification involving either or both book and market value. Adjustments to market values are often made to reduce the volatility of asset values.

**Asset Gain (Loss)** – That portion of the actuarial gain attributable to investment performance above (below) the expected rate of return in the actuarial assumptions.

**Amortization Payment** – That portion of the pension plan contribution designated to pay interest and reduce the outstanding principal balance of unfunded actuarial accrued liability. If the amortization

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payment is less than the accrued interest on the unfunded actuarial accrued liability the outstanding principal balance will increase.

**Contribution Shortfall (Excess)** – The difference between contributions recommended in the prior valuation and the actual amount received.

**Decrements** – Events which result in the termination of membership in the system such as retirement, disability, withdrawal, or death.

**Employer Normal Cost** – That portion of the normal cost not attributable to employee contributions. It includes both direct contributions made by the employer and contributions from other non-employee sources such as revenue sharing and revenues related to taxes.

**Funded Ratio** – A measure of the ratio of assets to liabilities of the system according to a specific definition of those two values. Typically the assets used in the measure are the actuarial value of assets; the liabilities are defined by reference to some recognized actuarial funding method. Thus the funded ratio of a plan depends not only on the financial strength of the plan but also on the funding method used to determine the liabilities and the asset valuation method used to determine the assets in the ratio.

**Normal Cost** – That portion of the actuarial present value of pension plan benefits and expenses allocated to a valuation year by the actuarial cost method. This is analogous to one year's insurance premium.

**Pension Benefit Obligation** – The actuarial present value of benefits earned or credited to date based on the members expected final average compensation at retirement. For current retirees or terminated members this is equivalent to the actuarial present value of their accrued benefit.

**Projected Benefits** – The benefits expected to be paid in the future based on the provisions of the plan and the actuarial assumptions. The projected values are based on anticipated future advancement in age and accrual of service as well as increases in salary paid to the participant.

**Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability** – The excess of the actuarial accrued liability over the actuarial value of assets.

Vested Benefits – Benefits that the members are entitled to even if they withdraw from service.

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