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Dear Mr. Knepp:

The purpose of this letter is to certify the actuarial adequacy of the contributions being made by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other participating agencies to the Pennsylvania State Employees' Retirement System (SERS), and to discuss the approach currently being taken toward meeting the financing objectives of the plan. The results provided herein are based upon the December 31, 2007 annual actuarial valuation.

The funding objective of the plan is set forth in the SERS code. The annual employer contribution is equal to the sum of the following for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008:

- (1) The employer share of the normal cost.
- (2) The amortization of the December 31, 2001 liability for Act 2001-9 benefits over a 30-year period beginning July 1, 2002 and ending on June 30, 2032.
- (3) The amortization of the remaining unfunded liabilities as of December 31, 2001 over a ten-year period beginning July 1, 2002 and ending on June 30, 2012.
- (4) The amortization of all unfunded liabilities due to supplemental annuities (COLAs) after 2001, or other legislated benefit improvements after June 30, 2003, over ten-year periods beginning with the July first following the effective date of the change.
- (5) The amortization of changes in liability due to actual experience differing from assumed experience after December 31, 2001 over 30-year periods beginning with the July first following the actuarial valuation determining such changes.

The amortization payments are level amounts over the applicable amortization periods. The employer cost is determined as a percent of payroll. The total employer cost is the average contribution amount that needs to be received from the employer groups participating in the system. Some employer groups contribute a higher percent of pay, and some employer groups contribute a lower percent of pay depending on the benefits payable to their employees.

All costs and liabilities have been determined in conformance with generally accepted actuarial principles and procedures in accordance with the principles of practice prescribed by the American Academy of Actuaries. The calculations were performed on the basis of actuarial assumptions and methods, which are internally consistent and reasonable (taking into account the past experience of SERS and reasonable expectations) and which in combination represent the best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

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The actuarial valuation is based on financial and participant data, which is prepared by SERS staff. The data are reviewed for internal and year-to-year consistency as well as general reasonableness prior to their use in the actuarial valuation.


The actuarial valuation uses assumptions regarding future rates of investment return and rates of retirement, withdrawal, death, and disability among SERS members and their beneficiaries. The current set of assumptions used in the December 31, 2007 actuarial valuation was adopted by the Board and was based on actual experience of SERS during the years 2001 through 2005. The actuarial value of assets is developed by recognizing the difference between the expected actuarial value of assets and the market value of assets over a five-year period.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 25, *Financial Reporting for Defined Benefit Pension Plans and Note Disclosures for Defined Contribution Plans* establishes a range of actuarial cost and amortization methods for the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability. The scheduled payments since July 1, 2005 have been below the minimum amount required to meet the GASB minimum. This is a temporary result of financing changes implemented by Act 2003-40 in December 2003. After June 30, 2009, we expect the SERS contribution to exceed the GASB minimum.

Based upon the valuation results, it is our opinion that the Pennsylvania State Employees' Retirement System is in sound condition in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and procedures. The employer contribution has been below the GASB Statement No. 25 minimum since July 1, 2005 and will likely remain below the minimum through June 30, 2009. However, we project the employer payments scheduled after that time will exceed the GASB minimum and that the plan is in sound condition over the long run.

Respectfully submitted,
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Valuation Highlights

December 31, 2007
Valuation

December 31, 2006
Valuation

Summary of Contributions as a Percent of Total Compensation

SERS Plan Contribution		
Normal Cost	8.42%	8.21%
Amortization of Liabilities	-9.57%	-6.30%
Contribution Before Act 2007-8 Minimum	-1.15%	1.91%
Total SERS Plan Contribution*	4.00%	4.00%
Benefits Completion Plan Contribution	0.04%	0.04%
Total Contribution	4.04%	4.04%

* Reflects the Act 2007-8 Minimum

Demographic Characteristics of the Population

Active Participants:

Number	109,610	110,972
Average age	46.0	46.3
Average service	12.0	12.7
Average annualized compensation	\$ 48,345	\$ 46,118
Total annualized compensation	\$ 5,299,095,000	\$ 5,117,807,000
Funding payroll	\$ 5,529,069,000	\$ 5,661,675,000

Annuitants and Beneficiaries:

Number	107,130	102,060
Average age	68.2	68.4
Total annual pension	\$ 1,849,310,873	\$ 1,658,130,235

Inactive and Vested Participants:

Number	5,692	5,843
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Assets

Market Value Assets	\$ 35,511,205,870	\$ 32,049,112,929
Actuarial Value of Assets	\$ 30,839,877,345	\$ 28,148,833,847

Funded Status (Market Assets)	111.8%	105.5%
Funded Status (Actuarial Assets)	97.1%	92.7%

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Employer Contribution Rate by Group Fiscal Year 2008 - 2009

	<u>SERS Plan</u>	<u>Benefits Completion Plan</u>	<u>Total</u>
Class AA Members:			
Age 60 Retirement	3.25%	0.04%	3.29%
Age 50 Retirement	4.96%	0.04%	5.00%
Park Rangers	4.76%	0.04%	4.80%
Capitol Police	4.76%	0.04%	4.80%
Enforcement Officers	4.96%	0.04%	5.00%
Class A Members:			
Age 60 Retirement	2.60%	0.04%	2.64%
Age 50 Retirement	3.97%	0.04%	4.01%
Park Rangers	3.95%	0.04%	3.99%
Capitol Police	3.95%	0.04%	3.99%
State Police	11.07%	0.04%	11.11%
Enforcement Officers	3.97%	0.04%	4.01%
Class C Members:			
State Police	11.07%	0.04%	11.11%
Enforcement Officers	3.97%	0.04%	4.01%
Class D Members:			
D-3 Legislators	14.88%	0.04%	14.92%
D-4 Legislators	0.00%	0.04%	0.04%
Class E Members			
	4.12%	0.04%	4.16%

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General Discussion

The liabilities and costs in this report were based on actuarial assumptions adopted by the State Employees' Retirement Board in 2006 and funding procedures specified in the State Employees' Retirement System (SERS) code. The most important actuarial assumptions are the investment return and salary growth. The investment return assumption is 8.5 percent per year. Salary growth is the total of assumed increases in salary rates and career salary growth. It is generally assumed that the salary rates will increase at 3.3 percent a year due to general salary schedule increases and that career salary growth (promotion and longevity growth) will average an additional 3.8 percent a year. Thus, the total average salary increase for an individual will generally be 7.1 percent a year. The investment return and the salary rate increase assumptions are based on an underlying inflation rate of 3.0 percent a year.

The SERS plan employer contribution is determined as a percent of payroll that is the total of (1) the employer normal cost percent and (2) the net amortization of the unfunded liability, but not less than any applicable minimum contribution prescribed by the SERS code. The employer contribution determined as of December 31, 2007 was -1.15 percent of payroll. However, Act 2007-8 set a floor on the contribution rate of 4 percent of payroll effective for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2007 and after. Therefore, the fiscal year 2008-2009 contribution rate will be 4 percent of payroll.

The SERS code requires that the Board conduct a study of the actuarial experience of the SERS plan every five years as a basis for setting the actuarial assumptions used in the valuation. A five year study was conducted and delivered to the Board for review and approval in March 2006. The Board approved the recommendations of the actuary and the new assumptions were first used in the December 31, 2005 valuation.

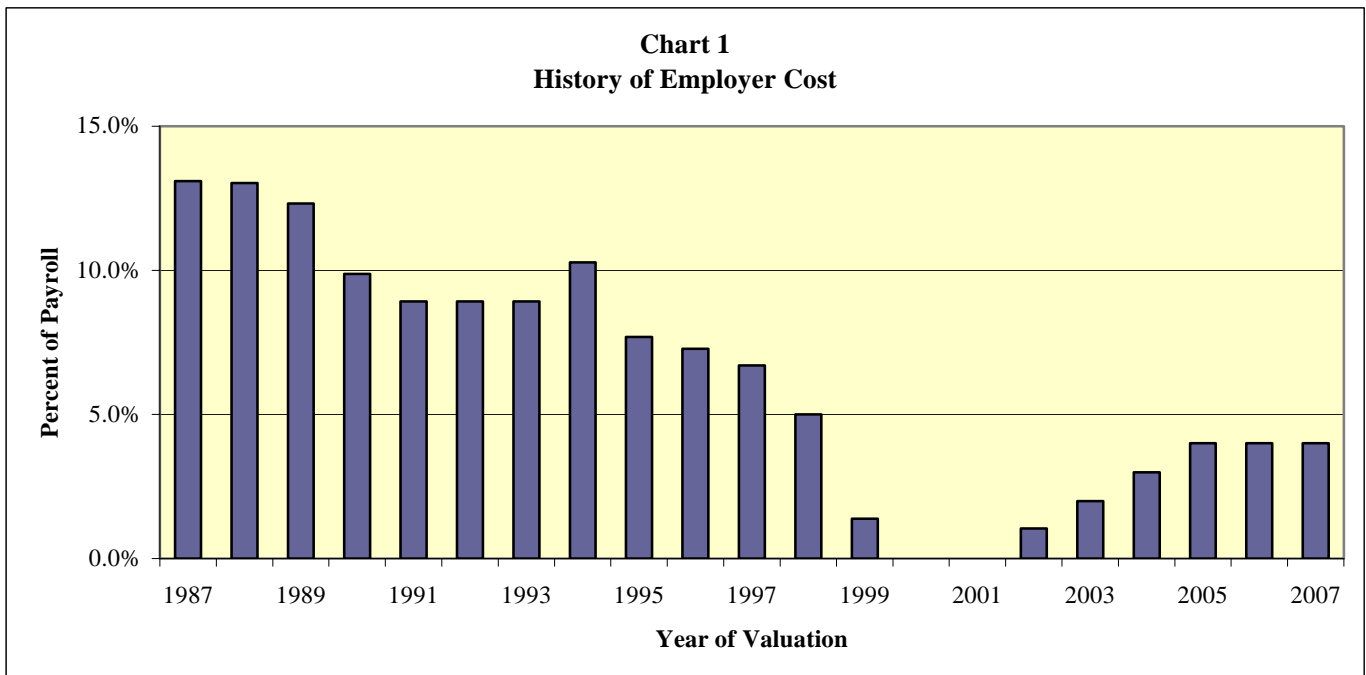
The funded ratio is the ratio of assets to the actuarial accrued liability. The funded ratio based on market value of assets increased from 105.5 percent to 111.8 percent in the last year. The funded ratio based on the actuarial value of assets increased from 92.7 percent to 97.1 percent in the last year. If the fund continues to earn at least 8.5 percent a year then the funded ratio based on actuarial assets will increase to over 100 percent within the next two years.

A separate and distinct Benefits Completion Plan (BCP) provides benefits to certain members whose SERS benefits are limited by IRC Section 415(b) maximum benefit limitations. The BCP employer contribution requirements for fiscal year 2008-2009, which were determined by a separate December 31, 2007 actuarial valuation, are presented in the Valuation Highlights herein. Otherwise, BCP costs and liabilities are not included in the schedules of this report.

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History of the Employer Contribution Rate

Chart 1 shows the history of the employer contribution rate from 1987 through 2007. With some fluctuations, the general trend from 1987 through 2001 had been downward, with the rate declining from 13.09 percent in 1987 to zero in 2000 and 2001. The investment returns were below the 8.5 percent actuarial assumption in 2000 through 2002. The changes to the amortizations under Act 2003-40 and subsequent investment gains would have kept the contributions from increasing if it had not been for legislated floors that caused the employer contributions to increase between 2002 and 2005.



The total employer cost is the actual contribution rate during the succeeding fiscal year. For instance, the rate of 4.00 percent will be the employer contribution for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008.

History of Inflation, Investment Return and Salary Growth

Table 1 below shows the rate of inflation, the nominal and real investment return based on the market value of assets, and the nominal and real salary growth for the past twenty years. The nominal rates are the actual investment rate and salary growth. The real rates are the nominal rates adjusted by removing inflation. The inflation rates shown are based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) data. The nominal rate of salary growth is the percentage increase in general pay levels specified by the collective bargaining agreement.

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Table 1: Comparison of Annual Rates of Growth					
Year	Inflation	Investment Return		Salary Growth	
		Nominal	Real	Nominal	Real
1988	4.4	12.8	8.0	5.0	0.6
1989	4.6	17.8	12.6	6.0	1.3
1990	6.1	1.0	(4.8)	5.0	(1.0)
1991	3.1	22.6	19.0	1.0	(2.0)
1992	2.9	7.4	4.4	2.1	(0.8)
1993	2.7	13.2	10.2	5.1	2.3
1994	2.7	(1.1)	(3.7)	3.9	1.2
1995	2.5	25.5	22.4	3.8	1.2
1996	3.3	15.9	12.2	2.0	(1.3)
1997	1.7	18.0	16.0	3.0	1.3
1998	1.6	16.3	14.5	3.0	1.4
1999	2.7	19.9	16.8	3.0	0.3
2000	3.4	2.2	(1.1)	3.0	(0.4)
2001	1.6	(7.9)	(9.3)	3.3	1.7
2002	2.4	(10.9)	(13.0)	3.5	1.1
2003	1.9	24.3	22.0	2.0	0.1
2004	3.3	15.1	11.4	1.9	(1.4)
2005	3.4	14.5	10.7	3.0	(0.4)
2006	2.5	16.4	13.6	3.5	1.0
2007	4.1	17.2	12.6	2.8	(1.2)
Average 1988-2007	3.0%	11.5%	8.3%	3.3%	0.2%

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Comments on Schedules

Employer Contribution Rate

Schedules A and B summarize the development of the employer contribution rate before allocation by group. The employer contribution is equal to the sum of (1) the employer share of the normal cost and (2) amortization of the unfunded liability.

The normal cost is the level percentage of compensation needed to fund the liability for any prospective benefits earned by new active members over the period of their actual service. The normal cost calculation uses data for all active members in Class AA (60) who had not yet completed one year of credited service. The employer share of the normal cost increased from 8.21 percent in 2006 to 8.42 percent in 2007.

Portions of the unfunded liability are amortized over either 10 years or 30 years as required by the SERS law. The cost of the Act 2001-9 benefits and actuarial gains and losses since 2001 are being amortized over 30 years. The costs of supplemental annuities (COLAs) are being funded over 10 years. The surplus that existed as of December 31, 2001 is being amortized over ten years. The total unfunded liability as of December 31, 2007 was \$914 million. As of December 31, 2006, the total unfunded liability was \$2.22 billion.

Schedule B shows the allocation of the total unfunded liability by year into those liabilities being amortized over 10 years and those being amortized over 30 years. All amortization payments are level amounts over the applicable amortization period.

Although there is a total unfunded liability as of December 31, 2007 of \$914 million, the bottom-line annual amortization payment to fund this liability in the 2008-2009 fiscal year is a net credit, which serves to offset the employer normal cost. Although this net result may seem contradictory, it is appropriate and occurs because the large surplus of gains (negative unfunded liability) that existed on December 31, 2001 is being amortized over 10 years, whereas most of the remaining charge (positive unfunded liability) is being amortized over 30 year periods. The total net credit for amortization of the unfunded liability increased from 6.30 percent of payroll in 2006 to 9.57 percent of payroll in 2007.

The employer contribution rate is equal to the total of the normal cost and the amortization of the unfunded liabilities but not less than 4 percent. The employer contribution rate calculated as a result, 4.00 percent of payroll in 2007, will be applied in the year beginning July 1, 2008.

Employer Contribution Rates by Group

Schedule C summarizes the development of the employer contribution rate for each group of members with different benefits. The Class AA(60) rate is used to determine the basic contribution rate because the majority of new members enter that class. The basic employer contribution rate for Class AA benefits is 3.25 percent of salary.

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The employer contribution rate for each class is a function of the Class AA(60) rate. Three adjustments are made for the Class rates. The first is to add the cost of earlier full retirement conditions if applicable. The second is to multiply by the ratio of (1) the annual accrual rate applicable to the Class to (2) the annual accrual rate of 2.5 percent for Class AA(60). Third, the Park Rangers, Capitol Police and State Police Officers are also charged the amount necessary to fund the past service cost of benefit improvements that were effective in prior years. These charges are explained in Schedule O. The complete schedule of contributions by group is shown in Table 2.

Table 2 Employer Contribution Rate by Group Fiscal Year 2008/2009 (Excluding Benefits Completion Plan Contribution)	
Class AA	
Age 60 benefit	3.25%
Age 50 benefit	4.96
Park Rangers	4.76
Capitol Police	4.76
Enforcement Officers	4.96
Class A	
Age 60 benefit	2.60
Age 50 benefit	3.97
Park Rangers	3.95
Capitol Police	3.95
State Police	11.07
Enforcement Officers	3.97
Class C	
State Police	11.07
Enforcement Officers	3.97
Class D	
D-3 Legislators	14.88
D-4 Legislators	0.00
Class E	
	4.12

The contribution rate for Class D-4 Legislators is 0.0 percent of payroll. In conjunction with the passage of Act 2001-9, the D-4 employer contributed a lump sum amount which was more than sufficient to fund the additional cost of the higher accrual rate and the retirement at age 50. Therefore, the past service liability for Class D-4 Legislators is \$0, and the past liability adjustment has been set to produce a contribution rate of zero. The excess contribution made by the D-4 employer will continue to be used to offset future D-4 employer contribution requirements until the balance is expended.

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Schedule D shows the development of the contribution rates for additional annuities for certain State Police and Enforcement Officers. These members receive an additional annuity that is equal to the accumulated member contributions and interest at retirement determined as if the members were at least age 60 at retirement. These benefits have been fully funded by past contributions so no future contribution is required.

Change in Employer Contribution Rate

Schedule E contains an analysis of the change in the employer contribution rate and unfunded liability from the 2006 to 2007 valuation.

The largest reduction in the unfunded liability and employer contribution rate was the gain from investment earnings. The investment return has been greater than the assumed 8.5 percent in the last five years. The result was a gain of \$2.16 billion, and therefore a decrease in employer cost of 3.63 percent of payroll.

The largest increase in the unfunded liability, \$468 million, resulted from demographic changes, including a large number of retirements during 2007 primarily as a consequence of scheduled increases in retiree health costs for those who retire on or after July 1, 2007. The result was an increase in employer cost of 0.77 percent of payroll.

All other changes from last year to this year decreased the employer cost by 0.20 percent of salary.

Actuarial Balance Sheet and Account Balance Transfers

Schedule F contains the actuarial balance sheet that compares the total assets and liabilities of \$39.4 billion. The assets include current assets and the present value of future contributions. The liabilities include the present value of all benefits to current active and retired members.

Each year the account balances in the three benefit payment accounts are compared to the actuarial liabilities developed in the valuation. If needed, transfers are made to bring the accounts into balance with the liabilities. The accounts go out of balance during the year as a result of differences between actual experience and the reserves set for retirees. In 2007, a transfer of \$174.2 million was made to the State Accumulation Account from the Annuity Reserve Account to keep the latter account in balance. No other transfers were necessary.

The details of these transfers are shown in Schedule G.

Accounting Disclosure Statements

Schedule H is a statement of disclosure to report the information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 25. Page 1 of Schedule H shows the funding progress from December 31, 1992 through December 31, 2007.

Page 2 of Schedule H shows a comparison of the actual contributions to the system over recent years to the Annual Required Contribution (ARC) as defined by GASB Statement No. 25.

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GASB Statement No. 25 defines the ARC to be equal to the employer normal cost plus an amount to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over an acceptable amortization period. The 2007-2008 employer contribution is lower than the ARC. GASB requires that the net unfunded liability be funded over a period of no more than 30 years. Because of the different funding periods for different portions of the unfunded liability, the net payments on the unfunded liability are actually negative, thus reducing the total employer contribution to less than the normal cost. We anticipate that the SERS contribution will be lower than the ARC through June 30, 2009. After that date, we project the SERS contribution will exceed the GASB minimum. Overall, the amortization schedules are reasonable and will assure the long-term financial soundness of SERS.

Schedule I shows the results of the solvency test. A short-term solvency test is one means of checking a pension system's progress under its funding program. In this solvency test, the SERS assets are compared with the actuarial accrued liabilities. The liabilities are classified into the following categories:

- Liability for active member contributions in the Fund,
- Liability for future benefits to present retired members, and
- Liability for service already rendered by the active members.

The schedule shows that from 1992 through 2003 the total actuarial accrued liability was fully covered by the assets. In 2004 the funded ratio dropped below 100 percent and it is currently at 97.1 percent. Absent unusual circumstances, retirement funds will be below 100 percent and gradually approach 100 percent funding as liabilities become fully amortized. The SERS retirement fund had exceeded 100 percent of liabilities as a result of the high level of investment returns between 1985 and 1999. This funded ratio dropped below 100 percent largely as a result of the low investment returns of 2000 to 2002, the Act 2001-9 benefit increases, recent COLAs, and the amortization schedule. However, the current funding policy will eventually restore the funded ratio to 100 percent. The fund is on a sound actuarial basis even though the accrued liabilities are temporarily greater than the assets.

Plan Assets

Schedule J summarizes the development of the actuarial value of assets as of December 31, 2007. The assets are based on the financial statements prepared by SERS. The asset valuation method smoothes out year-to-year fluctuations in the market value. The approach gradually recognizes, over a 5-year period, the differences between total investment return and the actuarial assumed rate of return (8.5 percent in 2007). This smoothing method recognizes 20 percent of the 2007 asset gain of \$2.9 billion this year, with the remainder to be recognized over the next four years.

Projection

Schedule K shows the number of members, contributions, and benefits from 1991 through 2007 with a projection through 2018. The first page of Schedule K shows new retirements, deaths of former employees, new survivors, and deaths of survivors during the year. The second and third

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pages of Schedule K show the projection of employer and employee contributions and a projection of the benefits and expenses.

Schedule K shows the projected employee and employer contributions in dollars and as a percentage of pay. We expect the employer contributions to increase beginning July 1, 2012 when credit for the pre-Act 9 surplus has been completely amortized.

The second page of the Schedule K projection assumes that there will be ad hoc COLAs in the future similar to those that have occurred in the past. The projection assumes supplemental annuity increases in 2008, 2012 and 2016, with funding beginning July 1 of the following year. The third page of the Schedule K projection assumes that there will be no future COLAs.

Participant Data

Sections I and II of Schedule L provide a distribution of the total of the active, inactive, and terminated vested participants as of December 31, 2007 by benefit class, sex, age, and length of service. Inactive employees include employees on furlough as well as employees with prior SERS service currently participating in the Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS). The table also shows the average annualized salary in 2007 by age group and sex. Section III of the schedule shows retired annuitants, disabled annuitants, survivors and beneficiaries receiving benefits by age, sex, and benefit amounts.

Although we have made tests to check for reasonableness and consistency, we have not independently audited the data, which were submitted by SERS. As appropriate, we have made certain adjustments to the SERS data, including the use of a minimum annual salary assumption of \$20,000.

Section III of Schedule L shows the monthly annuities that were being paid as of December 31, 2007. Total benefits from the fund include lump sum payments and death benefits so these are much higher than the sum of annuities shown in Schedule L and in the highlights.

Plan Provisions

Schedule M contains a summary of the principal provisions of the plan. Other than Act 2007-8, there were no significant changes in plan provisions in 2007.

Actuarial Assumptions

Schedule N summarizes the actuarial assumptions used for the valuation. The two types of assumptions are the economic assumptions, such as the investment return and salary growth assumptions, and demographic assumptions, such as the assumed rate of mortality and retirement. There were no assumption changes except for the removal of last year's changes in assumptions that resulted from the new collective bargaining agreement effective July 1, 2007.

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Actuarial Methods

Schedule O explains the asset valuation and funding method used in the valuation, and the determination of the annual contribution. The asset valuation method spreads investment gains and losses over five years. The funding method provides for reasonable levels of contribution that will fund the cost of future benefits with a credit for amortization of the excess of assets over liabilities. Schedule O also explains how the individual class rates are determined. The final section of Schedule O discusses the plan provisions that are not valued.

The Board contracted with Milliman to conduct an actuarial review of the actuarial methods, procedures and assumptions in 2005. Milliman found that the valuation was in compliance with all major aspects of the applicable actuarial standards. However, Milliman found a number of areas for changes to be considered by SERS and the actuary. All but a few of these recommendations have been addressed. The remaining recommendations will be addressed in the December 31, 2008 valuation.

Definitions

Schedule P defines certain technical terms used in the valuation.

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Unfunded Liability and Normal Cost as of December 31, 2007

I.	Present Value of Benefits:		
	A) Active and Inactive Participants		
	1) Superannuation and Withdrawal	\$	20,880,601,187
	2) Disability		1,304,589,480
	3) Death		896,833,229
	4) Refunds		51,720,317
	5) Special Police and Enforcement Officer Benefits		1,208,448
	6) Subtotal	\$	<u>23,134,952,661</u>
	B) Annuitants and Beneficiaries		<u>16,255,843,296</u>
	C) Total	\$	<u>39,390,795,957</u>
II.	Present Value of Member and Employer Contributions:		
	A) Employer Portion of Normal Cost	\$	4,548,209,124
	B) Member Contributions		<u>3,088,616,036</u>
	C) Total	\$	<u>7,636,825,160</u>
III.	Actuarial Accrued Liability: (I) - (II)	\$	31,753,970,797
IV.	Actuarial Value of Assets	\$	30,839,877,345
V.	Unfunded Liability (III) - (IV)	\$	914,093,452
VI.	Employer Normal Cost Rate		
	A) Normal Cost Rate for new active members to fund:		
	1) Superannuation and Withdrawal		12.49%
	2) Disability		1.23%
	3) Death		0.55%
	4) Refunds		<u>0.40%</u>
	5) Total		14.67%
	B) Member Contributions		6.25%
	C) Employer Normal Cost (A) - (B)		8.42%

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Employer Contribution Rate in Fiscal Year 2008 - 2009

	<u>Funding Period</u>			Outstanding Balance as of 12/31/07	Annual Payment Amount	Payment as a Percent of Payroll *
	Initial Years	From July 1	Initial Amount of Liability			
I. Amortization of Liability (Asset) For:						
A) Supplemental Annuities as of 12/31/01	10	2002	\$1,143,657,729	\$ 570,934,378	\$ 174,303,527	3.15%
B) Act 2001-9 Benefits	30	2002	2,735,791,064	2,248,392,614	222,524,490	4.02%
C) Other Benefits as of 12/31/01	10	2002	(7,726,186,132)	(3,857,050,238)	(1,177,538,922)	-21.30%
D) Supplemental Annuities (2002 COLA)	10	2003	256,500,000	154,048,153	39,092,863	0.71%
E) Changes in 2002	30	2003	1,119,058,089	1,001,904,931	97,898,155	1.77%
F) Supplemental Annuities (2003 COLA)	10	2004	395,800,000	274,683,893	60,323,412	1.09%
G) Changes in 2003	30	2004	341,601,015	329,116,376	31,786,301	0.57%
H) Changes in 2004	30	2005	1,942,541,016	1,891,522,069	180,755,296	3.27%
I) Changes in 2005	30	2006	494,664,846	486,361,283	46,029,036	0.83%
J) Changes in 2006	30	2007	(341,521,725)	(338,772,149)	(31,778,923)	-0.57%
K) Changes in 2007	30	2008	(1,847,047,858)	<u>(1,847,047,858)</u>	<u>(171,869,567)</u>	<u>-3.11%</u>
Total				\$ 914,093,452	\$ (528,474,332)	-9.57%
II. Employer Normal Cost						8.42%
III. Total Employer Cost before Act 2007-8 minimum = (I) + (II)						-1.15%
IV. Total Employer Cost (III), but not less than 4.00 percent as required by Act 2007-8						4.00%

* The payment is expressed as a percentage of the total projected payroll for active members in fiscal year 2008-2009 of \$5,529,069,000. Percentages may not add due to rounding.

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Employer Contribution Rate by Group
(excluding Benefits Completion Plan rate)**

Employer Group (1)	Basic Contribution Rate (2)	Age 50 Retirement Adjustment (3)	Multiplier Adjustment* (4)	Past Liability Adjustment (5)	Adjusted Contribution Rate** (6)	Projected 2007-2008 Payroll (7)	Employer Contribution Amount (8)
Class AA - Age 60 Retirement	3.25%		1.0000		3.25%	\$ 4,163,111,000	\$ 135,301,108
Class A - Age 60 Retirement	3.25%		0.8000		2.60%	36,781,000	956,306
Class AA - Age 50 Retirement (Including Enforcement Officers)	3.25%	1.71%	1.0000		4.96%	813,647,000	40,356,891
Class A - Age 50 Retirement (Including Class A & Class C Enforcement Officers)	3.25%	1.71%	0.8000		3.97%	13,900,000	551,830
Class AA - Park Rangers & Capitol Police	3.25%	0.81%	1.0000	0.70%	4.76%	13,327,000	634,365
Class A - Park Rangers & Capitol Police	3.25%	0.81%	0.8000	0.70%	3.95%	92,000	3,634
State Police (Class A & Class C)	3.25%	1.71%	1.1395	5.42%	11.07%	350,802,000	38,833,781
Class D3	3.25%	1.71%	3.0000		14.88%	301,000	44,789
Class D4	3.25%	1.71%	1.2000	-5.95%	0.00%	18,350,000	-
Class E	3.25%		1.2677		4.12%	118,758,000	4,892,830
Total***						\$ 5,529,069,000	\$ 221,575,534

* The multiplier adjustment is the adjustment for the employer group contribution rate. Because the majority of SERS members are covered under Class AA(60), the 2.5 percent accrual rate for that Class is used to determine the basic contribution rate. Column (4) is the ratio of the class contribution rate to 2.5 percent.

** The adjusted contribution rate is [(2) + (3)] times (4) + (5).

*** The total employer contribution (\$221,575,534) is approximately equal to the average employer contribution rate from Schedule B (4.00 percent) times the total projected payroll of \$5,529,069,000. The Basic Contribution Rate of 3.25 percent was determined as the percentage needed to produce employer contribution amounts by employer group that sum to \$221,575,534.

State Employees' Retirement System
State Police and Enforcement Officers Additional Annuity Rate
(Fiscal Year 2008 - 2009)

	<u>State Police</u>	<u>Enforcement Officers</u>
1) Balance in Benefit Account as of December 31, 2007	\$1,381,739,080	\$44,064,965
2) Present Value of Benefits for Annuitants and Beneficiaries	1,379,755,893	41,898,093
3) Assets available for additional annuities for Active Members: (1) - (2)	1,983,187	2,166,872
4) Present Value of additional annuities for Active Members	966,068	242,380
5) Present Value of Future Contribution to fund additional annuities: (4) - (3); not less than zero	-	-
6) Present Value of Future Compensation for eligible Active Members	*	*
7) Contribution Rate as a percentage of payroll payable January 1: (5) / (6)	0.00%	0.00%

* Not calculated because additional annuity is fully funded.

State Employees' Retirement System
Analysis of the Change in Employer Contribution Rate

	<u>Normal</u> <u>Cost</u>	<u>Unfunded</u> <u>Liability</u>	<u>Total</u>
I. December 31, 2006 Valuation	8.21%	-6.30%	1.91%
II. Changes in the December 31, 2007 Valuation:			
A) Gain from investment earnings		-3.63%	-3.63%
B) Greater than expected retirements and other demographic changes		0.77%	0.77%
C) Change in demographics of new entrants	0.21%	-0.19%	0.02%
D) Pay increases different than assumptions		-0.07%	-0.07%
E) Change in amortization due to change in payroll	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>-0.15%</u>	<u>-0.15%</u>
F) Total Change	0.21%	-3.27%	-3.06%
III. December 31, 2007 Valuation: (I) + (II.F)	8.42%	-9.57%	-1.15%

Analysis of the Change in the Unfunded Liability

I. December 31, 2006 Unfunded Liability	\$ 2,216,162,714
II. Expected Amortization Payment	(356,604,765)
III. Expected Liability as of December 31, 2007 [(I) x 1.085] - (II)	\$ 2,761,141,310
IV. Change in Liability Due to:	
A) Gain from investment earnings	\$ (2,158,661,753)
B) Greater than expected retirements and other demographic changes	468,497,239
C) Change in demographics of new entrants	(113,435,144)
D) Pay increases different than assumptions	<u>(43,448,200)</u>
E) Total change	\$ (1,847,047,858)
V. December 31, 2007 Unfunded Liability: (III) + (IV.E)	\$ 914,093,452

State Employees' Retirement System
Actuarial Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2007

ASSETS

Present Assets:

Members Savings Account	\$ 3,849,292,758
Annuity Reserve Account	14,834,189,310
State Police Benefit Account	1,381,739,080
Enforcement Officers Benefit Account	44,064,965
State Accumulation Account *	16,401,586,181
Supplemental Annuity Account	<u>(999,666,424)</u>
Total Present Assets (Market Value)	\$ 35,511,205,870

Adjustment to Smooth Market Fluctuations (4,671,328,525)

Total Present Assets (Actuarial Value) \$ 30,839,877,345

Present Value of Future Contributions

Members' Contributions (Employee)	\$ 3,088,616,036
Normal Cost Contributions (Employer)	4,548,209,124
Accrued Liability Amortization (Employer)	(85,572,972)
Supplemental Annuity Amortization (Employer)	999,666,424
Special State Police Contributions (Employer)	0
Special Enforcement Officer Contributions (Employer)	<u>0</u>

Total Future Contributions \$ 8,550,918,612

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 39,390,795,957

LIABILITIES

Present Value of Benefits Payable to Annuitants and Beneficiaries from:

Annuity Reserve Account	\$ 14,834,189,310
State Police Benefit Account	1,379,755,893
Enforcement Officers Benefit Account	<u>41,898,093</u>
Total for Annuitants and Beneficiaries	\$ 16,255,843,296

Present Value of Benefits to Active and Inactive Members from:

Members Savings Account and State Accumulation Account	
Superannuation and withdrawal	\$ 20,880,601,187
Disability	1,304,589,480
Death	896,833,229
Refunds	<u>51,720,317</u>
Subtotal	\$ 23,133,744,213

State Police Benefit Account 966,068

Enforcement Officers Benefit Account 242,380

Total Present Value of Benefits to Active and Inactive Members \$ 23,134,952,661

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 39,390,795,957

* Includes \$3,430,011 in directed commissions.

State Employees' Retirement System
Required Transfers Within SERS Accounts

I. Annuity Reserve Account

Balance as reported by SERS	\$ 15,008,395,932
Transfer to State Accumulation Account	(174,206,622)
Transfer to Supplemental Annuity Account	<u>-</u>
December 31, 2007 balance after transfers	\$ 14,834,189,310

II. State Accumulation Account *

Balance as reported by SERS	\$ 16,227,379,558
Transfer to State Police Benefit Account	-
Transfer from Annuity Reserve Account	<u>174,206,622</u>
December 31, 2007 balance after transfers	\$ 16,401,586,180

III. Enforcement Officers' Benefit Account

Balance as reported by SERS	\$ 44,064,965
Transfer from Supplemental Annuity Account	<u>-</u>
December 31, 2007 balance after transfers	\$ 44,064,965

IV. State Police Benefit Account

Balance as reported by SERS	\$ 1,381,739,080
Transfer from State Accumulation Account	-
Transfer from Supplemental Annuity Account	<u>-</u>
December 31, 2007 balance after transfers	\$ 1,381,739,080

V. Supplemental Annuity Account

Balance as reported by SERS	\$ (999,666,424)
Transfer from Annuity Reserve Account	-
Transfer to State Police Benefit Account	-
Transfer to Enforcement Officers' Benefit Account	<u>-</u>
December 31, 2007 balance after transfers	\$ (999,666,424)

* Balance includes \$3,430,011 in directed commissions.

State Employees' Retirement System
Accounting Disclosure Statements

I. Schedule of Funding Progress as of December 31, 2007

(Dollars in Thousands)

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (b)	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a) / (b)	Covered Payroll (c)	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((b-a)/c)
12/31/1992	11,769,388	11,488,414	(280,974)	102.4%	3,533,428	-8.0%
12/31/1993	13,060,613	12,213,736	(846,877)	106.9%	3,731,515	-22.7%
12/31/1994	13,991,485	13,742,056	(249,429)	101.8%	3,990,440	-6.3%
12/31/1995 *	15,510,309	15,067,205	(443,104)	102.9%	4,021,605	-11.0%
12/31/1996	16,841,069	15,936,616	(904,453)	105.7%	4,163,683	-21.7%
12/31/1997	18,565,136	17,288,413	(1,276,723)	107.4%	4,219,034	-30.3%
12/31/1998	20,670,711	18,357,899	(2,312,812)	112.6%	4,446,147	-52.0%
12/31/1999	23,624,267	19,091,840	(4,532,427)	123.7%	4,519,112	-100.3%
12/31/2000 *	26,094,306	19,702,278	(6,392,028)	132.4%	4,769,180	-134.0%
12/31/2001	27,505,494	23,658,757	(3,846,737)	116.3%	4,872,375	-78.9%
12/31/2002	27,497,464	25,650,389	(1,847,075)	107.2%	5,093,454	-36.3%
12/31/2003	27,465,615	26,179,761	(1,285,854)	104.9%	4,965,360	-25.9%
12/31/2004	26,900,027	27,999,026	1,099,000	96.1%	5,093,573	21.6%
12/31/2005 *	26,793,782	28,851,716	2,057,934	92.9%	5,138,377	40.1%
12/31/2006	28,148,834	30,364,997	2,216,163	92.7%	5,661,675	39.1%
12/31/2007	30,839,877	31,753,971	914,093	97.1%	5,529,069	16.5%

* Revised economic and demographic assumptions due to experience review.

State Employees' Retirement System
Accounting Disclosure Statements (Continued)

II. Schedule of Employer Contributions as of December 31, 2007
(Dollars in Thousands)

Calendar Year	Annual Required Contribution (ARC)	Actual Contribution	Percentage Contributed
1992	319,093	319,093	100.0%
1993	310,089	304,122	98.1%
1994	342,158	342,927	100.2%
1995	376,692	384,506	102.1%
1996	373,903	373,903	100.0%
1997	324,093	324,093	100.0%
1998	310,501	310,501	100.0%
1999	269,869	269,869	100.0%
2000	168,002	168,002	100.0%
2001	52,104	76,709	147.2%
2002	22,906	50,831	221.9%
2003	55,079	67,947	123.4%
2004	105,229	105,229	100.0%
2005	319,190	147,163	46.1%
2006	548,745	195,407	35.6%
2007	617,253	242,337	39.3%

Notes Pertaining to Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 25

The actual contribution amounts in the above table include the employer share of regular contributions, the employer share of purchased service and contributions for employee service under the Public School Employees' Retirement System.

The information presented in the required supplementary schedules was determined as part of the actuarial valuations at the dates indicated. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows.

State Employees' Retirement System

Accounting Disclosure Statements (continued)

Valuation Date	December 31, 2007
Actuarial cost method	Variation of Entry-age Actuarial Cost Method
Amortization method	10-year or 30-year schedule with level payments
Remaining amortization period	4 to 30 years
Asset valuation method	5-year smooth market
Actuarial Assumptions	
Investment rate of return	8.5 percent
Projected salary increases	Average increase of 7.1 percent (range: 4.9 to 20.2 percent)
Inflation	3.0 percent
Cost-of-living adjustments	None

The annual employer contribution is equal to the sum of the following:

- (1) The employer share of the normal cost.
- (2) The amortization of the December 31, 2001 liability for Act 2001-9 benefits over a 30-year period beginning July 1, 2002 and ending on June 30, 2032.
- (3) The amortization of the remaining unfunded liabilities as of December 31, 2001 over a ten-year period beginning July 1, 2002 and ending on June 30, 2012.
- (4) The amortization of all unfunded liabilities due to supplemental annuities (COLAs) after 2001, or other legislated benefit improvements after June 30, 2003, over ten-year periods beginning with the July first following the effective date of the change.
- (5) The amortization of changes in liability due to actual experience differing from assumed experience after December 31, 2001 over 30-year periods beginning with the July first following the actuarial valuation determining such changes.

Valuations are performed on December 31 of each year and the results are presented to the Board as a basis for determining the employer contribution rate for the year beginning July 1 after the valuation date. The Board has adopted the rate from the valuation unless information available after the valuation supports an adjustment to the valuation rate.

As long as the annual employer contribution, as defined above, is at least equal to the minimum contribution required under GASB Statement No. 25, the annual employer contribution will be deemed to be the Annual Required Contribution (ARC). Should the annual employer contribution be less than the minimum contribution required under GASB, the GASB minimum will be the ARC.

State Employees' Retirement System

Accounting Disclosure Statements (continued)

The Board has adopted the valuation rate as the contribution rate since 1995. The Board adopted slightly different rates in 1993 and 1994 based on information available after the valuation was performed. In 1993, the valuation rate of 9.27 percent was lowered to 8.92 percent because it was determined that the payroll reported for the valuation was unusually high and that future payrolls were expected to be relatively lower. In 1994, the valuation rate of 8.53 percent was increased to 8.92 percent to allow for the extension of the early retirement window and acceleration of the longevity pay scales.

The actuary agreed with the actions taken by the Board that resulted in some difference between the ARC and the actual contribution. The table presented on page 20 shows the ARC based on the actuarial valuation. The effect of the adjustments in 1993 and 1994 extended over three calendar years so the 1993 through 1995 actual contributions are different from the ARCs in those years.

During 2001, 2002, and 2003, actual contributions exceeded the ARC. For the period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2003, the ARC was set at zero. However, contributions were made by employers of some special class employees for the cost of additional benefits including payment of past liabilities for retroactive benefit enhancements. Collection of those amounts resulted in the actual contributions exceeding the ARC for all or part of calendar years 2001, 2002 and 2003.

All amortization payments are currently based upon a 10-year or 30-year schedule of contributions which remain level during the amortization period. The employer cost is determined as a percent of payroll, and the employer contributes that percent of the payroll of all covered members during each fiscal year.

GASB Statement No. 25 defines the ARC to be equal to the employer normal cost plus an amount to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The Statement prescribes the maximum acceptable period over which the total unfunded actuarial liability should be amortized. When portions of the unfunded actuarial liability are amortized over different periods, as they now are under Act 2003-40, GASB requires that the "equivalent single amortization period" for all portions combined should not exceed the maximum acceptable period. Under the Act 2003-40 amortization rules, the current contribution level results in an "equivalent single amortization period" in excess of the maximum acceptable period and thus an actual contribution less than the ARC. Because of the different funding periods for different portions of the unfunded liability, the net payments on the unfunded liability are actually negative thus reducing the total employer contribution to less than the normal cost. The employer contribution has been below the GASB minimum since July 1, 2005 and we anticipate that the SERS contribution will be lower than the ARC through June 30, 2009. After that date, we project the SERS contribution will exceed the GASB minimum.

State Employees' Retirement System
Solvency Test

Valuation Date	Actuarial Accrued Liabilities For			Total Actuarial Liability (AAL)	Actuarial Value of Assets	Portion of Accrued Liabilities Covered by Reported Assets			Funded Ratio
	(1) Active Member Contributions	(2) Retirees & Beneficiaries	(3) Active Members (Employer Financed Portion)			(1)	(2)	(3)	
(Amounts in Thousands)									
December 31, 1992	\$ 1,994,567	\$ 4,621,318	\$ 4,872,529	\$ 11,488,414	\$ 11,769,388	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	106.9 %
December 31, 1993	2,170,593	4,806,907	5,236,236	12,213,736	13,060,613	100.0	100.0	100.0	106.9
December 31, 1994	2,352,731	5,039,221	6,350,104	13,742,056	13,991,485	100.0	100.0	100.0	101.8
December 31, 1995	2,499,485	5,649,454	6,918,265	15,067,205	15,510,309	100.0	100.0	100.0	102.9
December 31, 1996	2,646,630	6,027,333	7,262,653	15,936,616	16,841,069	100.0	100.0	100.0	105.7
December 31, 1997	2,748,177	6,951,411	7,588,825	17,288,413	18,565,136	100.0	100.0	100.0	107.4
December 31, 1998	2,904,232	7,200,000	8,253,666	18,357,899	20,670,711	100.0	100.0	100.0	112.6
December 31, 1999	2,989,489	7,779,993	8,322,358	19,091,840	23,624,267	100.0	100.0	100.0	123.7
December 31, 2000	3,182,776	8,148,876	8,370,626	19,702,278	26,094,306	100.0	100.0	100.0	132.4
December 31, 2001	3,344,107	8,684,734	11,629,915	23,658,757	27,505,494	100.0	100.0	100.0	116.3
December 31, 2002	3,498,672	10,129,669	12,022,048	25,650,389	27,497,464	100.0	100.0	100.0	107.2
December 31, 2003	3,588,664	11,296,520	11,294,578	26,179,761	27,465,615	100.0	100.0	100.0	104.9
December 31, 2004	3,593,576	12,779,570	11,625,880	27,999,026	26,900,027	100.0	100.0	90.5	96.1
December 31, 2005	3,696,477	14,000,196	11,155,043	28,851,716	26,793,782	100.0	100.0	81.6	92.9
December 31, 2006	3,916,841	14,474,525	11,973,631	30,364,997	28,148,834	100.0	100.0	81.5	92.7
December 31, 2007	3,849,293	16,255,843	11,648,835	31,753,971	30,839,877	100.0	100.0	92.2	97.1

State Employees' Retirement System
Actuarial Value of Assets

I. Development of 12/31/07 Expected Actuarial Value:	
A) Actuarial Value as of 12/31/06	\$ 28,148,833,847
B) Contributions in 2007	576,155,489
C) Benefits and Expenses in 2007	(2,360,586,311)
D) Investment return at 8.5% to 12/31/07 on (A)	2,392,650,877
E) Investment return at 8.5% to 12/31/07 on (B) and (C):	<u>(75,838,310)</u>
	8.5% x .5 x ((B) + (C))
F) Expected Actuarial Value as of 12/31/07:	\$ 28,681,215,592
	(A) + (B) + (C) + (D) + (E)
II. Previous Differences Not Yet Amortized:	
A) Unrecognized amount of 12/31/03 Difference:	\$ 530,563,312
	.2 x \$2,652,816,560
B) Unrecognized amount of 12/31/04 Difference:	518,795,643
	.4 x \$1,296,989,107
C) Unrecognized amount of 12/31/05 Difference:	840,340,189
	.6 x \$1,400,566,981
D) Unrecognized amount of 12/31/06 Difference:	<u>2,010,579,938</u>
	.8 x \$2,513,224,923
E) Total	\$ 3,900,279,082
III. Gain or Loss from 2007	
A) Market Value of Assets on 12/31/07	\$ 35,511,205,870
B) Expected Market Value II(E) + I(F)	<u>32,581,494,674</u>
C) Gain (loss) from 2007 Investments (A) - (B)	\$ 2,929,711,196
IV. Development of Actuarial Value of Assets as of 12/31/07:	
A) 20% of \$2,652,816,560 (12/31/03 Difference):	\$ 530,563,312
B) 20% of \$1,296,989,107 (12/31/04 Difference):	259,397,821
C) 20% of \$1,400,566,981 (12/31/05 Difference):	280,113,396
D) 20% of \$2,513,224,923 (12/31/06 Difference):	502,644,985
E) 20% of \$2,929,711,196 (12/31/07 Difference):	<u>585,942,239</u>
F) Total Difference:	\$ 2,158,661,753
	(A) + (B) + (C) + (D) + (E)
G) Actuarial Value at 12/31/07: I(F) + IV(F)	\$ 30,839,877,345

State Employees' Retirement System
Projection of Population, Benefits, and Contributions

Projection of Annuitants and Employees
Actual Data Through 2007

Calendar Year	New Retirements During the Year	Deaths During the Year	Former Employees (EOY)	New Survivors During the Year	Deaths During the Year	Survivors (EOY)	Total Retired and Survivor Lives	Active Employees
1991			69,908			6,332	76,240	105,731
1992			73,897			6,595	80,492	109,609
1993			73,894			6,796	80,690	111,962
1994			73,780			7,055	80,835	114,120
1995			74,110			7,094	81,204	112,637
1996			75,609			7,477	83,086	110,922
1997			77,667			7,790	85,457	108,684
1998			78,017			7,817	85,834	108,893
1999			80,095			7,948	88,043	108,035
2000			80,289			8,103	88,392	109,469
2001			80,911			8,306	89,217	109,716
2002			82,805			8,423	91,228	111,059
2003			85,808			8,604	94,412	109,018
2004			89,869			8,858	98,727	108,405
2005			92,120			9,059	101,179	109,981
2006			92,879			9,181	102,060	110,972
2007			97,657			9,473	107,130	109,610
2008	5,101	3,370	99,388	674	547	9,600	108,988	109,610
2009	5,220	3,401	101,207	680	595	9,685	110,892	109,610
2010	5,397	3,423	103,181	685	636	9,734	112,915	109,610
2011	5,469	3,442	105,208	688	669	9,753	114,961	109,610
2012	5,377	3,458	107,127	692	695	9,750	116,877	109,610
2013	5,269	3,482	108,914	696	716	9,730	118,644	109,610
2014	5,027	3,495	110,446	699	730	9,699	120,145	109,610
2015	4,801	3,515	111,732	703	739	9,663	121,395	109,610
2016	4,674	3,533	112,873	707	744	9,626	122,499	109,610
2017	4,390	3,555	113,708	711	745	9,592	123,300	109,610
2018	4,133	3,589	114,252	718	746	9,564	123,816	109,610

The retirement projections in Schedule K are based upon the current retirement assumptions used for the valuation.

State Employees' Retirement System
Projection of Population, Benefits, and Contributions

Projection of Expected Contributions and Benefits - With Future COLAs
Actual Data Through 2007
(Dollars in Millions)

Year	Calendar Year Contributions (After 2007, Based Upon Blended Fiscal Projections)		Contributions as a Percent of Pay			Calendar Year Benefits and Expenses
	Employee	Employer	Calendar Year Contributions (Employer Rates Based Upon Blended Fiscal Projections)		Actual Projected Employer Rate (Fiscal Year Beginning July 1)	
			Employee	Employer		
1991	\$ 183	\$ 381				\$ 664
1992	187	319				851
1993	190	304				781
1994	193	343				812
1995	202	385				894
1996	210	374				943
1997	213	324				1,037
1998	222	311				1,080
1999	224	270				1,248
2000	232	168				1,198
2001	240	77				1,266
2002	304	51				1,450
2003	308	68				1,656
2004	302	106				1,880
2005	306	147				1,966
2006	317	196				1,943
2007	334	242				2,361
2008	346	224	6.2%	4.0%	4.0%	2,428
2009	348	225	6.2%	4.0%	4.0%	2,636
2010	359	232	6.2%	4.0%	4.0%	2,795
2011	371	240	6.2%	4.0%	4.0%	2,958
2012	383	387	6.2%	6.3%	8.5%	3,196
2013	396	612	6.2%	9.6%	10.6%	3,450
2014	409	666	6.2%	10.1%	9.5%	3,616
2015	422	648	6.2%	9.5%	9.5%	3,785
2016	436	666	6.2%	9.4%	9.4%	4,066
2017	451	812	6.2%	11.1%	12.9%	4,350
2018	466	964	6.2%	12.8%	12.7%	4,530

This projection is based upon these assumptions: projected investment return of 8.5 percent in 2008 and after; general pay increases of 3.3 percent; COLAs in 2008, 2012, and 2016 (with a 1-year delay in COLA funding).

State Employees' Retirement System
Projection of Population, Benefits, and Contributions

Projection of Expected Contributions and Benefits - No Future COLAs Assumed
Actual Data Through 2007
(Dollars in Millions)

Year	Calendar Year Contributions (After 2007, Based Upon Blended Fiscal Projections)		Contributions as a Percent of Pay			Calendar Year Benefits and Expenses
	Employee	Employer	Calendar Year Contributions (Employer Rates Based Upon Blended Fiscal Projections)		Actual Projected Employer Rate (Fiscal Year Beginning July 1)	
			Employee	Employer		
1991	\$ 183	\$ 381				\$ 664
1992	187	319				851
1993	190	304				781
1994	193	343				812
1995	202	385				894
1996	210	374				943
1997	213	324				1,037
1998	222	311				1,080
1999	224	270				1,248
2000	232	168				1,198
2001	240	77				1,266
2002	304	51				1,450
2003	308	68				1,656
2004	302	106				1,880
2005	306	147				1,966
2006	317	196				1,943
2007	334	242				2,361
2008	346	224	6.2%	4.0%	4.0%	2,369
2009	348	225	6.2%	4.0%	4.0%	2,509
2010	359	232	6.2%	4.0%	4.0%	2,661
2011	371	240	6.2%	4.0%	4.0%	2,815
2012	383	300	6.2%	4.8%	5.7%	2,967
2013	396	340	6.2%	5.3%	4.9%	3,122
2014	409	296	6.2%	4.5%	4.0%	3,270
2015	422	279	6.2%	4.1%	4.1%	3,420
2016	436	296	6.2%	4.2%	4.3%	3,580
2017	451	317	6.2%	4.4%	4.4%	3,730
2018	466	340	6.2%	4.5%	4.6%	3,881

This projection is based upon these assumptions: a projected investment return of 8.5 percent in 2008 and after; general pay increases of 3.3 percent; no future COLAs.

State Employees' Retirement System
I. Age, Service and Salary Profile of Active Participants as of December 31, 2007

Active Employees*

Males - Full Years of Service to December 31, 2007

Age Group	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30+	Total	Average Salary
Less than 20	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	\$ 22,399
20-24	910	11	0	0	0	0	0	921	27,799
25-29	2,121	436	4	0	0	0	0	2,561	35,160
30-34	1,586	1,069	277	5	0	0	0	2,937	40,212
35-39	1,532	1,219	982	431	14	0	0	4,178	44,660
40-44	1,398	1,135	907	1,149	538	27	0	5,154	47,844
45-49	1,532	1,146	905	1,222	1,365	878	31	7,079	50,134
50-54	1,488	1,174	972	1,190	1,281	1,453	885	8,443	52,273
55-59	1,330	1,016	874	1,019	1,036	1,161	1,562	7,998	54,451
60-64	813	586	516	507	388	276	585	3,671	52,843
65+	<u>307</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>245</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>1,398</u>	<u>57,649</u>
Total	13,052	8,075	5,682	5,677	4,717	3,863	3,309	44,375	\$ 48,992

Average Age 47.48
Average Service 12.57

Females - Full Years of Service to December 31, 2007

Age Group	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30+	Total	Average Salary
Less than 20	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	\$ 22,612
20-24	1,111	22	0	0	0	0	0	1,133	27,180
25-29	2,236	639	25	0	0	0	0	2,900	33,560
30-34	1,671	1,138	339	30	0	0	0	3,178	37,474
35-39	1,666	1,216	847	579	64	0	0	4,372	40,110
40-44	1,626	1,120	754	1,002	704	75	0	5,281	42,067
45-49	1,806	1,329	882	1,071	1,049	1,088	98	7,323	44,814
50-54	1,681	1,247	976	1,228	1,042	1,291	1,206	8,671	46,565
55-59	1,123	970	750	1,061	1,012	917	1,164	6,997	47,640
60-64	440	474	428	400	337	230	253	2,562	45,843
65+	<u>121</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>812</u>	<u>43,679</u>
Total	13,531	8,336	5,175	5,486	4,284	3,643	2,824	43,279	\$ 43,071

Average Age 46.17
Average Service 11.98

* The following three pages contain information on members in special categories. These include selected hazardous duty members, legislators, judges and district justices. The above information is for all other active members. Page five of Schedule L is the total of all active categories. Page six is the total of all active employees and inactive and vested participants.

State Employees' Retirement System

I. Age, Service and Salary Profile of Active Participants as of December 31, 2007

Selected Hazardous Duty*

Males - Full Years of Service to December 31, 2007

Age Group	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30+	Total	Average Salary
Less than 20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	\$ 28,434
20-24	282	0	0	0	0	0	0	282	33,438
25-29	1,216	140	1	0	0	0	0	1,357	39,868
30-34	930	792	189	1	0	0	0	1,912	45,372
35-39	688	945	1,408	595	19	0	0	3,655	56,530
40-44	516	568	950	1,370	470	5	0	3,879	60,414
45-49	303	363	418	612	756	200	3	2,655	61,172
50-54	180	256	288	313	374	228	47	1,686	59,818
55-59	161	182	278	274	204	108	95	1,302	56,462
60-64	75	98	150	141	104	41	41	650	55,033
65+	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>60,912</u>
Total	4,368	3,352	3,720	3,324	1,942	587	190	17,483	\$ 55,491

Average Age 42.10

Average Service 11.23

Females - Full Years of Service to December 31, 2007

Age Group	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30+	Total	Average Salary
Less than 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -
20-24	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	34,091
25-29	279	25	0	0	0	0	0	304	38,229
30-34	254	148	20	0	0	0	0	422	42,651
35-39	196	173	142	25	0	0	0	536	47,211
40-44	165	101	120	96	17	0	0	499	49,709
45-49	125	93	106	89	94	26	1	534	53,580
50-54	101	86	89	83	50	56	11	476	54,540
55-59	45	34	68	46	20	22	10	245	56,047
60-64	21	20	22	19	14	6	3	105	55,710
65+	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>56,030</u>
Total	1,248	683	575	364	198	112	26	3,206	\$ 49,074

Average Age 42.34

Average Service 8.73

* Enforcement officers, correction officers, psychiatric security aides, and officers of the Pennsylvania State Police and the Delaware River Port Authority

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State Employees' Retirement System

I. Age, Service and Salary Profile of Active Participants as of December 31, 2007

Legislators

Males - Full Years of Service to December 31, 2007

Age Group	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30+	Total	Average Salary
Less than 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -
20-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
25-29	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	76,163
30-34	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	8	76,163
35-39	10	6	1	0	0	0	0	17	76,163
40-44	8	4	4	0	0	0	0	16	76,831
45-49	11	12	6	5	1	2	0	37	79,315
50-54	9	9	3	11	4	5	1	42	79,688
55-59	4	8	4	4	2	5	6	33	79,955
60-64	3	4	1	4	6	4	5	27	81,045
65+	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>79,187</u>
Total	52	48	22	28	17	21	26	214	\$ 79,103

Average Age 53.14

Average Service 13.83

Females - Full Years of Service to December 31, 2007

Age Group	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30+	Total	Average Salary
Less than 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -
20-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
25-29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
30-34	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	76,163
35-39	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	76,163
40-44	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	76,163
45-49	1	0	3	2	1	0	0	7	79,870
50-54	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	81,556
55-59	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	76,163
60-64	1	1	4	3	0	0	0	9	77,350
65+	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>76,163</u>
Total	10	5	9	8	4	0	0	36	\$ 77,630

Average Age 54.92

Average Service 10.56

State Employees' Retirement System

I. Age, Service and Salary Profile of Active Participants as of December 31, 2007

Judges And Magisterial District Judges

Males - Full Years of Service to December 31, 2007

Age Group	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30+	Total	Average Salary
Less than 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -
20-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
25-29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
30-34	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	76,118
35-39	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	8	86,307
40-44	17	12	6	2	0	0	0	37	94,260
45-49	23	22	18	4	6	0	0	73	96,020
50-54	42	27	38	22	18	4	1	152	108,961
55-59	32	33	40	38	27	22	10	202	109,440
60-64	21	13	34	43	31	30	12	184	123,072
65+	<u>2</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>120,598</u>
Total	141	127	152	135	100	67	40	762	\$ 111,631

Average Age 56.65
Average Service 13.91

Females - Full Years of Service to December 31, 2007

Age Group	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30+	Total	Average Salary
Less than 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -
20-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
25-29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
30-34	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	76,249
35-39	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	14	76,333
40-44	15	4	6	1	0	0	0	26	99,653
45-49	10	12	4	4	2	1	0	33	102,516
50-54	18	15	17	9	9	1	0	69	117,667
55-59	4	8	14	12	12	4	1	55	122,547
60-64	1	3	10	9	11	4	0	38	123,818
65+	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>112,990</u>
Total	58	50	53	41	37	13	3	255	\$ 112,770

Average Age 52.82
Average Service 11.97

State Employees' Retirement System
I. Age, Service and Salary Profile of Active Participants as of December 31, 2007

All Active Employees

Males - Full Years of Service to December 31, 2007

Age Group	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30+	Total	Average Salary
Less than 20	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	\$ 22,567
20-24	1,192	11	0	0	0	0	0	1,203	29,121
25-29	3,339	576	5	0	0	0	0	3,920	36,811
30-34	2,522	1,868	466	6	0	0	0	4,862	42,337
35-39	2,232	2,174	2,393	1,026	33	0	0	7,858	50,292
40-44	1,939	1,719	1,867	2,521	1,008	32	0	9,086	53,451
45-49	1,869	1,543	1,347	1,843	2,128	1,080	34	9,844	53,561
50-54	1,719	1,466	1,301	1,536	1,677	1,690	934	10,323	54,452
55-59	1,527	1,239	1,196	1,335	1,269	1,296	1,673	9,535	55,979
60-64	912	701	701	695	529	351	643	4,532	56,176
65+	<u>326</u>	<u>305</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>202</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>1,635</u>	<u>62,167</u>
Total	17,613	11,602	9,576	9,164	6,776	4,538	3,565	62,834	\$ 51,663

Average Age 46.11
Average Service 12.22

Females - Full Years of Service to December 31, 2007

Age Group	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30+	Total	Average Salary
Less than 20	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	\$ 22,612
20-24	1,171	22	0	0	0	0	0	1,193	27,528
25-29	2,515	664	25	0	0	0	0	3,204	34,003
30-34	1,929	1,287	359	30	0	0	0	3,605	38,133
35-39	1,870	1,397	989	604	64	0	0	4,924	41,000
40-44	1,808	1,225	880	1,099	721	75	0	5,808	42,993
45-49	1,942	1,434	995	1,166	1,146	1,115	99	7,897	45,679
50-54	1,800	1,350	1,082	1,320	1,102	1,348	1,217	9,219	47,520
55-59	1,175	1,012	832	1,120	1,044	943	1,175	7,301	48,502
60-64	463	498	464	431	362	240	256	2,714	47,421
65+	<u>124</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>861</u>	<u>45,670</u>
Total	14,847	9,074	5,812	5,899	4,523	3,768	2,853	46,776	\$ 43,888

Average Age 45.95
Average Service 11.76

State Employees' Retirement System
II. Age and Service Profile of Active Employees and Inactive and Vested Participants
As of December 31, 2007

Active Employees and Inactive and Vested Participants

Males - Full Years of Service to December 31, 2007

Age Group	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30+	Total
Less than 20	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
20-24	1,193	11	0	0	0	0	0	1,204
25-29	3,344	588	5	0	0	0	0	3,937
30-34	2,537	1,954	477	6	0	0	0	4,974
35-39	2,258	2,299	2,464	1,032	34	0	0	8,087
40-44	1,977	1,829	1,977	2,551	1013	32	0	9,379
45-49	1,919	1,630	1,443	1,904	2,151	1,093	34	10,174
50-54	1,791	1,582	1,382	1,587	1,708	1,708	945	10,703
55-59	1,692	1,332	1,294	1,393	1,307	1,318	1,702	10,038
60-64	1022	749	733	736	541	365	669	4,815
65+	<u>373</u>	<u>321</u>	<u>322</u>	<u>223</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>293</u>	<u>1,759</u>
Total	18,142	12,295	10,097	9,432	6,889	4,608	3,643	65,106

Average Age 46.27
Average Service 12.14

Females - Full Years of Service to December 31, 2007

Age Group	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30+	Total
Less than 20	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
20-24	1,172	23	0	0	0	0	0	1,195
25-29	2,526	687	25	0	0	0	0	3,238
30-34	1,962	1,406	366	30	0	0	0	3,764
35-39	1,923	1,567	1,044	613	64	0	0	5,211
40-44	1,870	1,367	991	1,134	728	75	0	6,165
45-49	2,043	1,585	1,131	1,212	1,153	1,121	99	8,344
50-54	2,006	1,535	1,247	1,413	1,139	1,364	1,233	9,937
55-59	1,544	1,201	987	1,197	1080	961	1,193	8,163
60-64	681	589	519	459	380	251	266	3,145
65+	<u>184</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>984</u>
Total	15,961	10,171	6,510	6,201	4,630	3,822	2,901	50,196

Average Age 46.29
Average Service 11.50

State Employees' Retirement System
III. Age and Benefit Profile of Annuitants and Beneficiaries as of December 31, 2007

Superannuation Annuitants

<u>Age</u>	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Annual Pension</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Annual Pension</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Annual Pension</u>
Under 25	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -
25-29	-	-	-	-	-	-
30-34	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-39	-	-	-	-	-	-
40-44	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-49	-	-	-	-	-	-
50-54	448	15,280,800	219	6,850,604	667	22,131,403
55-59	2,005	73,029,739	1,154	41,727,586	3,159	114,757,326
60-64	5,332	184,634,333	2,950	78,303,425	8,282	262,937,758
65-69	5,845	169,520,868	3,934	80,615,500	9,779	250,136,368
70-74	5,064	117,780,274	3,447	54,141,795	8,511	171,922,070
75-79	4,383	86,595,131	3,367	40,229,132	7,750	126,824,263
80-84	3,881	64,208,208	3,469	35,605,984	7,350	99,814,192
85-89	2,182	30,045,845	2,529	21,677,253	4,711	51,723,099
90 & over	998	12,184,119	1,531	12,266,300	2,529	24,450,419
Total	30,138	\$ 753,279,317	22,600	\$ 371,417,580	52,738	\$ 1,124,696,897

Average Age 72.8
Average Annual Pension \$21,326

State Employees' Retirement System
III. Age and Benefit Profile of Annuitants and Beneficiaries as of December 31, 2007

Early Retirement Annuitants

<u>Age</u>	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Annual Pension</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Annual Pension</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Annual Pension</u>
Under 25	-	\$ -	1	\$ 363	1	\$ 363
25-29	31	19,738	47	26,685	78	46,423
30-34	121	115,023	154	133,003	275	248,026
35-39	335	670,697	317	533,754	652	1,204,451
40-44	484	2,162,622	506	1,155,684	990	3,318,306
45-49	887	9,966,392	1,014	4,715,869	1,901	14,682,261
50-54	1,577	22,886,871	2,422	26,112,148	3,999	48,999,019
55-59	3,801	76,364,791	4,318	63,173,793	8,119	139,538,584
60-64	5,369	121,605,151	3,535	55,247,201	8,904	176,852,352
65-69	2,948	50,068,373	1,973	23,321,502	4,921	73,389,875
70-74	1,730	24,471,817	1,451	13,384,908	3,181	37,856,725
75-79	1,388	19,980,775	1,175	10,812,330	2,563	30,793,105
80-84	541	6,791,110	686	5,324,652	1,227	12,115,762
85-89	183	2,251,956	285	2,280,821	468	4,532,777
90 & over	59	663,564	93	849,885	152	1,513,449
Total	19,454	\$ 338,018,880	17,977	\$ 207,072,600	37,431	\$ 545,091,479

Average Age 61.4
Average Annual Pension \$14,563

State Employees' Retirement System
III. Age and Benefit Profile of Annuitants and Beneficiaries as of December 31, 2007

Disabled Annuitants

Age	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Annual Pension	Number	Annual Pension	Number	Annual Pension
Under 25	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -
25-29	-	-	1	8,748	1	8,748
30-34	9	91,977	9	98,548	18	190,525
35-39	52	654,246	65	699,243	117	1,353,489
40-44	145	1,967,552	130	1,359,080	275	3,326,632
45-49	271	4,230,675	339	4,778,198	610	9,008,874
50-54	493	8,250,135	584	8,828,031	1,077	17,078,166
55-59	792	12,991,299	825	12,315,640	1,617	25,306,939
60-64	711	9,818,180	706	9,494,435	1,417	19,312,615
65-69	497	5,413,670	447	4,417,186	944	9,830,855
70-74	281	2,585,542	346	3,032,028	627	5,617,571
75-79	181	1,783,193	218	1,651,430	399	3,434,623
80-84	118	1,127,635	123	867,994	241	1,995,629
85-89	43	382,983	76	493,873	119	876,856
90 & over	4	45,041	22	152,649	26	197,690
Total	3,597	\$ 49,342,127	3,891	\$ 48,197,083	7,488	\$ 97,539,210

Average Age 60.5
Average Annual Pension \$13,026

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III. Age and Benefit Profile of Annuitants and Beneficiaries as of December 31, 2007

Beneficiaries and Survivor Annuitants

<u>Age</u>	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Annual Pension</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Annual Pension</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Annual Pension</u>
Under 25	20	\$ 211,348	19	\$ 153,483	39	\$ 364,831
25-29	12	111,103	7	114,284	19	225,387
30-34	18	286,369	11	97,565	29	383,934
35-39	26	350,387	29	286,170	55	636,557
40-44	14	77,587	53	532,642	67	610,228
45-49	34	271,736	104	906,903	138	1,178,639
50-54	64	387,632	251	2,173,440	315	2,561,072
55-59	93	643,511	470	5,129,816	563	5,773,327
60-64	107	1,131,089	658	8,353,351	765	9,484,440
65-69	103	823,150	782	9,335,229	885	10,158,379
70-74	102	801,943	976	10,180,045	1,078	10,981,988
75-79	96	785,811	1,244	11,285,509	1,340	12,071,320
80-84	124	791,368	1,633	12,576,537	1,757	13,367,905
85-89	72	405,934	1,323	8,223,141	1,395	8,629,075
90 & over	37	152,785	991	5,403,417	1,028	5,556,202
Total	922	\$ 7,231,755	8,551	\$ 74,751,531	9,473	\$ 81,983,286

Average Age 75.0
Average Annual Pension \$8,654

State Employees' Retirement System

Benefit and Contribution Provisions as of December 31, 2007 **(as embodied in Act 31 of 1974, and amended through Act 8 in June 2007)**

The State Employees' Retirement System makes provision for retirement, disability, and death benefits for all State employees, except those specifically excluded under Section 5301 of the State Code, and certain other eligible groups. The major provisions are summarized as follows:

Eligible Employees

- Class AA - All eligible employees hired after June 30, 2001, except State Police Officers, members of the judiciary and legislators, and employees hired before July 1, 2001 who elected Class AA by December 31, 2001.
- Class A - State Police Officers hired on or after March 1, 1974, members of the judiciary who have not elected Class E-1 or E-2, legislators elected before July 1, 2001 who have not elected Class AA or Class D-4 and Class A employees hired before July 1, 2001 who remained in Class A.
- Class C - Liquor Law enforcement officers and other officers and certain employees of the State Police who have been members and employees continuously since prior to March 1, 1974.
- Class D-3 - Legislators who have been members and legislators continuously since prior to March 1, 1974.
- Class D-4 - Legislators coming into service after June 30, 2001 who elect to be SERS members, and legislators who elected Class D-4 before July 1, 2001.
- Class E-1 - Judges who elect Class E-1.
- Class E-2 - Magisterial District Judges who elect Class E-2.

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Benefit and Contribution Provisions as of December 31, 2007 (continued) **(as embodied in Act 31 of 1974, and amended through Act 8 in June 2007)**

Age and Service Requirements for Superannuation (full formula benefits)

Class AA & Class A

General Conditions	Age 60 with three years of service; or 35 or more years of credited service, regardless of age.
Legislators and certain enforcement officers	Age 50 with three years of service.
Park Rangers & Capitol Police	Age 50 with 20 years of Park Ranger or Capitol Police service.
State Police	Age 50. State Police are eligible for special unreduced benefits after 20 years of service, regardless of age; however, age 50 remains their superannuation age.

Class C

State Police	Age 50. State Police are eligible for special unreduced benefits after 20 years of service, regardless of age; however, age 50 remains their superannuation age.
Other Hazardous Duty	Age 50 with three years of service.
<u>Class D-3 & Class D-4</u>	Age 50 with three years of service.
<u>Class E-1 & Class E-2</u>	Age 60 with three years of service; or 35 or more years of credited service, regardless of age.

Formula for Superannuation Annuity

The single-life annuity applicable to members of Class AA is equal to 2.5 percent of the high 3-year final average salary (F.A.S.) of the member multiplied by the years and fractions of credited service.

The standard single-life annuity applicable to members of Class A and Class C is equal to 2 percent of the high 3-year final average salary of the member multiplied by the years and fractions of credited service.

The applicable single-life annuity for Class C State Police and Class A State Police is 50 percent of the highest annual salary if the member has over 20 but less than 25 years of service. With more than 25 years of service the benefit is 75 percent of the highest annual salary.

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Benefit and Contribution Provisions as of December 31, 2007 (continued) **(as embodied in Act 31 of 1974, and amended through Act 8 in June 2007)**

The benefit accrual rates for other classes of members are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Benefit Accrual Rate</u>
D-3	7.5 percent
D-4	3.0 percent
E-1	4.0 percent for each of the first 10 years of judicial service, dropping to 3.0 percent for each subsequent year of judicial service.
E-2	3.0 percent for each year of judicial service.

Members who have 41 or more years of combined Class A and AA service are entitled to a supplemental benefit ranging from 2 percent of the single-life annuity for members with 41 years of service to 10 percent of the single-life annuity for members with 45 or more years of service.

The benefit for a member who works past age 70 is at least equal to a benefit that is the actuarial equivalent of the prior year's benefit. This determination is made each year after age 70.

In addition to the standard single-life annuity as determined above, a member of Class C receives a "member's annuity" actuarially equivalent to the regular accumulated member contributions and interest at retirement but not less than such annuity determined as if the member was age 60 at retirement.

In addition to the above benefits, a member who has elected Social Security Integration Coverage is entitled to a single-life annuity of 2 percent of the members' "Average Non-Covered Salary" for each year of Social Security Integration (SSI) coverage. All Class E members can elect SSI coverage. Other members must have elected SSI coverage before March, 1974. "Average Non-Covered Salary" is the average annual salary received while covered by the Retirement System since January 1, 1956 in excess of the maximum covered wages under Social Security.

Limitations on Annuity

The annuity paid to a member shall not exceed the member's highest salary during any period of twelve consecutive months of creditable service; however, the actuarial increase for late retirement under SERS code section 5702(a.1), if any, is not subject to this limitation. The amount of annual retirement benefit a member may receive shall not exceed the dollar limit specified under Section 415(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, members will not receive a lower benefit than they would have been entitled to receive had Act 2001-9 not been enacted. Some of the benefits in excess of the limit are paid through the Benefits Completion Plan.

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Benefit and Contribution Provisions as of December 31, 2007 (continued) **(as embodied in Act 31 of 1974, and amended through Act 8 in June 2007)**

Age and Service Requirements for Disability Retirement

A member is eligible for disability retirement if the member is unable to perform his or her current job and has at least 5 years of service. An officer of the State Police or enforcement officer does not have a service requirement.

Formula for Disability Benefit

The disability benefit is equal to the benefit calculated as for full retirement, based on years of credited service at disability, if the result is greater than or equal to 33-1/3 percent of F.A.S. at time of disability. If the benefit so calculated is less than 33-1/3 percent of F.A.S., the disability benefit is equal to the smaller of:

- (a) the benefit calculated as for full retirement based on service projected to retirement date, or
- (b) 33-1/3 percent of F.A.S. at time of disability.

For service connected disabilities, the disability benefit payable will be increased, as needed, so that the sum of the plan benefit and the benefits paid or payable under the Workers' Compensation Act, The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act, and the Social Security Act equals 70 percent of F.A.S.

Eligibility for Vested Benefit

A member is eligible for a vested benefit after 5 years of service.

Vested Benefit

The vested benefit is equal to the benefit calculated as for retirement, based on years of credited service at the time of leaving the plan. The former member can receive the full benefit beginning at retirement age, or an actuarially reduced early retirement benefit beginning at any date after separation but before retirement. The early retirement benefit is reduced from the earlier of age 60, or the age at which the member would have 35 years of credited service. Benefits for Park Rangers and Capitol Police who have 20 years of service are reduced from age 50. Benefits for other members who have an age 50 superannuation age are reduced from age 50 irrespective of the amount of service they have.

Eligibility for Death Benefit Prior to Retirement

A member is eligible if the member (1) is under superannuation age with 5 years of credited service or (2) has attained superannuation age with 3 years of credited service.

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Amount of Death Benefit Prior to Retirement

An eligible beneficiary receives the full present value of the benefits to which the member would have been entitled had the member retired the day before he or she died, assuming the member had elected Option 1 if no other option had been elected. This death benefit includes the present value associated with benefits, if any, to which the member may not have been entitled because they exceeded the member's highest consecutive twelve months of salary and are limited by appropriate IRS limitations.

Death Benefits After Retirement

A member who elects the single-life annuity is entitled to a refund of the unpaid balance of the member accumulated contributions and interest at the time of retirement. A member may elect one of several optional reduced pensions in lieu of the single-life annuity to provide additional death benefit protection. The optional forms of benefit are actuarially equivalent to the single life benefit using 4.0 percent interest per annum, and the actuarial equivalence factors described below.

The beneficiary of a disabled member who did not elect an alternative option receives benefits determined under Option 1. Option 1 provides that the beneficiary will receive a benefit equal to the present value of the single-life annuity at retirement reduced by any payments received by the annuitant. The Option 1 benefit is provided to a disabled member without any reduction in the member's benefit.

The beneficiary of a member whose benefit was limited to the member's highest salary will be paid a death benefit equal to the present value of the benefit in excess of the highest salary. This payment is in addition to any death benefit that may be paid as a result of the optional election.

The "Extra Piece"

The retirement code provides for an "extra piece" to be added to the annual benefit if the member's accumulated deductions, excluding any Class C deductions, exceed one-half of the actuarially equivalent value of the annual benefit. The extra piece is equal to the difference between the total accumulated deductions and one-half of the actuarially equivalent value of the annual benefit.

Cost-of-Living Allowances (COLAs)

Supplemental annuities applying cost-of-living increases to the benefits of annuitants have been instituted from time to time. The last cost-of-living increase was a two-stage increase under Act 2002-38. The first stage was applicable to annuitants who retired on or before July 1, 1990, and it became effective in July of 2002. The second stage provided cost-of-living increases to annuitants who retired after July 1, 1990 but prior to July 2, 2002, and it became effective in July of 2003.

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Benefit and Contribution Provisions as of December 31, 2007 (continued) (as embodied in Act 31 of 1974, and amended through Act 8 in June 2007)

Rate of Member Contribution

- (i) Regular member contributions, excluding Social Security Integration contributions
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|--------------------|--|
| <u>Class AA</u> - | 6.25 percent of total salary |
| <u>Class A</u> - | 5.00 percent |
| <u>Class C</u> - | 5.00 percent |
| <u>Class D-3</u> - | 18.75 percent |
| <u>Class D-4</u> - | 7.50 percent |
| <u>Class E-1</u> - | 10.00 percent during the first 10 years of judicial service and 7.50 percent thereafter. |
| <u>Class E-2</u> - | 7.50 percent |
- (ii) Additional contribution for Social Security Integration Credit
- Any member who elects the Social Security Integration Credit pays 5.00 percent of any salary in excess of the amount of salary covered by Social Security during the year for which contributions are being made. A member electing to end additional contributions is ineligible to make future contributions or accrue future benefits.
- (iii) Waiver of contributions
- Members may elect to waive future contributions if their maximum single life annuity exceeds 110 percent of their highest calendar year compensation.

Interest Credited on Member Contributions

A rate of 4 percent, stipulated as the statutory rate of interest, has been credited on the member contributions since the inception of the system.

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Benefit and Contribution Provisions as of December 31, 2007 (continued) **(as embodied in Act 31 of 1974, and amended through Act 8 in June 2007)**

Refund of Accumulated Member Contributions

On the death of a member not qualifying for death benefits, the accumulated member contributions and interest will be paid to the beneficiary. Any member terminating service when not eligible for another form of benefit is paid a refund of the accumulated contributions and interest. Other terminating members may elect to receive a lump sum payment of a portion of the present value of their benefit, not to exceed their accumulated contributions and interest. Their lump sum payment results in a decrease to the annuity benefit otherwise payable.

Employer Contributions

The employer pays the balance of the cost in excess of the members' contributions with payment schedules determined by law. Acts 2003-40 and 2007-8 made changes to the SERS funding rules which significantly affect the required employer contributions. See Section III of Schedule O for the details.

Actuarial Equivalence

The actuarial table used to determine optional and early retirement benefits for members who entered service after August 1983 is the 1983 Group Annuity Mortality (1983GAM) Unisex table.

Members who entered service before August 1983 receive the better of benefits based on the 1983 GAM table or a variation of the 1971 Group Annuity Mortality (1971GAM) male table. The 1971 GAM table that applies in determining the benefits for members who entered service before August 1983 is:

For service before August, 1983:

Males (members or survivors) – 1971 GAM for males

Females (members or survivors) – 1971 GAM for males, set back 6 years

For service after August, 1983:

Members (male or female) – 1971 GAM for males, set back 6 years

Survivors (male or female) – 1971 GAM for males

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Actuarial Assumptions

Schedule N shows the actuarial assumptions used for the valuation. The assumptions were based on a review of experience under SERS from 2001 through 2005. Schedule N contains an extract of the full set of rates used in the valuation. The full set of rates is in the Sixteenth Investigation of Actuarial Experience of the State Employees' Retirement System of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - March 15, 2006, which can be obtained from SERS. The rates are the probabilities that an event will occur in the year after the valuation and are all assumed to occur at the beginning of the year. For instance, the male retirement rate of 25.0 percent at age 60 means that 250 of every 1,000 employees age 60 and who are eligible for full benefits are expected to retire at the date of the valuation.

Interest Rate: 8.5 percent compounded annually. The assumed interest rate of 8.5 percent is the investment return less investment and administrative expenses.

Mortality After Retirement:

Non-disabled Retirees, Beneficiaries and Survivors: The RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table projected to 2008.

Disability Retirees: The RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table projected to 2008.

Spouse Age Difference: Females are assumed to be 2 years younger than males.

Assumptions for General Employees while Active Members

Employees who retired prior to July 1, 2007 were required to pay only 1 percent of final salary each year for retiree health benefits. Effective July 1, 2007, new retirees are subject to higher future annual charges for retiree health benefits. As a result, we expected a substantial increase in the number of retirements in the first half of 2007. For purposes of the December 31, 2006 valuation, therefore, we assumed a higher rate of separation for full unreduced benefits (namely 50.0 percent instead of the usual 30.0 percent) for employees retiring under age 60 in 2007. Since retiree health benefit premium levels are not changing during 2008, for purposes of the current valuation, this special retirement assumption was removed and our usual rates of separation were assumed.

On June 30, 2008, the minimum service for eligibility for subsidized health benefits, if superannuated, will increase from 15 to 20 years; however, employees who will have reached 15 years of service by June 30, 2008 will remain eligible for subsidized health benefits even if they retire after June 30, 2008. Accordingly, we do not expect an increase in the separation rates for general employees with 15 to 19 years of service in 2008.

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Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

Rates of Separation for Eligibility for Full Unreduced Benefits:
(35 years of service under age 60; 3 years of service over age 60)

Representative Rates of Separation for Eligibility for Full Unreduced Benefits		
Age	Male	Female
45 - 59	30.0%	30.0%
60 - 61	25.0	25.0
62	33.0	33.0
63 - 64	22.0	22.0
65	33.0	33.0
66 - 79	22.0	22.0
80	100.0%	100.0%

Rates of Separation for Eligibility for Reduced Benefits
(only apply to members not eligible for full unreduced benefits)

Representative Rates of Separation for Eligibility for Reduced Benefits				
Age	5 – 14 Years of Service		15 or More Years of Service	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
25	3.0%	3.9%	N/A	N/A
30	2.5	3.5	N/A	N/A
35	1.9	2.8	2.6%	2.7%
40	1.7	1.7	2.6	2.7
45	1.1	1.6	2.6	2.7
50	1.0	1.3	2.6	2.7
55	2.3	2.3	3.9	3.9

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Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

Rates of Separation Due to Withdrawal

It is assumed that the benefit will be reduced from age 58 for general members (to factor 35 years of service before age 60) and at age 50 for members eligible for age 50 retirement.

Representative Rates of Separation Due to Withdrawal								
Age	Male				Female			
	Years of Service				Years of Service			
	0	5	9	14	0	5	9	14
20	11.9%	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A
25	11.6	2.0%	2.0%	N/A	10.2	2.7%	2.1%	N/A
30	11.1	2.0	1.5	1.5%	10.2	2.7	1.9	2.0%
35	10.9	1.8	1.0	1.1	10.2	2.2	1.4	1.6
40	10.9	1.3	1.0	1.1	10.0	2.2	0.9	0.6
45	10.5	1.3	0.5	0.6	9.8	2.0	0.9	0.6
50	10.2	1.1	0.5	0.6	9.8	2.0	0.5	0.6
55	10.2	1.5	1.5	1.5	9.8	1.7	1.4	1.6

Rates of Separation Due to Death and Disability

(Disability rates only apply to members not eligible for full retirement)

Representative Rates of Separation Due to Death and Disability				
Age	Death		Disability	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
20	0.02%	0.02%	N/A	N/A
25	0.02	0.02	0.03%	0.07%
30	0.03	0.02	0.09	0.17
35	0.05	0.03	0.16	0.29
40	0.06	0.05	0.25	0.38
45	0.12	0.07	0.44	0.60
50	0.21	0.12	0.61	0.91
55	0.33	0.18	0.80	1.15
60	0.48	0.30	N/A	N/A

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Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

For Special Benefit Classes if Different from General Employee Rates:

Rates of Separation Due to Withdrawal			
Years of Service	State Police/ Hazardous Duty	Legislators	Judicial Officers
0	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%
1	5.6	3.9	0.2
2	3.7	3.9	0.2
3 - 4	2.8	3.9	0.2
5	1.9	3.9	0.2
6	1.9	3.9	0.2
7 - 9	.9	3.9	0.2
10+	.9	3.9	0.2

Rates of Separation Due to Early Retirement at Any Age		
State Police/ Hazardous Duty	Legislators	Judicial Officers
0.9%	3.9%	0.2%

Representative Rates of Separation Due to Retirement other than State Police with 19 or More Years of Service			
Age	State Police/ Hazardous Duty	Legislators	Judicial Officers
50	7.2%	1.25%	N/A
55	7.2	1.9	2.3
60	7.2	2.5	2.3
65	71.8	3.8	2.3
70	34.5	5.0	100.0
75	34.5	6.3	N/A
80	100.0	100.0	N/A

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Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

Rates of Separation due to Retirement for State Police with 19* or More Years of Service			
Years of Service	Rate	Years of Service	Rate
19*	4.0%	26-32	15.8%
20 – 23	1.0	33	29.7
24*	29.7	34-38	40.6
25	16.8	39+	100.0

* State Police with 19 and 24 years of service at the beginning of the year are assumed to retire at the point they reach 20 and 25 years respectively during the year and to receive the FOP award.

Years of Service Purchased by Eligible Members

Service	Number of Years Purchased
0	0.4
1	0.3
2	0.2
3	0.1
4+	0.0

It is assumed that the member will elect to pay for the reduction through an actuarial debt and that all purchased service is a 2 percent accrual.

Form of Payment: Members are assumed to elect the maximum benefit 32 percent of the time, some form of joint and survivor annuity 27 percent of the time, and some form of guaranteed present value (including joint and survivor with a guaranteed present value) 41 percent of the time. Also, 84 percent of members are assumed to elect a full Option 4 withdrawal of contributions and interest.

Career Salary Increases

The career salary scale shown on the following page includes average increases in the employee salary due to promotions and longevity growth. The average career salary growth is 3.8 percent per year. In addition, it is assumed that the salary schedules will increase by 3.3 percent a year. The scale on the following page does not include the assumed 3.3 percent general salary increase.

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Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

Career Salary Scale for Members			
Completed Years of Service	Annual Increase	Completed Years of Service	Annual Increase
1	16.90%	14	2.80%
2	8.30%	15	2.70%
3	5.90%	16	2.60%
4	4.60%	17	2.50%
5	4.20%	18	2.40%
6	3.80%	19	2.30%
7	3.50%	20	2.20%
8	3.20%	21	2.10%
9	3.20%	22	2.00%
10	3.10%	23	1.90%
11	3.00%	24	1.80%
12	2.90%	25	1.70%
13	2.80%	26+	1.60%

The above scale does not apply to members in Classes D and E. It is assumed that only the general salary increase (3.3 percent each year) would apply to members in these classes.

State Employees' Retirement System

Actuarial Methods

I. Asset Valuation

The actuarial value of assets is developed by recognizing the difference between the expected actuarial value of assets and the market value of assets over a five-year period. The expected actuarial value is last year's actuarial value brought forward to reflect actual contributions, benefit payments and expenses, and assumed investment income. Each year 20 percent of the difference between this expected value and the market value is recognized in determining the current actuarial value of assets with the remaining 80 percent to be recognized over the next four years.

II. Funding Method

The State Employees' Retirement System funding policy provides for employer contributions at actuarially determined rates that will amortize liabilities over a ten-year or 30-year period beginning with the July first following the measurement of the liability. See Section III below for details regarding the specific liabilities subject to amortization and the applicable amortization periods. This policy assures that the SERS is appropriately funded and also that the fund will accumulate sufficient assets to pay benefits when they are due. The policy is set by the State Employees' Retirement Board in conformance with specific legal requirements as to the method of funding.

A variation of the Entry-Age Actuarial Cost Method is used to determine the liabilities and costs related to all SERS benefits including retirement, withdrawal, death and disability benefits. The significant difference between the method used for SERS and the typical Entry-Age Actuarial Cost Method is that the normal cost is based on the benefits and contributions for new employees rather than for all current employees from their date of entry. The SERS variation should produce approximately the same results as the typical method over the long run.

III. Determination of the Annual Contribution

The annual employer contribution is equal to the sum of the following:

- (1) The employer share of the normal cost.
- (2) The amortization of the December 31, 2001 liability for Act 2001-9 benefits over a 30-year period beginning July 1, 2002 and ending on June 30, 2032.
- (3) The amortization of the remaining unfunded liabilities as of December 31, 2001 over a ten-year period beginning July 1, 2002 and ending on June 30, 2012.
- (4) The amortization of all unfunded liabilities due to supplemental annuities (COLAs) after 2001, or other legislated benefit improvements after June 30, 2003, over ten-year periods beginning with the July first following the effective date of the change.
- (5) The amortization of changes in liability due to actual experience differing from assumed experience after December 31, 2001 over 30-year periods beginning with the July first following the actuarial valuation determining such changes.

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Actuarial Methods (Continued)

The amortization payments are level amounts over the applicable amortization period. The employer cost is determined as a percent of payroll, and the employer contributes that percent of the payroll of all covered members during each fiscal year. The employer cost for fiscal year 2008/2009 is the total of (1) the employer normal cost percent and (2) the net amortization payment for fiscal year 2008/2009 divided by the projected payroll for the fiscal year. Under Act 2007-8, the total annual employer contribution rate for fiscal year 2008/2009 shall not be less than 4 percent of the active member payroll.

The assumptions used in determining the actuarial cost are stated in Schedule N, and the employer cost, as a percent of payroll, is determined in Schedules A and B. The assumptions used for the current valuation were based upon an evaluation of SERS experience from 2001 through 2005.

The investment return assumption is 8.5 percent per year. Salary growth is the total of assumed increases in salary rates and career salary growth. It is generally assumed that the total payroll will increase at 3.3 percent a year and that employee career salary growth (promotion and longevity growth) will average an additional 3.8 percent a year. Therefore, the average total salary growth for an individual will generally be 7.1 (3.3 plus 3.8) percent a year. The investment return and the salary rate increase assumptions are based on an assumed underlying inflation of 3.0 percent a year.

All costs and liabilities have been determined in conformance with generally accepted actuarial principles and procedures in accordance with the principles of practice prescribed by the Actuarial Standards Board of the American Academy of Actuaries. The calculations were performed on the basis of actuarial assumptions and methods, which are internally consistent, and reasonable (taking into account past experience under SERS and reasonable expectations) and which in combination represent the best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

IV. Allocation of the Annual Contribution Among Employer Groups

The annual contribution (total employer cost) is expressed as a percentage of the total projected payroll for active members. This amount is reflected on Schedule B, line III, and is referred to as the total employer cost. The total employer cost is the average contribution amount that needs to be received by the employer groups participating in the system. Therefore, some employer groups contribute a higher percent of pay, and some employer groups contribute a lower percent of pay.

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Actuarial Methods (Continued)

Schedule C develops the contribution rate for each of the employer groups. The allocation method used to determine the employer rate takes into consideration the cost of additional benefits for special classes of members. For example, the contribution rate for Class E members takes into consideration the additional accrual rate those members receive at retirement. The Basic Contribution Rate (column 2 on Schedule C) is determined as the percentage needed to produce employer contribution amounts by class that, when added together, equal the total employer contribution.

The following is an explanation of the elements of Schedule C.

Column (1) is the employer group.

Column (2) is the Basic Contribution Rate. The Basic Contribution Rate is the amount needed to fund the benefits for Class AA(60) members. Because the majority of SERS members are covered under Class AA(60), the 2.5 percent accrual rate for that class is used to determine the basic contribution rate.

Column (3) is the additional cost for members who are eligible to retire with unreduced benefits at age 50, (or 35 years of service if earlier). The age 50 normal cost is determined for two groups of members: members who can retire at age 50 if they have 3 years of service, and members who can retire at age 50 once they obtain 20 service credits. Park Rangers and Capitol Police fall into the latter category. The additional cost for members who can retire at age 50 if they have 3 years of service is larger than the additional cost for members who can retire at age 50 if they have 20 years of service.

Column (4) is the multiplier adjustment to the basic benefit, which is applicable to members in classes that receive a larger, or smaller, percent accrual rate than the accrual rate for Class AA members. The normal cost is determined for members who would receive the standard 2.5 percent single-life annuity set by Act 9 (Class AA). For example, members in Class D-3 receive an annuity equal to 3.75 times the standard single-life annuity. The multiplier adjustment (Column (4)) for Class D-3 is 3.0, which is the ratio of 3.75 to the 1.25 multiplier for Class AA. The multiplier adjustment for members who receive a smaller accrual rate will be less than 1.00 (members in Class A).

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Column (5) is the past-service liability component for certain employee groups. These employee groups were granted benefit improvements that were retroactive at the date of passage, and therefore cover all credited service for the class. The stipulation of each benefit improvement was that the employers of the individual employee group, not the Commonwealth, would fund the benefit improvement.

At implementation of the new benefit provision, a liability is established for the members who are eligible for the new benefit provisions, and a schedule is determined to pay off the increase in liability. For example, Park Rangers and Capitol Police Officers were formerly covered under the age 60 retirement provisions. Effective with the valuation at December 31, 1992, Park Rangers and Capitol Police Officers became eligible to retire at age 50 if they have 20 years of service. At that valuation, a liability was established that would fund the increase in benefits.

The liability for the increase in benefits for past service is paid off in equal installments by the employers of the member group. Each year, the annual contribution as a percent of payroll is determined as the annual payment divided by the funding payroll for the group. The outstanding balance is carried forward with interest each year.

The following table shows the payment schedule for the two groups of employees who have a past service liability.

Amortization Schedule for Past Liabilities		
Employer Group	Payment	Last Payment (fiscal year beginning)
State Police	\$19,004,493	July 2029
Park Rangers / Capitol Police	\$93,603	July 2027

In conjunction with the passage of Act 9, the D-4 employer contributed a lump sum amount which was more than sufficient to fund the additional cost of the higher accrual rate and the retirement at age 50. Therefore, the past service liability for Class D-4 Legislators is \$0, and the past liability adjustment has been set to produce a contribution rate of zero. The remaining excess contributions made by the D-4 employer, plus interest, was equal to \$2,290,679 as of December 31, 2007. The amount needed to produce a zero contribution rate in 2007 was greater than the interest earned on the excess contributions so the available fund decreased in 2007. These funds will continue to be used to offset future D-4 employer contribution requirements, until the balance is expended. It is expected that the excess funds will cover the next two fiscal years. After that, employer contributions will be required for legislators.

Column (6) is the adjusted contribution rate, and is equal to column (2) plus column (3), multiplied by column (4). Column (5) is added.

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Column (7) is the projected payroll for the class of employees. The projected payroll is for the fiscal year to which the contribution rate is applicable.

Column (8) is the dollar amount of the employer group contribution. Except when the basic employer contribution rate is zero, the sum of the dollar amounts for each group is (approximately) equal to the total employer contribution (as a percent of payroll) multiplied by the total projected payroll for the active members.

V. Plan Provisions Not Valued

The cost effect of two plan provisions was not included in this valuation because the effect of the provisions is minimal. These are the limit on the amount of retirement benefit imposed by Section 5702(c) (100 percent limit) and the supplemental death benefit payable when the retirement benefit is limited by Section 5702(c).

These two provisions are not valued because they only apply to very few SERS members. Since by definition the liability for the supplemental death benefit is lower than the reduction in liability for the 100 percent limit, the net effect of not including these provisions in the actuarial valuation is a minimal overstatement in the total employer cost.

VI. Determination of Present Value of Benefits for Inactive and Vested Members

The present value of benefits for inactive members not currently receiving benefits is determined using the same methods and procedures as for active members. They are valued using the final average pay and service as of separation and are assumed to begin receiving benefits in accordance with the active employee assumptions.

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Definition of Technical Terms

Accrued Service. Service credited under the system, which was rendered before the date of the actuarial valuation.

Actuarial Accrued Liability. The portion of the actuarial present value of benefits which is not provided for by the actuarial present value of future normal costs. Also referred to as Past Service Liability.

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

Actuarial Cost Method. A mathematical budgeting procedure for allocating the actuarial present value of future benefits between future normal costs and the actuarial accrued liability.

Actuarial Present Value. The amount of funds currently required to provide a payment or series of payments in the future. It is determined by discounting projected future payments at assumed rates of interest and probabilities of payment.

Amortization. Paying off an amount with periodic payments of interest and principal -- as opposed to paying off with a lump sum payment.

Normal Cost. The portion of the actuarial present value of future benefits that is allocated to the current year by the actuarial cost method.

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