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# **Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Retired Pennsylvania State Police Program**GASB Statement Nos. 74 and 75 Valuation Report

Measurement date of June 30, 2017

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# **Actuarial Valuation Opinion**

This report presents results of the actuarial valuation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Retired Pennsylvania State Police Program ("the Plan" or "RPSPP") measured as of June 30, 2017. In this report, we present disclosure information as of June 30, 2017 as required by Government Accounting Standards Board Statement Nos. 74 and 75 (GASB Nos. 74 and 75). In our opinion, this report is complete and accurate and represents fairly the actuarial position of the Plan for the purposes stated herein.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provided the participant data, financial information and plan descriptions used in this valuation. The actuary has analyzed the data and other information provided for reasonableness, but has not independently audited the data or other information provided. The actuary has no reason to believe the data or other information provided is not complete and accurate and knows of no further information that is essential to the preparation of the actuarial valuation.

Actuarial information under GASB Nos. 74 and 75 is for purposes of fulfilling trust and employer financial accounting requirements. The results have been prepared on a basis consistent with our understanding of GASB Nos. 74 and 75 and are based upon assumptions prescribed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Determinations for purposes other than meeting employer financial accounting requirements may be significantly different from the results reported herein.

In our opinion, all costs, liabilities, rates of interest, and other factors underlying these actuarial computations have been determined on the basis of actuarial assumptions and methods that are each reasonable (or consistent with authoritative guidance) for the purposes herein taking into account the experience of the Plan and future expectations.

Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from the current measurements presented in this report due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operations of the methodology used for these measurements (such as the end of an amortization period or additional cost or contribution requirements based on the Plan's funded status); and changes in program provisions or applicable law. Our scope for this actuarial valuation did not include analyzing the potential range of such future measurements, and we did not perform that analysis.

The undersigned with actuarial credentials collectively meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinions contained herein.

This report was prepared solely for the benefit and internal use of the plan sponsor. This report is not intended for the benefit of any other party and may not be relied upon by any third party for any purpose, and Deloitte Consulting accepts no responsibility or liability with respect to any party other than the plan sponsor.

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# **Executive Summary**

# **Governmental Accounting Requirements and Report Purpose**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board released the Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards Nos. 74 and 75 in June 2015. GASB No. 74 establishes financial reporting requirements for OPEB plans that have assets accumulated in a trust or equivalent arrangement for the purpose of funding OPEB. GASB No. 75 details the reporting and disclosure requirements for employers with payables (OPEB liabilities) to employees of state and local governmental employers through defined benefit OPEB plans that are administered through trusts or equivalent arrangements. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania adopted GASB No. 74 in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 and will adopt GASB No. 75 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

The purpose of this actuarial valuation report is to provide information for the Commonwealth's trust and employer financial reporting. The information provided herein will be used for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 GASB No. 74 disclosures and fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 GASB No. 75 disclosures (the Commonwealth has elected to use a measurement date as of the end of the prior fiscal year end for GASB No. 75).

# **Summary of Results**

The key results for the measurement period ended June 30, 2017 are:

- Net OPEB Liability (NOL) is \$6.1 billion, approximately 1582% of covered employee payroll.
- Plan Fiduciary Net Position (FNP) as a percentage of Total OPEB Liability (TOL) is 1.5%.
- OPEB Expense is \$0.2 billion.

For the June 30, 2017 measurement, there was a gain due to changes in assumptions that resulted in a decrease in the Total OPEB Liability of \$0.8 billion. This gain was caused by the increase in discount rate from 2.85% as of June 30, 2016 to 3.58% as of June 30, 2017.

# **Background and Comments**

# **Overview of Plans**

The Commonwealth sponsors the Retired Pennsylvania State Police Program (RPSPP) for eligible retirees and their dependents to receive subsidized health coverage for the retiree's lifetime.

# **Funding Policy**

The Commonwealth created the OPEB Investment Pool, a Trust Equivalent Arrangement, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. The Commonwealth plans to contribute \$1 million annually until assets cover the present value of future benefits, subject to annual evaluation.

RPSPP employer contribution requirements are established within collective bargaining agreements. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, employing agencies contributed \$1,140 per biweekly pay period for each current RPSPP eligible active employee to the RPSPP Trust. RPSPP plan members are not required to make contributions.

# **Health Care Reform**

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("PPACA") was signed into law on March 23, 2010. The primary objective of the act is to increase the number of Americans with health insurance coverage. There are several provisions within PPACA with potentially significant short- and long-term cost implications for employers. The applicable provisions of PPACA were first accounted for in the July 1, 2010 valuation. On December 18, 2015, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 became law. This legislation delayed the effective date of the high cost plan excise tax from 2018 to 2020 and made it tax deductible. In future years, there may continue to be increased cost impact to the extent the health & welfare program experiences increased utilization due to these changes, all of which are assumed to be in place indefinitely.

The provisions of PPACA considered are as follows:

- Prohibiting lifetime and annual limits on the dollar value of coverage for "essential health benefits"
- Increasing the dependent child age limit to age 26
- Elimination of cost sharing for in-network preventive services
- Reflecting manufacturer discounts available to certain Medicare beneficiaries receiving applicable covered Part D drugs (mostly brand) while in the coverage gap
- Transitional Reinsurance Fee
- Out-of-pocket limit includes both medical and Rx expenses
- Excise tax on "Cadillac Plans" effective in 2020

The impact of applicable provisions except for excise tax, which was valued separately, were incorporated in the per capita claims costs summarized in Appendix D.

# **Actuarial Methods and Assumptions**

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State Employees' Retirement System (SERS) performs experience studies periodically to determine reasonable and appropriate economic and demographic assumptions for purposes of valuing the defined benefit pension plan. The most recent SERS experience study covered the years 2011 through 2015 and was presented to the State Employees' Retirement Board in March 2016. The approved recommendations from that study were used to determine the assumptions for this valuation, where applicable. The inflation assumption was selected by the SERS Board during an April of 2017 meeting based on a review of actual plan experience and the prevalent economic outlook. Consistent with prior valuations, these demographic assumptions assume beginning of year decrements (retirement, withdrawal, death, disability, etc.). In addition, Deloitte periodically reviews actuarial assumptions only applicable to the postemployment medical plan outside of the experience study, such as medical trend rates and age-graded medical rates.

One significant assumption where the recommendation of the experience study is not applicable to this retiree health benefit valuation is the discount rate. Since RPSPP has insufficient assets to meet next year's projected benefit payments, as prescribed by GASB Nos. 74 and 75, the discount rate will be based on the index rate for 20-year tax-exempt general obligation municipal bond index rate with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher as of the measurement date. The Commonwealth elected to determine the discount rate using the Bond Buyer 20-Bond General Obligation Index. The discount rate was 3.58% as of June 30, 2017 (2.85% as of June 30, 2016).

The treatment of Medicare Part D in this report is consistent with our understanding of the GASB technical bulletin 2006-1 issued in June 2006, which states that Medicare Part D subsidy payments should not be reflected under GASB No. 45 (predecessor statement to GASB No. 75).

The actuarial methods and assumptions are described in the appendices of this report.

# Summary of Actuarial Valuation Results

This section provides a summary of the actuarial valuation results for the plan. All information is provided as of the measurement date except for the census data. As this is the implementation for GASB Nos. 74 and 75, the valuation results as of the June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017 measurement dates were based on December 31, 2016 census data. All liabilities are net of expected retiree contributions.

Measurement Date	6/30/2017	(	6/30/2016
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 6,209,658	\$	6,746,387
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	 93,666		82,532
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 6,115,992	\$	6,663,855
Plan Fiduciary Net Position As A Percentage Of Total OPEB Liability	1.5%		1.2%
Net OPEB Liability As A Percentage Of Covered Employee Payroll	1582.0%		N/A
Discount Rate	3.58%		2.85%
Participant Counts			
Active Participants	4,299		4,299
Retired Participants*	<u>4,907</u>		4,907
Total	9,206		9,206
Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 386,602		N/A

<sup>\*</sup> Retired participants include retirees, disabled participants, and surviving family members.

# GASB Nos. 74 and 75 Disclosures

GASB Nos. 74 and 75 requires disclosure of notes to the financial statements and required supplementary information that includes information shown in this section. As this is the implementation for GASB Nos. 74 and 75, the valuation results as of the June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017 measurement dates were based on December 31, 2016 census data and employer contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. GASB No. 75 will be implemented for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

# **Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability**

Measurement Date of June 30, 2016 Service Cost Interest Changes In Benefit Terms Changes In Assumptions - Discount Rate Changes In Assumptions - Others Differences Between Expected And Actual Experience Benefit Payments Insurance Premiums - Employer Paid Insurance Premiums - Retiree Paid Total GASB 75 Defined Employer Contributions Contributions - Employee Contributions - Retiree	\$	2.85% (122,452) (1,143)	\$	6,746,387 193,336 196,049 - (803,662) -	\$	82,532	\$	6,663,855 193,336 196,049 - (803,662)
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Insurance Premiums - Employer Paid Insurance Premiums - Retiree Paid Total GASB 75 Defined Employer Contributions Contributions - Employee	_	(1,143)						
Insurance Premiums - Retiree Paid Total GASB 75 Defined Employer Contributions Contributions - Employee	_	(1,143)						
Total GASB 75 Defined Employer Contributions Contributions - Employee	\$							
GASB 75 Defined Employer Contributions Contributions - Employee	\$	122.070						
Contributions - Employee	\$	122.070		(123,595)		(123,595)		-
		122,870				122,870		(122,870)
						-		_
				1,143		1,143		_
Administrative Expenses				1,143		(417)		417
Net Investment Income						(417)		417
Expected Investment Earnings	\$	4,127						
Differences Between Projected And Actual Investment Earnings	_	7,006						
Total						11,133		(11,133)
Net Change			\$	(536,729)	\$	11,134	\$	(547,863)
Measurement Date of June 30, 2017		3.58%	\$	6,209,658	\$	93,666	\$	6,115,992
						- 20, 2047		- 20 2046
Measurement Date Plan Fiduciary Net Position As A Percentage Of Total OPEB Liability					jun	<b>e 30, 2017</b> 1.5%	jur	ne 30, 2016 1.2%
Covered Employee Payroll					\$	386,602		N/A
Net OPEB Liability As A Percentage Of Covered Employee Payroll					4	1582.0%		N/A
Sensitivity of Net OPEB Liability to changes in Discount Rate					Jun	e 30, 2017	9	6 Change
A 1 percentage point change in discount rate would have the followi	ing e	ffect in Meas	sure	ment Date of Ju	ne 30, 2	017:		
1 Percentage Increase (4.58%)					\$	5,301,271		-13%
1 Percentage Decrease (2.58%)					\$	7,360,657		20%
Sensitivity of Net OPEB Liability to changes in Trend Rate						e 30, 2017	9	6 Change
A 1 percentage point change in trend rate would have the following	effe	t in Measur	eme	nt Date of June				
1 Percentage Increase (7.0% grading down to 4.9%)					\$	7,413,819		21%
1 Percentage Decrease (5.0% grading down to 2.9%)					\$	5,261,807		-14%
Key Assumptions					Jun	e 30, 2017	Jur	ne 30, 2016
Discount Rate						3.58%		2.85%
Investment Rate of Return						5.00%		5.00%
Inflation						2.60%		2.60%
Initial Medical Trend Rate Ultimate Medical Trend Rate						6.0%		6.0%
Vear Ultimate Trend Rate Reached						3.9% 2075		3.9% 2075

# Development of OPEB Expense for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 (Measurement Year June 30, 2017)

	Measurement Year		
Components of OPEB Expense	Ended 06/30/2017		
Service Cost	\$	193,336	
Interest		196,049	
Expected Investment Earnings		(4,127	
Contributions - Employee		-	
Administrative Expenses		417	
Changes In Benefit Terms		-	
Recognition of Current Period Deferred Outflows and (Inflows)			
Changes in assumptions		(140,746)	
Differences between expected and actual experience		-	
Differences between expected and actual investment earnings		(1,401)	
Recognition of Beginning Deferred Outflows		-	
Recognition of Beginning Deferred Inflows		-	
OPEB Expense	\$	243,528	
	Measu	rement Year	
Assumptions Used to Determine OPEB Expense	Ended	l 06/30/2017	
Discount Rate as of June 30, 2016		2.85%	
Investment Rate of Return		5.00%	
Inflation		2.60%	
Initial Medical Trend Rate		6.0%	
Ultimate Medical Trend Rate		3.9%	
Year Ultimate Trend Rate Reached		2075	

# **Schedule of Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources**

(All dollar amounts are in thousands)

Measurement Date Established	Ini	tial Amount	of Reso		of Re	red (Inflows) sources as of /30/2017**		Remaining Years	Re Meas	lows/(Inflows) ecognized in surement Year ed 06/30/2017
Changes In Assumptions										
06/30/2017	\$	(803,662)	\$	-	\$	(662,916)	5.71	4.71	\$	(140,746)
Tota	I		\$	-	\$	(662,916)	)		\$	(140,746)
Differences Between Expe	cted A	nd Actual Plan	Experience	e						
06/30/2017	\$	-	\$	-	\$		-	-	\$	-
Tota	I		\$	-	\$	-			\$	-
Net Difference Between P	rojecte	d And Actual E	arnings Or	n Investmer	its					
06/30/2017	\$	(7,006)	\$	-	\$	(5,605)	5.00	4.00	\$	(1,401)
Tota	I		\$	-	\$	(5,605)	1		\$	(1,401)
Contributions subseque	nt to m	neasurement	date*							
			To be de	termined b	y partio	cipating employ	yers.			
Balance as of 06/30/17 M	easur	ement Date	\$	-	\$	(668,521)	ı		\$	(142,147)
* Reflects employer contri	bution	s made subseq	uent to 6/	30/17. This	will be	recognized as	a reduction in N	Net OPEB Liabilit	ty next ye	ear.
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Deferred Outflows And I	Jererr	ea (intiows) C	r kesour	es will be	kecogi	iizea in Exper	ise as Follows	i		
Measurement Ye	ar End	ling:							Outf	lows/(Inflows)
06/30/2018									\$	(142,147)
06/30/2019										(142,147)
06/30/2020										(142,147)
06/30/2021										(142,148)
06/30/2022										(99,932)
Thereafter										<u> </u>

<sup>\*\*</sup>Deferred (Inflows) should be disclosed as positive numbers in the CAFR.

# **10-Year Schedule of Net OPEB Liability**

Measurement Year Ended	Total OPEB Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net OPEB Liability (c)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position As A Percentage Of Total OPEB Liability (d)	Covered Employee Payroll (e)	Net OPEB Liability As A Percentage Of Covered Employee Payroll (f)
			(a)-(b)	(b)/(a)		(c)/(e)
June 30, 2016	\$6,746,387	\$82,532	\$6,663,855	1.2%	N/A	A N/A
June 30, 2017	\$6,209,658	\$93,666	\$6,115,992	1.5%	\$386,602	2 1582.0%

# Participating Employers Results

The RPSPP is a single-employer defined-benefit OPEB Plan that is established and sponsored by the Commonwealth. There are several employers, all fund types within the primary government, that participate in the RPSPP. The results for each participating employer was provided in a separate excel workbook.

Each fund type and business area's allocated share was determined based on their contractually required contribution towards RPSPP relative to the total population during the period ending on the measurement date. The employer contractually required contribution towards RPSPP is different from the GASB No. 75 defined employer contribution. Each fund type and business area's GASB No. 75 defined employer contribution was determined based on their respective allocated share of the total trust eligible employer contribution during the period ending on the measurement date.

# **Appendix**

# **Appendix A - Plan Participation Summary**

The participant data used in the valuation was provided by the Commonwealth as of December 31, 2016. While the participant data was checked for reasonableness, the data was not audited, and the valuation results presented in this report are dependent upon the accuracy of the participant data provided. The table below and on the subsequent page present a summary of the basic participant information for the active and retired participants covered under the terms of the Plan.

a. Active Participants	
Total Counts	4,299
Average Age	38.91
Average Service	12.64
b. Retired Participants*	
Counts	
Under Age 65 Non-Medicare	2,304
Over age 65 Non-Medicare	461
Over age 65 Medicare	2,142
Total Counts	4,907
Average Age	64.68
Total Participants	9,206

Retired Participants by Medicare Status					
	Single Contracts	Family Contracts	Total		
Under Age 65					
Non-Medicare	260	2,044	2,304		
Age 65 and over					
Non-Medicare	104	357	461		
Medicare Part A only	265	1,480	1,745		
Medicare	145	252	397		

<sup>\*</sup> Retired participants include retirees and 121 surviving spouses with minimal liability.

Age Group	Retired Participants	Active Participants - Years of Service							
		0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30+	Total
<20				-		-	2		
20-24	-	139	- 2	2		-	9	-	139
25-29	1	627	77	2		-	9	_	704
30-34	1	262	342	181	1	-	-	-	786
35-39	2	77	138	332	66	-	-	-	613
40-44	13	17	57	185	291	120	1	-	671
45-49	536	-	12	98	215	588	128	1	1,042
50-54	839	-	-	14	49	138	91	18	310
55-59	591	-	1	-	5	2	9	17	34
60-64	321	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	
65-69	609	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
70-74	1,109	200			-			-	
75-79	509							-	
80-84	192							-	
85-89	135							-	25
90+	49		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	4,907	1,122	627	810	627	848	229	36	4,299

# **Appendix B - Program Provisions Summary**

This section summarizes overall eligibility provisions for postemployment medical coverage and the various plans offered by the Commonwealth.

Note that in some cases the benefit programs offered to retirees are different based on date of retirement. The provisions shown below summarize the plan designs for the most recent retirees. All older "grandfathered" plan designs are not shown in this document.

# Eligibility

Permanent enlisted employees of the Pennsylvania State Police who retire from the state and meet one of the following eligibility criteria are eligible to receive RPSPP benefits

- Superannuation retirement (excluding vesteds) age 50 (age 55 for employees subject to Act 120 of 2010) with three years of service;
- Retirement with at least 25 years of service;
- Retirement with at least 20 but less than 25 years of service, with at least 10 years of enlisted service with State Police (Military time, civilian service and service with another agency are not considered service with the State Police);
- Disability retirement no service requirement.

# **Covered Family Members**

Spouses and dependents are eligible for postemployment medical coverage while the retiree is alive. The PPACA, signed into law on March 23, 2010, increased the dependent child age limit to age 26 and applied to the Commonwealth effective January 1, 2011.

# **Retiree Contribution**

The Commonwealth pays the full cost of postemployment medical, dental, and Part B coverage while the retiree is alive.

Surviving spouses of deceased retirees may continue to participate in the plan (receive medical, Rx, and Part B coverage, but not dental) if they pay the full cost of the coverage.

# **Appendix B - Program Provisions Summary (cont.)**

# **Medical Plans**

The following tables list the medical plans offered to retirees and provide the basic benefit provisions.

Medical	Benefit Provisions		Eligibility
PPO	In Network Deductible Out-of-Pocket Limit Doctor Office Visits  Inpatient Lifetime Maximum  Out of Network Deductible	None None PCP: \$15 co-pay Specialist: \$25 co-pay Covered in full None \$250 Individual;	Annuitants retired from the State Police and their eligible dependents
	Out-of-Pocket Limit  Coinsurance Inpatient Lifetime Maximum	\$750 Family \$1,500 Individual; \$3,000 Family 20% 20% None	
Traditional Plan (Major Medical)	(Combined with Facility and Profess  Retired prior to 7/1/07  Deductible  Out-of-Pocket Limit (excluding deductible) Coinsurance Inpatient Lifetime Maximum  Retired on or after 7/1/07  Deductible  Out-of-Pocket Limit Coinsurance Inpatient Lifetime Maximum	\$100 Individual \$300 Family \$380 Individual 20% 20% None \$250 Individual \$750 Family \$380 Individual 20% 20% None	Annuitants retired from the State Police and their eligible dependents
Traditional Plan (Facility Program)	(Combined with Professional and M Deductible Out-of-Pocket Limit Doctor Office Visits Inpatient Lifetime Maximum	lajor Medical program)  None N/A N/A Covered in full N/A	Non-Medicare eligible annuitants retired from the State Police and their non- Medicare eligible dependents

# **Appendix B - Program Provisions Summary (cont.)**

# **Prescription Drug**

The co-payments for all prescriptions covered by the plan are:

Retail: \$5 Generic / \$10 Preferred\* / \$15 Non-Preferred\*

Mail Order: \$10 Generic / \$20 Preferred\* / \$30 Non-Preferred\*

\*Plus the cost difference between the brand and the generic, if one exists.

# **Medicare Part B Reimbursement**

For employees hired on or after April 21, 1986, the Commonwealth reimburses the cost of Medicare Part B premium.

For employees hired before April 21, 1986, were not required to enroll in Medicare.

# **Dental**

The basic benefit provisions are:

- Basic diagnostic and preventive work, restorations, endodontics, periodontics, oral surgery and prosthodontics: 100% UCR
- Orthodontics: 70% UCR (dependents under age 19 only)
- Orthodontics lifetime maximum for dependent children: \$1,250

# **Changes in Plan Provisions**

None.

# **Appendix C - Actuarial Methods**

# **Actuarial Cost Method**

The Actuarial Cost Method used to determine the Total OPEB Liability and the Annual Required Contribution is the Entry Age Normal (EAN) method as prescribed by GASB No. 75. This method is in the family of future benefit cost methods, which requires an estimate of the projected benefit payable at retirement to determine costs and liabilities.

The Normal Cost (or Service Cost) is the annual allocation required for each participant from entry date to the assumed retirement date so that the accumulated allocation at retirement is equal to the liability for the projected benefit. The projected benefits are based on estimates of future years of service and projected health benefit costs. The normal cost is developed as a level percent of compensation as prescribed by GASB No. 75.

The Present Value of Future Benefits is equal to the value of the projected benefit payable at retirement discounted back to the participant's current age. Discounts include such items as interest and mortality. The present value of future normal cost allocations is equal to the discounted value of the normal costs allocated from the member's current age to retirement age.

The difference between the Present Value of Future Benefits and the present value of future normal cost allocations represents the Total OPEB Liability at the participant's current age.

The Total OPEB Liability for participants currently receiving payments is calculated as the actuarial present value of future benefits expected to be paid. No normal cost is allocated for these participants.

# **Actuarial Value of Assets**

The actuarial value of assets on the valuation date is the market value of assets.

# **Financial and Census Data**

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provided the participant data, financial information and plan descriptions used in this valuation. The actuary has checked the data for reasonableness, but has not independently audited the data. The actuary has no reason to believe the data is not complete and accurate, and knows of no further information that is essential to the preparation of the actuarial valuation.

# **Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Market value of assets as of the measurement date.

# **Census Date**

December 31, 2016 for June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017 measurements. As this is the implementation for GASB Nos. 74 and 75, the valuation results as of June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017 measurements were developed based on the same census data.

# **Measurement Date**

June 30, 2017 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 trust financial statements (GASB No. 74) and for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 participating employer financial statements (measurement date as of the end of the prior fiscal year end for GASB No. 75).

# **Changes in Methods**

None.

# **Appendix D – Actuarial Assumptions**

# **Economic Assumptions**

The economic assumptions were selected for consistency with SERS where applicable. The discount rate was selected based on the requirements prescribed in GASB Nos. 74 and 75.

Discount Rate	3.58% as of June 30, 2	3.58% as of June 30, 2017								
	2.85% as of June 30, 2	2.85% as of June 30, 2016								
	Nos. 74 and 75, the d	iscount rate will rate with an av	be based on the index r verage rating of AA/Aa or	ate for 20-year higher as of th	rments, as prescribed by GASB tax-exempt general obligation he measurement date. The er 20-Bond General Obligation					
Inflation <sup>1</sup>	2.60%									
Payroll Growth <sup>1</sup>	2.90%									
Salary Scale¹	and longevity growth.	The average caules will increase t general salary	areer salary growth is 2.6 e by 2.90 percent per yea	5 percent per ر	oyee salary due to promotions year. In addition, it is assumed llow does not include the					
	Completed Years	Annual	Completed Years of	Annual						
	of Service	Increase	Service	Increase						
	1	6.00%	16	2.10%						
	2	4.50	17	2.05						
	3	4.00	18	2.00						
	4	3.75	19	1.95						
	5	3.50	20	1.90	1					
	6	3.25	21	1.85						
	7	3.00	22	1.75						
	8	2.90	23	1.65						
	9	2.80	24	1.55						
	10	2.70	25	1.45						
	11	2.60	26	1.25						
	12	2.50	27	1.05						
	13	2.40	28	0.90						
	14	2.30	29	0.85						
	15	2.20	30+	0.80						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For consistency with the pension plan of which these participants are members, these assumptions are based on those used for the SERS Actuarial Valuation Report as of December 31, 2016 and experience study presented to the Board in March 2016.

# **Demographic Assumptions**

The demographic assumptions were selected for consistency with SERS where applicable. The retiree health specific assumptions were selected based on recent experience.

# Mortality<sup>1</sup>

## **Pre-Retirement Mortality:**

Age	Male	Female
20	0.04%	0.02%
25	0.04	0.02
30	0.05	0.02
35	0.06	0.03
40	0.09	0.04
45	0.13	0.06
50	0.24	0.09
55	0.29	0.14
60	0.35	0.24

#### **Post Retirement Mortality:**

Healthy Participants: The RP-2000 Male and Female Combined Healthy Mortality Tables projected (using Projection Scale AA) to 2016 for males and to 2020 for females, and then further adjusted to ensure sufficient margin improvement in certain age ranges. Each table includes a margin for future improvement in life expectancy.

Disabled Participants: The RP-2000 Male and Female Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables projected (using Projection Scale AA) to 2021 for males and to 2017 for females. Each table includes a margin for future improvement in life expectancy.

# Disability Incidence<sup>1</sup>

#### **Pre-Retirement Disability:**

Age	Male	Female
25	0.02%	0.04%
30	0.06	0.09
35	0.11	0.14
40	0.17	0.19
45	0.30	0.30
50	0.42	0.45
55	0.55	0.57

# Withdrawal<sup>1</sup>

Years of Service	Rate
0	9.0%
1	4.0
2	3.0
3	3.0
4	2.0
5	1.0
6	1.0
7	0.5
8	0.5
9	0.5
10+	0.2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For consistency with the pension plan of which these participants are members, these assumptions are based on those used for the SERS Actuarial Valuation Report as of December 31, 2016 and experience study presented to the Board in March 2016.

Early Retirement<sup>1</sup>
(based on early
retirement as defined
by SERS; retirement
prior to OPEB eligibility,
as described above in
Appendix B, will receive
no postemployment
health benefit)

1.4% at each age

# Normal Retirement<sup>1</sup> (based on normal retirement as defined by SERS; retirement prior to OPEB eligibility, as described above in Appendix B, will receive no postemployment

health benefit)

#### State Police with less than 19 years of service

Age	Rate
50 – 59	10.0%
60 – 64	10.0
65	27.0
66 – 79	32.0
80	100.0

#### State Police with at least 19 years of service

Years of Service	Rate
19* - 23	1.0%
24*	50.0
25	70.0
26-29	40.0
30	50.0
31-32	40.0
33 - 39	50.0
40+	100.0

<sup>\*</sup> 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 Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) award.

# Spouse Age Difference<sup>1</sup>

**Participation Rate** 

Females are assumed to be 2 years younger than males.

All eligible employees are required to participate in the active health plan and are assumed to elect coverage at retirement.

Retirees who currently elect to waive their coverage are assumed to remain uncovered in the future.

Coverage Level Election Rates

Employees are assumed to maintain their current coverage election when they retire.

Current retirees are assumed to continue their current coverage election.

Surviving Spouse
Continuing Coverage

45% of spouses are assumed to elect to continue coverage after the retiree's death.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For consistency with the pension plan of which these participants are members, these assumptions are based on those used for the SERS Actuarial Valuation Report as of December 31, 2016 and experience study presented to the Board in March 2016.

# **Benefit Assumptions**

Per Capita Claims Costs The per capita claims costs used in the valuation were developed from the self-insured rates that represent the expected claims costs and administrative expenses for 2017 for each plan. These first-year rates are on a "net basis" – they reflect plan costs after reduction of total benefit costs for member cost-sharing (deductibles, coinsurance, co-pays, provider savings, Medicare, etc.). Future year per capita costs were projected by applying trend assumptions to the first year costs.

The 2017 per adult member rates (by plan, and coverage category) and the current enrollment mix by plan, age and gender were used to develop net rates by age band. Rates were age-graded using the retiree age and gender distribution, separately for the non-Medicare eligible and Medicare population. These age-graded rates are the basis for projecting the gross cost for each individual, before member contributions for coverage. The aging factors are based on the Society of Actuaries age-curve study "Health Care Costs—From Birth to Death."

Since the "flat" rates are specific to the experience of the Commonwealth's retirees (i.e., not blended with employees) separately for non-Medicare and Medicare, there is no implicit subsidy. However, age-graded claims costs were developed to project the increases in costs related to the average age of the retiree population increasing over time.

2017 Annual Per Capita Claims Costs

Non-Medicare Medicare Part Medicare Pa					icare Dart	
Age		ligible		Eligible		B Eligible
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45	\$	9,567		N/A		N/A
50		11,578		N/A		N/A
55		14,166		N/A		N/A
60		17,248		N/A		N/A
64		20,454		N/A		N/A
65		21,370	\$	17,414	\$	9,374
70		25,604		18,381		10,166
75		30,261		19,700		10,832
80		35,114		20,838		11,321
85		39,861		21,746		11,532
90		44,079		22,137		11,488
95		46,547		21,549		11,223

The table below illustrates calendar year 2017 annual medical, dental and Rx (net of retiree drug subsidy) "flat" net rates for each plan that are charged to eligible surviving spouses who pay the full cost of coverage. For purposes of developing the annual per capita claims costs, retiree drug subsidy for Medicare Part D was excluded, consistent with GASB Technical Bulletin No. 2006-1.

Non-Medicare	Per Adult Member Per Year	
Traditional	\$15,902.40	
PPO	\$13,899.48	
Medicare	Per Adult Member Per Year	
Traditional with Part A	\$17,709.60	
Traditional with Part A&B	\$8,187.24	
PPO with Part A	\$17,709.60	
PPO with Part A&B	\$8,187.24	
<u>Dental</u>	Per Adult Member Per Year	
	\$413.16	

**Expenses** 

Rates were developed to include administrative expenses as a component in the total rate.

#### **Trend Rates**

The trend rates illustrated below are used to project age-graded claims and flat rates into future years. Trend rates were developed based on the SOA-Getzen trend rate model version 2016\_a. The short-term trend assumptions were based on a review of the Commonwealth's historical trend rates during the years 2014 through 2016 and emerging experience. Regression curves were fit to the data to help predict short-term future per capita cost increases. The SOA-Getzen model was then used to determine the trend rates beginning in 2022 and thereafter, based on the long-term inflation assumption and reasonable macro-economic assumptions for the growth of health care expenditures during this period relative to the general economy.

Year	All benefits
2017	6.0%
2018	5.9%
2019	5.8%
2020	5.7%
2021	5.6%
2022	5.5%
2030	5.5%
2040	5.4%
2050	4.9%
2060	4.7%
2070	4.2%
2075+	3.9%

#### **Excise Tax**

Effective in the 2020 calendar year, an excise tax on "Cadillac Plans" will apply as a result of PPACA. HMOs and other healthcare insurers, who offer plans with a higher cost than the excise tax threshold, will be charged a 40% tax on the costs exceeding the threshold. Due to the expectation that the medical trend rate will significantly exceed inflation over the long-term, most retiree health plans will be affected by the excise tax at some point in the future. After adjusting the thresholds for the age and gender characteristics of the Commonwealth's policy holders, however, the excise tax is projected to only have a minor impact on the liabilities. Claim costs are projected to exceed the excise tax threshold in year 2024.

# **Medicare Eligibility**

Current non-Medicare retirees and spouses (if covered) over age 65 are assumed to remain non-Medicare eligible.

Current Medicare retirees and spouses (if covered) hired before April 21, 1986 are assumed to be eligible for Medicare Part A only.

Current non-Medicare retirees and spouses (if covered) under age 65 and hired before April 21, 1986 and all actives hired before April 21, 1986 are assumed to be split with 70% eligible for Medicare Part A only and 30% not eligible for Medicare. This is based on recent experience, which shows that 70% of pre-1986 hires are able to gain Medicare eligibility through a spouse or prior employment.

All other retirees and spouses (if covered) are assumed to be non-Medicare eligible prior to age 65 and Medicare eligible at age 65.

, ,	enroll at retirement in the same proportion Bely for non-Medicare and Medicare cover	
The table below shows the enrollme		
Non-Medicare	Adult Member Enrollment	
Traditional	33.2%	
PPO	66.8%	
Medicare	Adult Member Enrollment	
Traditional with Part A	43.7%	
Traditional with Part A&B	37.6%	
Traditional With art 7 lab		
PPO with Part A	11.1%	

# **Appendix E - Glossary**

Brief explanations of terms used in this report:

# **Annual OPEB Expense**

The change in Net OPEB Liability less the change in the Deferred Outflows of Resources plus the change in the Deferred Inflows of Resources.

#### Collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB

Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB arising from certain changes in the collective net OPEB liability or collective total OPEB liability.

#### **Covered Employee Payroll**

The payroll of employees that are provided with OPEB through the OPEB plan.

## **Net OPEB liability (NOL)**

The liability of employers and nonemployer contributing entities to plan members for benefits provided through a defined benefit OPEB plan that is administered through a trust that meets the criteria of the GASB Statements.

#### **Normal Cost or Service Cost**

The portion of the Total Present Value of Future Benefits attributed to employee service during the current fiscal year by the actuarial cost method. These terms are used interchangeably.

# Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

Retiree health care benefits and post-employment benefits provided separately from a pension plan (excluding termination offers and benefits).

# **Plan Fiduciary Net Position (FNP)**

Set equal to the market value of assets as of the measurement date

# **Present Value of Future Benefits (PVFB)**

The value, as of the valuation date, of the projected benefits payable to all members for their accrued service and their expected future service, discounted to reflect the time value (present value) of money and adjusted for the probabilities of retirement, withdrawal, death and disability.

#### **Total OPEB liability (TOL)**

The portion of the actuarial present value of projected benefit payments that is attributed to past periods of member service in conformity with the GASB Statements. The total OPEB liability is the liability of employers and nonemployer contributing entities to plan members for benefits provided through a defined benefit OPEB plan that is not administered through a trust that meets the criteria of the GASB Statements.