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Dear Andres:

**THE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF
THE GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO & ITS INSTRUMENTALITIES**

Enclosed are the following exhibits relating to our actuarial valuation for the above:

1. The Summary of Pension Benefit Obligations and Market Value of Assets as of July 1, 1999
2. The Summary of Accounting under GASB Statement #27
3. The Summary of Actuarial Methods and Assumptions as of July 1, 1999
4. The Summary of Plan Provisions as of July 1, 1999:

Note: These results do not reflect the effect of the recently enacted amendments to Act No. 447 which introduces the revised pension program (System 2000) effective January 1, 2000.

Please let me know if your review raises any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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The Employees Retirement System of the Government of Puerto Rico and Its Instrumentalities

Summary of Pension Benefit Obligations and Market Value of Assets

	July 1, 1997	July 1, 1998	July 1, 1999
(a) Retirees, beneficiaries, and terminated employees	\$ 3,637,900,000	\$ 4,151,300,000	\$ 4,357,100,000
(b) Current employees:			
▪ Accumulated employee contributions	\$ 1,440,000,000	\$ 1,532,800,000	\$ 1,799,400,000
▪ Employer-financed vested benefits	1,713,000,000	1,823,400,000	2,105,400,000
▪ Employer-financed non-vested benefits	<u>123,000,000</u>	<u>130,900,000</u>	<u>46,300,000</u>
Total	\$ 3,276,000,000	\$ 3,487,100,000	\$ 3,951,100,000
(c) Total pension benefit obligation: (a)+(b)	\$ 6,913,900,000	\$ 7,638,400,000	\$ 8,308,200,000
(d) Net assets available for benefits	1,444,000,000	1,675,400,000	1,857,500,000 <i>2,000,000,000</i>
(e) Unfunded pension benefit obligation: (c)-(d)	5,469,900,000	5,963,000,000	6,450,700,000

The Employees Retirement System of the Government of Puerto Rico and Its Instrumentalities

Summary of Accounting under GASB Statement #27

Annual Pension Cost for Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 1998

■ Annual Required Contributions (ARC)	\$ 844,961,000
■ Interest on NPO	149,093,000
■ ARC Adjustment	(225,293,000)
■ Total	\$ 768,761,000
■ % of Payroll	32.5%

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Net Pension Obligation (NPO) as of June 30, 1998 — Liability/(Asset)

Annual Pension Cost \$ 1,754,030,000

Total Contributions with Interest 768,761,000

Net Pension Obligation (NPO) as of June 30, 1999 — Liability/(Asset) (512,740,000)

\$2,010,051,000

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Summary of Actuarial Methods and Assumptions as of July 1, 1999

Actuarial Method

Projected Unit Credit Cost Method

Actuarial Assumptions

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|----|---|--|
| 1. | Interest Rate | 8.5% a year |
| 2. | Salary Increases | 5.0% a year |
| 3. | Mortality | GA '51 Mortality Table set forward two years (see Exhibit 4) |
| 4. | Termination | Medium Turnover Table commensurate with anticipated experience (see Exhibit 4) |
| 5. | Disability | 65% of Third Railroad Retirement Table Rates (see Exhibit 4) |
| 6. | Retirement Age | Graded scale of retirement ages commensurate with anticipated experience (see Exhibit 5) |
| 7. | Proportion of Participants with Spouses | 80% of participants assumed to be married, with wives assumed to be four years younger than husbands |
| 8. | Number of Employees Electing Higher Contributions | 15% of retiring employees assumed to pay retroactive contributions at retirement |
| 9. | Cost-of-Living Adjustment | 3% every third year |
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Table of Mortality, Disability and Termination Assumptions

Age	Annual Rate per 1,000 Participants		Disability		Termination	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
15 - 19	0.595	0.517	1.560	2.340	85.0	85.0
20 - 24	0.724	0.595	1.560	2.340	62.0	62.0
25 - 29	0.935	0.724	1.560	2.340	45.0	45.0
30 - 34	1.281	0.935	1.586	2.382	36.5	36.5
35 - 39	1.849	1.281	1.729	2.594	30.0	30.0
40 - 44	3.147	1.849	2.067	3.101	25.0	25.0
45 - 49	5.807	3.147	3.237	4.856	14.0	14.0
50 - 54	9.563	5.807	6.013	9.022	6.0	6.0
55 - 59	14.379	9.563	12.084	18.129	1.0	1.0
60 - 64	22.067	14.379	20.046	30.069	0.0	0.0
65 - 69	35.943	22.067	21.320	31.980	—	—
70 - 74	57.077	35.943	21.320	31.980	—	—
75 - 79	90.946	57.077	21.320	31.980	—	—

M - GA '51 + 2

D - 65% 3RR

T - Medium

Table of Retirement Assumptions

Percentage of Employees at a Given Age Retiring During Year

Age	Employee System	Police and Firefighters
70	100%	
69	38	
68	36	
67	34	
66	32	
65	30	
64	28	
63	26	
62	50	100%
61	24	5
60	22	5
59	20	5
58	18	50
57	16	4
56	14	4
55	12	80
54	10	2
53	8	2
52	6	2
51	4	2
50	2	80

Reliances

In developing the results in this report, Towers Perrin relied on the accuracy and completeness of a substantial amount of information provided by The Retirement System of the Government of Puerto Rico and Its Instrumentalities (the System). The accuracy of the results presented are dependent on the accuracy of this information. Although independent verification of this information was not undertaken, Towers Perrin did review certain of the information for reasonableness and consistency.

The information relied upon includes, but is not limited to, a data file of demographic data pertaining to active and inactive participants in the System as of March 30, 1999. On review certain data was incomplete, inaccurate or not as appropriate as desired. In consultation with representatives of the System the following adjustments and assumptions were made which, in the aggregate, are not considered to produce material biases in the results of the study:

Actives Participants

- Dates of birth were invalid or missing for approximately 3,600 employees. A July 1, 1957 date was assumed for the affected employees.
- Dates of hire were invalid or missing for approximately 70 employees. A date of hire of July 1, 1987 was assumed for the affected employees.
- Gender code was missing or invalid for approximately 70 employees. A male gender was assumed.
- The earnings field was a combination of annual and monthly amounts. We were instructed by the System to assume any amount less than or equal to \$6,000 to be monthly pay. All other amounts were assumed to be annual pay.

Retired Participants and Beneficiaries

- The date of birth of approximately 4,900 retired participants has never been collected or documented by the System. In 1987 this continuously declining number of participants were assumed to be age 57 (i.e. a fixed date of birth of July 1, 1930). (The current age is assumed to be age 69.)
- Gender code was missing or invalid for approximately 50 retired participants. A male gender code was assumed.
- The plan code (pre-April 1990 plan) appeared to be unreliable. It was assumed that any retired participant without a post-65 coordinated benefit was a participant in the supplementation plan.
- The annual benefit amount was missing or invalid for approximately 150 retired participants or their beneficiaries. An annual pension benefit of \$2,400 was assumed.
- In certain instances a coordinated benefit was missing or invalid. In such circumstances the post-65 coordinated benefit was assumed to be equal to the pre-65 benefit less \$1,700 per annum.

Terminated Vested Participants

- No records are maintained of those employees that leave the System with non-forfeitable (vested) benefits. The liability for these non-forfeitable benefits is approximated as 3% of the Pension Benefit Obligation. (It is our understanding that the vast majority of early leavers withdraw their own contributions at termination and consequently forfeit any System-provided benefits.)

As of March 30, 1999:

■ Actives		
-- Number		157,958
-- Annual Payroll		\$2,574,841,215
■ Retirees		
-- Number		65,067
-- Annual Benefit Payments		\$451,697,562
■ Beneficiaries		
-- Number		7,418
-- Annual Benefit Payments		\$25,374,066

Limitations

This report, along with the data, calculations, and projections contained herein, its accompanying appendices are subject to the following limitations:

- This report and any other summaries, reports or other information (written or oral) including any opinions and conclusions contained herein, are for the internal use of the System, and distribution or disclosure hereof (or reference hereto) to any other party is prohibited without Towers Perrin's prior written consent. No mention of this report, in full otherwise, may be made in any prospectus, proxy statement, offering circular or other similar document.
- Towers Perrin has performed the work assigned and has prepared this report in conformity with its intended utilization by a person technically competent in the areas addressed and for the stated purposes only. Judgement as to the data contained in the report should be made only after studying the report and the projection report in its entirety, as the conclusions reached by review of a section in or sections on an isolated basis may be incorrect. Further, members of Towers Perrin staff are available to explain and/or amplify any matter presented herein, and it is assumed that the user of this report will seek such explanation and/or amplification as to any matter in question.

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

Employees Retirement System of the Government of Puerto Rico and its Instrumentalities

Summary of Plan Provisions

Plan Provisions as of July 1, 1999 (Old Plan)

Note: The plan provisions in this summary shall affect only those regular full-time employees hired on or before March 31, 1990, or those attaining permanent status before that date.

General Note: Participants may elect to coordinate coverage under the Plan with Federal Social Security by selecting the lower of two contribution options. These options are described in detail at the end of this Summary. Those participants selecting Option (i), the Coordination Plan, are subject to a benefit recalculation at age 65. Those selecting Option (ii), the Supplementation Plan, will continue to receive the pre-age 65 benefits for life. At any time up to retirement, participants may change from Option (i) to (ii) by making a contribution including interest to the System, retroactive to the earlier of July 1, 1968 or the date of plan entry, that will bring their career Accumulated Contributions to the Option (ii) level.

1. **Effective Date.** January 1, 1952. Most recent amendment adopted and effective July 1, 1989.
2. **Eligibility.** All regular full time employees of the Government of Puerto Rico who are not contributing to other Retirement Systems. Employees include those in the following categories:
 - Police of Puerto Rico
 - Justices of the Peace of Puerto Rico
 - Members and employees of the Legislature
 - Officers and employees of the Government of Puerto Rico, public enterprises and municipalities
 - Members of the Employees Association of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
 - Irregular employees fulfilling the requirements of a regular employee

Participation is mandatory, except for members of the Legislature, Government Secretaries, Heads of Agencies and Public Instrumentalities, Assistants to the Governor, the Controller of Puerto Rico, gubernatorial Board and Committee appointees and Experimental Service Station employees.

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Employees Retirement System

3. Definitions.

- a. **Compensation.** Annual salary, excluding bonus and overtime pay.
- b. **Final Average Compensation.** The average of the highest annual rates of Compensation during any three years of Credited Service.
- c. **Maximum Compensation.** The highest annual salary received during term of Government service.
- d. **Regular Interest.** The annually compounded interest rate prescribed by the Board of Trustees.
- e. **Accumulated Contributions.** The sum of all participant contributions, credited and compounded with Regular Interest.
- f. **Actuarial Equivalent.** The amount of pension payable at a commencement date other than normal retirement or payable to a survivor which may be funded by the total contributions accrued toward a pension payable at normal retirement of the participant. The equivalence is calculated based on annuity and mortality tables adopted by the Board of Trustees and based on the actual experience of the System with the recommendations of the actuary.
- g. **Credited Service.** The years and months of plan participation, during which contributions have been made, beginning on the later of date of hire or Effective Date and ending on date of separation from service. For the purposes of calculating Credited Service, the following schedule shall apply:

Credited Service Eligibility

<i>Service During a Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Credited Service</i>
9 months or more	1 year
6 – 9 months	3/4 year
3 – 6 months	1/2 year
Less than 3 months	None

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Employees with 15 or more days of service in one month shall be credited with one month of Credited Service.

In general, Credited Service may be earned for any period of employment during which no contributions were made if Accumulated Contributions for such periods are paid to the System. The same rule holds for rehired employees who previously received a refund of Accumulated Contributions at separation.

4. Normal Retirement Pension.**a. Participants Eligible.** All participants attaining:

- i. **Benefit (1) - Merit Pension.** Age 55 and 30 years of Credited Service
- ii. **Benefit (2) - Merit Pension.** 30 years of Credited Service
- iii. **Benefit (3).** Age 58 and 10 years of Credited Service
- iv. **Benefit (4).** Age 50 with 8 years of service as a Mayor
- v. **Benefit (5).** Age 50 and 25 years of Credited Service as a member of the Police or Firefighters

b. Pension Benefit. Corresponding to eligibility above:

- i. **Benefit (1).** 75% of Final Average Compensation.
- ii. **Benefit (2).** 65% of Final Average Compensation.

Note: Except for Police, Firefighters and those selecting contribution Option (ii), benefits (1) and (2) recalculated at age 65 as follows:

1½% of Final Average Compensation up to \$6,600 times Credited Service plus

- (1) 75% of Final Average Compensation in excess of \$6,600
- (2) 65% of Final Average Compensation in excess of \$6,600.

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- iii. **Benefit (3).** 1½% of Final Average Compensation times Credited Service to 20 years, plus 2% of Final Average Compensation times Credited Service in excess of 20 years. If annual benefit according to formula is less than \$1,500, the lesser of \$180 or an amount needed to increase the annual benefit to \$1,500 shall be added to the benefit.

Maximum: 75% of Final Average Compensation.

Note: Except for Police, Firefighters, Mayors and those selecting contribution Option (ii), benefit (3) recalculated at age 65 as follows:

1% of Final Average Compensation up to \$6,600 times Credited Service to 20 years, plus 1½% of Final Average Compensation up to \$6,600 times Credited Service in excess of 20 years, plus 1½% of Final Average Compensation in excess of \$6,600 times Credited Service to 20 years, plus 2% of Final Average Compensation in excess of \$6,600 times Credited Service in excess of 20 years, plus \$180 or the portion thereof which was added to the benefit computed prior to age 65.

Minimum for recalculated benefits (1), (2) and (3): The amount which, when added to the Social Security benefit, is not less than the pre-age 65 benefit.

- iv. **Benefit (4).** 5% of Maximum Salary times Credited Service as a Mayor up to 10 years, plus 1½% of Maximum Salary times non-mayoral Credited Service up to 20 years, plus 2% of Maximum Salary times non-mayoral Credited Service in excess of 20 years.

Maximum: 90% of Maximum Salary.

- v. **Benefit (5).** 1½% of Final Average Compensation times Credited Service to 20 years, plus 2% of Final Average Compensation times Credited Service in excess of 20 years. If annual benefit according to formula is less than \$1,500, the lesser of \$180 or an amount needed to increase the annual benefit to \$1,500 shall be added to the benefit.

Maximum: 75% of Final Average Compensation.

Minimum for all benefits described above: \$200 per month.

5. Early Retirement Pension.

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Employees Retirement System****a. Participants Eligible.**

- i. **Benefit (1).** No provision.
- ii. **Benefit (2).** No provision.
- iii. **Benefit (3).** All participants attaining age 55 and 25 years of Credited Service.
- iv. **Benefit (4).** No provision.
- v. **Benefit (5).** No provision.

b. Pension Benefit. Corresponding to eligibility above:

- i. **Benefit (1).** No provision.
- ii. **Benefit (2).** No provision.
- iii. **Benefit (3).** Accrued Normal Retirement benefit to early retirement, actuarially reduced for each year payment commences before attainment of age 58.

Except for Police, Firefighters and those selecting contribution Option (ii), benefit (3) recalculated at age 65 as described in 4(b)(iii).

- iv. **Benefit (4).** No provision.
- v. **Benefit (5).** No provision.

6. Postponed Retirement Pension.

- a. **Participants Eligible.** Except for Police and Firefighters, participants may remain in service until any age. For Police and Firefighters, separation from service is compulsory at age 62.
- b. **Pension Benefit.** Benefits described in 4, based on Final Average Earnings (or final Salary) and Credited Service at postponed retirement date. Payment commences on postponed retirement date. If a member of the Police or Firefighters reaches mandatory retirement without earning 10 years of Credited Service, he shall receive a full refund of all Accumulated Contributions.

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Employees Retirement System****7. Vested Pension.****a. Participants Eligible.** All participants attaining:

- i. **Benefit (1).** No provision.
- ii. **Benefit (2).** No provision.
- iii. **Benefit (3).**
 - A. 10 years of Credited Service
 - B. 25 years of Credited Service
- iv. **Benefit (4).** 8 years of service as a Mayor.
- v. **Benefit (5).** No provision.

b. Vested Pension Benefits. Corresponding to eligibility above:

- i. **Benefit (1).** No provision.
- ii. **Benefit (2).** No provision.
- iii. **Benefit (3).** Accrued Normal Retirement benefit to termination date. Payments commence upon attainment of:
 - A. Age 58. If annual benefit according to formula is less than \$1,500, the lesser of \$180 multiplied by the ratio of Credited Service to 25 years of Credited Service, or an amount needed to increase the annual benefit to \$1,500 shall be added to the benefit.
 - B. Age 55 (age 50 for Police and Firefighters).
- iv. **Benefit (4).** Accrued Normal Retirement benefit to termination date. Payments commence upon attainment of age 50.
- v. **Benefit (5).** No provision.

No benefit is payable if the participant receives a refund of his Accumulated Contributions.

**Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
Employees Retirement System****8. Disability Pension.****a. Occupational Disability.****i. Participants Eligible.**

- A. **Benefit (1).** Any participant certified as disabled and unable to perform the duties of any position in Government service by two physicians appointed by Plan Administrator; receiving compensation under the Workmen's Accident Compensation Act.
- B. **Benefit (2).** (Law no. 127 of June 27, 1958) Members of the Police or Firefighters, Internal Revenue, Justice Department, or Penal and Correctional agencies certified as disabled in the line of duty and unable to perform the duties of any other position in Government service by the Plan Administrator.

ii. Disability Benefit.

- A. **Benefit (1).** 50% of final Salary at date of separation from service.
- B. **Benefit (2).** 100% of final Salary at date of separation of service.

b. Nonoccupational Disability.

- i. **Participants Eligible.** Any participant certified as permanently and totally disabled by two physicians appointed by Plan Administrator; attained 10 years of Credited Service and has not yet attained age 65.
- ii. **Disability Benefit.** 30% of Final Average Earnings at date of separation from service, plus 1% of Final Average Earnings times Credited Service in excess of 10 years.

Maximum: 50% of Final Average Earnings at date of separation from service.

Note: If participant engages in employment, both types of disability pension shall be reduced an amount by which the disability pension plus employment income exceeds Compensation at the date of disability.

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Employees Retirement System****9. Preretirement Death Benefit.****a. Occupational.****i. Beneficiaries Eligible.**

- A. **Benefit (1).** The spouse, children or designated beneficiary of a participant who dies from an employment-related cause under the Workmen's Accident Compensation Act.
- B. **Benefit (2).** (Law no. 127 of June 27, 1958) The spouse, children or designated beneficiary of members of the Police or Firefighters, Internal Revenue, Justice Department, Tribunales, Department of Natural Resources, or Penal and Correctional agencies who die in the line of duty.

ii. Benefits Payable.**A. Benefit (1).**

Spouse's Benefit. 50% of participant's final Compensation at date of death, payable as an annuity until death or remarriage.

Children's Benefit. An annuity for each child of \$10 per month (\$20 if full orphan) payable to child's age 18 (age 25 if student).

Maximum Family Benefit. 100% of participant's final Salary at date of death.

If no spouse nor children: Benefit payable to designated beneficiary equal to a refund of Accumulated Contributions, plus a lump sum benefit of 100% of final Compensation at date of death.

B. Benefit (2).

Spouse's Benefit. 50% of final Salary at date of death, payable as an annuity.

Children's Benefit. 50% of final Salary at date of death, payable as an annuity and shared in equal amounts.

If no spouse nor children: Full benefit of 100% of final Salary is payable to designated beneficiary (divided equally if more than one).

Upon death of any beneficiary, the share of the deceased beneficiary will be redistributed among the remaining beneficiaries.

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- A. **Benefit (1).** All participants
- B. **Benefit (2).** (Law no. 8 of February 18, 1976) Members of the Police.

ii. Benefits Payable.

- A. **Benefit (1).** Benefit payable to designated beneficiary equal to a refund of Accumulated Contributions, plus a lump sum benefit of 100% of final Compensation at date of death.
- B. **Benefit (2).** Benefit payable to surviving spouse and dependent children based on Accumulated Contributions (minimum: \$180 per month) in the form of an annuity. Benefit shall be reduced in an amount equal to benefits received from any other sources.

10. Postretirement Death Benefit.**a. Beneficiaries Eligible.** Beneficiaries of any participant who is:

- i. **Benefit (1).** Single with no minor children, or receiving a life annuity as normal form of payment.
- ii. **Benefit (2).** Married or with minor children, and receiving a joint and survivor annuity as normal form of payment. Except for Police and Firefighters, surviving spouse must have attained age 60 in order to receive benefit.
- iii. **Benefit (3).** Receiving an occupational annuity under Law no. 127 of June 27, 1958 as described in 8(a), and who dies as a result of the disability.

b. Benefit. Corresponding to eligibility above:

- i. **Benefit (1).** Refund of Accumulated Contributions at retirement in excess of total pension payments received prior to date of death, payable to designated beneficiary. Minimum benefit — \$500.
- ii. **Benefit (2).** 60% of retiree's pension at date of death (30% if covered under Title II of the Social Security Act).
- iii. **Benefit (3).** Benefit of 100% of final Salary at date of disability, payable to designated beneficiaries as an annuity.

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11. **Employee Contributions.** Contributions may be made at one of two levels:
- a. **Option (i) — Coordination Plan.** 5.775% of Compensation up to \$6,600 plus 8.275% of Compensation in excess of \$6,600.
 - b. **Option (ii) — Supplementation Plan.** 8.275% of all Compensation. This is the only choice available to Police, Firefighters and Mayors.
12. **Employer Contributions.** 9.275% of all Compensation, contributed by the Government to the System concurrently with employee contributions.
13. **Forms of Payment.**
- a. **Normal Form.** 30% (60% for Police and those retired under Law no. 127 of June 27, 1958 who die for reasons unrelated to their disability) joint and survivor annuity, payable to spouse or children under age 18 (age 25 if students); life annuity if single.

Minimum for survivors of Police and retirees under Law no. 127 of June 27, 1958: \$180 per month.
 - b. **Optional Forms.** Reversionary annuity.
14. **Indexation.** Effective January 1, 1992 (and every third year thereafter subject to approval by the Legislature), all annuities in pay status for at least 3 years will be increased by 3%. Most recent increase was granted January 1, 1998 (Bill no. 221).
15. **Christmas Gift.** All pensioners and beneficiaries are entitled to a Christmas Gift of \$300 per family group, payable in December of each year (Bill no. 109).

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

Employees Retirement System of the Government of Puerto Rico and its Instrumentalities

Summary of Plan Provisions

Plan Provisions as of July 1, 1999 (New Plan)

Note: The plan provisions described in this summary shall affect only those regular full-time employees hired on or after April 1, 1990, or those attaining permanent status after that date.

1. **Effective Date.** April 1, 1990.

2. **Eligibility.** All regular full time employees of the Government of Puerto Rico who are not contributing to other Retirement Systems. Employees include those in the following categories:
 - Police of Puerto Rico
 - Justices of the Peace of Puerto Rico
 - Members and employees of the Legislature
 - Officers and employees of the Government of Puerto Rico, public enterprises and municipalities
 - Members of the Employees Association of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
 - Irregular employees fulfilling the requirements of a regular employee

Participation is mandatory, except for members of the Legislature, Government Secretaries, Heads of Agencies and Public Instrumentalities, Assistants to the Governor, the Controller of Puerto Rico, gubernatorial Board and Committee appointees and Experimental Service Station employees.

**Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
Employees Retirement System****3. Definitions.**

- a. **Compensation.** Annual salary, excluding bonus and overtime pay.
- b. **Final Average Compensation.** The average of the annual rates of Compensation during the final five years of Credited Service. If the Compensation for any one year included in the averaging period exceeds the average of Compensation in the remaining four years by more than 10%, the amount in excess of 10% shall be excluded in the computation of Final Average Compensation.
- c. **Maximum Compensation.** The highest annual salary received during the term in Government service.
- d. **Regular Interest.** The annually compounded interest rate prescribed by the Board of Trustees.
- e. **Accumulated Contributions.** The sum of all participant contributions, credited and compounded with Regular Interest.
- f. **Actuarial Equivalent.** The amount of pension payable at a commencement date other than normal retirement or payable to a survivor which may be funded by the total contributions accrued toward a pension payable at normal retirement of the participant. The equivalence is calculated based on annuity and mortality tables adopted by the Board of Trustees and based on the actual experience of the System with the recommendations of the actuary.
- g. **Credited Service.** The years of plan participation during which contributions have been made based on full calendar months of service, beginning on date of hire and ending on date of separation from service.

In general, Credited Service may be earned for any period of employment during which no contributions were made if Accumulated Contributions for such periods are paid to the System. The same rule holds for rehired employees who previously received a refund of Accumulated Contributions at separation.

**Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
Employees Retirement System****4. Normal Retirement Pension.****a. Participants Eligible.** All participants attaining:

- i. **Benefit (1).** Age 65 with 10 years of service.
- ii. **Benefit (2).** Age 50 with 8 years of service as a Mayor.
- iii. **Benefit (3).** *Hazardous Service Pension:* Age 55 and 30 years of Credited Service as a member of the Police or Firefighters.
- iv. **Benefit (4).** *Hazardous Service Pension:* 30 years of Credited Service as a member of the Police or Firefighters.
- v. **Benefit (5).** Age 50 and 25 years of Credited Service as a member of the Police or Firefighters.

b. Pension Benefit. Corresponding to eligibility above:

- i. **Benefit (1).** 1½% of Final Average Compensation times Credited Service.
- ii. **Benefit (2).** 5% of Maximum Salary times Credited Service as a Mayor up to 10 years, plus 1½% of Maximum Salary times non-mayoral Credited Service up to 20 years, plus 2% of Maximum Salary times non-mayoral Credited Service in excess of 20 years.

Maximum: 90% of Maximum Salary.
- iii. **Benefit (3).** 75% of Final Average Compensation.
- iv. **Benefit (4).** 65% of Final Average Compensation.
- v. **Benefit (5).** 1½% of Final Average Compensation times Credited Service to 20 years, plus 2% of Final Average Compensation times Credited Service in excess of 20 years.

Maximum: 75% of Final Average Compensation.

**Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
Employees Retirement System****5. Early Retirement Pension.****a. Participants Eligible.**

- i. **Benefit (1).** All participants attaining age 55 and 25 years of Credited Service.
- ii. **Benefit (2).** No provision.
- iii. **Benefit (3).** No provision.
- iv. **Benefit (4).** No provision.
- v. **Benefit (5).** No provision.

b. Pension Benefit. Corresponding to eligibility above:

- i. **Benefit (1).** Accrued Normal Retirement benefit to early retirement, actuarially reduced for each year payment commences before attainment of age 65.
- ii. **Benefit (2).** No provision.
- iii. **Benefit (3).** No provision.
- iv. **Benefit (4).** No provision.
- v. **Benefit (5).** No provision.

6. Postponed Retirement Pension.

- a. **Participants Eligible.** Except for Police and Firefighters, participants may remain in service until any age. For Police and Firefighters, up to December 31, 1993, separation from service is compulsory at age 62 unless continued employment is approved. No continuation for officers shall be permitted in any event beyond age 65.
- b. **Pension Benefit.** Benefits described in 4, based on Final Average Compensation (or final Salary) and Credited Service at postponed retirement date. Payment commences on postponed retirement date. If a member of the Police or Firefighters reaches mandatory retirement without earning 10 years of Credited Service, he or she shall receive a full refund of all Accumulated Contributions.

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- i. **Benefit (1).** 10 years of Credited Service.
- ii. **Benefit (2).** 8 years of service as a Mayor.
- iii. **Benefit (3).** No provision.
- iv. **Benefit (4).** No provision.
- v. **Benefit (5).** 25 years of Credited Service as a member of the Police or Firefighters.

b. Vested Pension Benefits. Corresponding to eligibility above:

- i. **Benefit (1).** Accrued Normal Retirement benefit to termination date. Payments commence upon attainment of age 65.
- ii. **Benefit (2).** Accrued Normal Retirement benefit to termination date. Payments commence upon attainment of age 50.
- iii. **Benefit (3).** No provision.
- iv. **Benefit (4).** No provision.
- v. **Benefit (5).** Accrued Normal Retirement benefit to termination date. Payments commence upon attainment of age 50.

No benefit is payable if the participant receives a refund of his Accumulated Contributions.

8. Disability Pension.**a. Occupational Disability.****i. Participants Eligible.**

- A. **Benefit (1).** Any participant certified as disabled and unable to perform the duties of any position in Government service by physicians appointed by the Plan Administrator; receiving compensation under the Workmen's Accident Compensation Act.

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B. **Benefit (2).** (Law no. 127 of June 27, 1958) Members of the Police or Firefighters, Internal Revenue, Justice Department, or Penal and Correctional agencies certified as disabled in the line of duty and unable to perform the duties of any other position in Government service by the Plan Administrator; eligible for compensation under the Workmen's Accident Compensation Act.

ii. **Disability Benefit.**

A. **Benefit (1).** 40% of final Salary at date of separation from service, reduced by Social Security benefits.

B. **Benefit (2).** 80% of final Salary at date of separation of service.

b. **Nonoccupational Disability.**

i. **Participants Eligible.** Any participant certified as permanently and totally disabled by physicians appointed by Plan Administrator and attained 10 years of Credited Service.

ii. **Disability Benefit.** 25% of Final Average Compensation at date of separation from service, plus 1% of Final Average Compensation times Credited Service in excess of 10 years.

Maximum: 40% of Final Average Compensation at date of separation from service.

Notes: If participant engages in employment, both types of disability pension shall be reduced an amount by which the disability pension plus employment income exceeds Compensation at the date of disability. Such disability pension shall be payable for one year only after the date of the participant's reemployment.

If for any reason the disabled participant refuses to submit to periodic reexamination, his annuity will be discontinued.

9. **Preretirement Death Benefit.**

a. **Occupational.**

i. **Beneficiaries Eligible.**

A. **Benefit (1).** The spouse, children or designated beneficiary of a participant who dies from an employment-related cause under the Workmen's Accident Compensation Act.

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- B. **Benefit (2).** (Law no. 127 of June 27, 1958) The spouse, children or designated beneficiary of members of the Police or Firefighters, Internal Revenue, Justice Department, Tribunales, Department of Natural Resources, or Penal and Correctional agencies who die in the line of duty.

ii. **Benefits Payable.**

A. **Benefit (1).**

Spouse's Benefit. 40% of participant's final Compensation at date of death, payable as an annuity until death or remarriage.

Children's Benefit. An annuity for each child of \$10 per month (\$20 if full orphan) payable to child's age 18 (age 25 if student).

Maximum Family Benefit: 100% of participant's final Salary at date of death.

If no spouse nor children: Benefit payable to designated beneficiary equal to a refund of Accumulated Contributions, plus a lump sum benefit of 100% of final Compensation at date of death.

B. **Benefit (2).**

Spouse's Benefit. 40% of final Salary at date of death, payable as an annuity.

Children's Benefit. 40% of final Salary at date of death, payable as an annuity and shared in equal amounts.

If no spouse nor children: Full benefit of 80% of final Salary is payable to designated beneficiary (divided equally if more than one).

Upon death of any beneficiary, the share of the deceased beneficiary will be redistributed among the remaining beneficiaries.

b. **Nonoccupational.**

i. **Beneficiaries Eligible.**

A. **Benefit (1).** All participants.

B. **Benefit (2).** (Law no. 8 of February 18, 1976) Members of the Police.

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- A. **Benefit (1).** Benefit payable to designated beneficiary equal to a refund of Accumulated Contributions, plus a lump sum benefit of 100% of final Compensation at date of death.
- B. **Benefit (2).** Benefit payable to surviving spouse and dependent children based on Accumulated Contributions (minimum: \$180 per month) in the form of an annuity. Benefit shall be reduced in an amount equal to benefits received from any other sources.

10. Postretirement Death Benefit.**a. Beneficiaries Eligible.** Beneficiaries of any participant who is:

- i. **Benefit (1).** Single with no minor children, or receiving a life annuity as normal form of payment.
- ii. **Benefit (2).** Married or with minor children, and receiving a joint and survivor annuity as normal form of payment. Except for Police and Firefighters, surviving spouse must have attained age 60 in order to receive benefit.
- iii. **Benefit (3).** Receiving an occupational annuity under Law no. 127 of June 27, 1958 as described in 8(a), and who dies as a result of the disability.

b. Benefit. Corresponding to eligibility above:

- i. **Benefit (1).** Refund of Accumulated Contributions at retirement in excess of total pension payments received prior to date of death, payable to designated beneficiary. Minimum benefit — \$500.
- ii. **Benefit (2).** 60% of retiree's pension at date of death (30% if covered under Title II of the Social Security Act.)
- iii. **Benefit (3).** Benefit of 80% of final Salary at date of disability, payable to designated beneficiaries as an annuity.

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11. **Minimum Pension.** No normal, early or vested retirement benefit payable to a retiree, nor any benefit payable to a beneficiary, shall be an amount less than \$200 per month.
12. **Employee Contributions.** 8.275% of all Compensation.
13. **Employer Contributions.** 9.275% of all Compensation, contributed by the Government to the System concurrently with employee contributions.
14. **Forms of Payment.**
 - a. **Normal Form.** 30% (60% for Police and those retired under Law no. 127 of June 27, 1958 who die for reasons unrelated to their disability) joint and survivor annuity, payable to spouse or children under age 18 (age 25 if students); life annuity if single.

Minimum for survivors of Police and retirees under Law no. 127 of June 27, 1958: \$180 per month.
 - b. **Optional Forms.** Reversionary annuity.
15. **Indexation.** Effective January 1, 1992 (and every third year thereafter subject to approval by the Legislature), all annuities in pay status for at least 3 years will be increased by 3%. Most recent increase was granted January 1, 1998 (Bill no. 221).
16. **Christmas Gift.** All pensioners and beneficiaries are entitled to a Christmas Gift of \$300 per family group, payable in December of each year (Bill no. 109).