

**SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREE HEALTH
INSURANCE TRUST FUND**

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

WITH

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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This report on the audit of the financial statements of the South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, was issued by CliftonLarsonAllen, L.L.P., Certified Public Accountants, under contract with the South Carolina Office of the State Auditor.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard H. Gilbert, Jr.".

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Office of the State Auditor
South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund
Columbia, South Carolina

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Plan Net Position of the South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund (the Trust), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Position for the year then ended and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Trust's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Trust as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of South Carolina, as of June 30, 2014, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management’s Discussion and Analysis on pages 3-5, the schedule of funding progress on page 17, and schedule of employer contributions on page 18 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 22, 2014, on our consideration of the Trust’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Trust’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Baltimore, Maryland
December 22, 2014

SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

This Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the financial activities of the South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund (the Trust) is an overview of its fiscal operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. Readers are encouraged to consider the information presented in conjunction with the Financial Statements.

Overview of the Trust

The Trust was established by the State of South Carolina through Act 195 on May 1, 2008. In accordance with Act 195, the Trust was created to provide for the employer costs of retiree post-employment health and dental insurance benefits for retired state employees and retired employees of public school districts. As of the Trust valuation date of June 30, 2013 (the latest plan actuarial evaluation date), there were 223 participating employers and 256,015 eligible plan participants (174,200 active, 80,568 retired, and 1,247 vested terminated). The South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA) administers the Trust and the PEBA Board has been designated as the Trustee. The State Treasurer is the custodian of the funds held in the Trust and invests those funds in accordance with the statutes of the State.

Financial Highlights

- Net position held in trust for other post employment benefits (OPEB), as reported in the Statement of Plan Net Position, totaled \$784.970 million at June 30, 2014, a change of \$115.998 million from the prior year.
- Total additions as reflected in the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Position totaling \$496.749 million are a result of contributions, investment income, and securities lending activities income.
- Total deductions as reflected in the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Position totaling \$380.751 million are a result of benefit and administrative expenses.
- The actuarial valuation completed by Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company, the Trust's independent actuary, as of June 30, 2013, determined the annual required contribution (ARC) for the year ended June 30, 2014 to be \$778.969 million, of which 60.73% was contributed in the current period.

Overview of Financial Statements

This MD&A serves as an introduction to the basic financial statements. The Trust has two basic financial statements, the notes to the financial statements and the two required supplementary schedules. The basic financial statements and the required disclosures comply with the accounting principles and reporting guidelines as set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, utilizing the accrual basis of accounting.

The Statement of Plan Net Position is the first basic financial report. This is a snapshot of account balances at fiscal year end. This statement reflects assets available for future payments to retirees and their beneficiaries and any current liabilities owed as of fiscal year end.

This schedule is a condensed version of the Trust's assets, liabilities, and net position and is prepared from the Statement of Plan Net Position:

Condensed Statements of Plan Net Position

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Total assets	\$ 792,638,536	\$ 674,392,519
Total liabilities	<u>7,668,583</u>	<u>5,420,526</u>
Net position held in trust for other postemployment benefits	<u>\$ 784,969,953</u>	<u>\$ 668,971,993</u>

The Statement of Changes in Plan Net Position is the second financial report. This report reflects all the activities that occurred during the fiscal year and shows the impact of those activities as additions or deductions to the plan. The trend of additions versus deductions to the plan will indicate the condition of the Trust's financial position over time.

This schedule is a condensed version of the Trust's additions, deductions and changes in changes in plan net position and is prepared from the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Position:

Condensed Statements of Changes in Plan Net Position

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Total additions	\$ 496,749,350	\$ 421,798,349
Total deductions	<u>380,751,390</u>	<u>345,163,108</u>
Net increase in net position held in trust for other postemployment benefits (OPEB)	115,997,960	76,635,241
Net position held in trust for OPEB, beginning of year	<u>668,971,993</u>	<u>592,336,752</u>
Net position held in trust for OPEB, end of year	<u>\$ 784,969,953</u>	<u>\$ 668,971,993</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements (Notes) are an integral part of the financial reports. The Notes provide detailed discussion of key policies, programs, and activities that occurred during the period.

The Schedule of Funding Progress, a required supplementary schedule, includes historical trend information about the actuarially funded status of the plan and the progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. The other required supplementary schedule, the Schedule of Employer Contributions, presents historical trend information about the annual required contributions of the employer and the actual contributions made. These schedules provide information to help promote understanding of the changes in the funded status of the plan over time.

Plan Assets and Funding Ratio

As of June 30, 2014, the Trust had \$784.970 million in net position (total assets of \$792.639 million exceeding total liabilities of \$7.669 million). Net position represents funds available for future payments.

In order to determine whether total plan net position will be sufficient to meet future obligations, the actuarial funding status needs to be calculated. On the valuation date, the assets available for the payment of health and dental benefits are appraised. These assets are compared with the actuarial liabilities, which are the actuarial present value of all future benefits expected to be paid for each member. The purpose of the valuation is to determine what future contributions by the participating employers are needed to pay all expected future benefits.

The Trust's independent actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company, performed an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2013 and determined the actuarial accrued liability to be \$10.073 billion. The funded ratio was 7% at the valuation date.

Additions and Deductions to Plan Net Position

The primary sources which finance the health and dental benefits the Trust provides are the collection of employer contributions, additional State appropriations, accumulated PEBA – Insurance Benefits reserve balances, and income generated from investments. For the period ending June 30, 2014, total additions amounted to \$496,749,350. Employer contributions accounted for \$377,145,227 that is a result of a surcharge of 4.92% on each employer's payroll. The surcharge is an estimated amount to cover the employer portion of the "pay go" costs of retiree claims and is collected by and transferred from the South Carolina Retirement System to the Trust. Other additions were state appropriations of \$2,375,300, a transfer of \$93,521,443 based on the amount of PEBA – Insurance Benefits cash reserves available over 140% of the actuarial determined IBNR at December 31, 2013, and \$23,707,380 in investment income. It is composed of interest earnings and securities lending activities of \$19,300,859 of interest earnings, premium amortization of \$410,722, net unrealized gains of \$5,169,840 and net unrealized losses from value in securities lending of \$1,174,041.

For the period ending June 30, 2014, total deductions amounted to \$380,751,390, which was a result of claims and administrative expenses.

Future Funding

Going forward into 2015, the actuarial accrued liability and the annual required contribution will be funded primarily through the surcharge on employer's payroll. Effective July 1, 2014, the surcharge will be 5.0%. Other funding sources will include excess PEBA – Insurance Benefits reserves, additional State appropriations (which in this year's budget totaled \$2,375,300) and investment earnings.

Request for Additional Information

Questions about this report, or requests for additional financial information should be addressed as follows:

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STATEMENT OF PLAN NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2014

Assets :

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	106,124,167
Invested securities lending collateral		2,512,550
Due from South Carolina Long-Term Disability Insurance Trust Fund		84,359
Due from South Carolina Retirement Systems		54,231,480
Accrued interest receivable		4,365,491
Investments		625,320,489

Total assets 792,638,536

Liabilities :

Collateral for loaned securities		7,416,337
Due to PEBA Insurance Benefits		252,246

Total liabilities 7,668,583

Net position held in trust for other postemployment benefits (OPEB) \$ 784,969,953

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Financial Statements

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

Additions:

Contributions	\$	473,041,970
		23,675,054
Investment income (<i>Note 5</i>)		23,675,054
Securities lending activities income:		
Gross earnings from interest and fees		6,677
Gross borrower rebates		30,944
Bank fees		(5,295)
Net earnings from securities lending activities		32,326
Total additions		496,749,350

Deductions:

Benefits expense		380,673,190
Administrative expenses		78,200
		380,751,390
Total deductions		380,751,390

Net increase in net position held in trust for OPEB		115,997,960
Net position held in trust for OPEB, beginning of year		668,971,993
		784,969,953
Net position held in trust for OPEB, end of year	\$	784,969,953

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Financial Statements

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. Trust Description

General

The South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund (the “Trust”) was established by the State of South Carolina (the “State”) as Act 195 (the Act) which became effective on May 1, 2008. The Trust was created to fund and account for the employer costs of the State's retiree health and dental plans (the “Plan”) in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards.

The Trust is a part of the State of South Carolina’s primary government and is included in the *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the State of South Carolina*. In making this determination, factors of financial accountability, governance and fiduciary responsibility of the state were considered.

In accordance with the Act, the Trust is administered by the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA) Insurance Benefits division and the State Treasurer is the custodian of the funds held in the Trust. The Board of Directors of PEBA has been designated as the Trustee.

Plan Description and Contribution Information

The Trustee has determined that the plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit healthcare plan that covers retired employees of the State including all agencies and public school districts (the Employers). The Plan provides health and dental insurance benefits to eligible retirees as defined in Article 5 of the State Code of Laws (the Code). Article 5 of the Code authorizes the Trustee to at any time adjust the Plan, including its benefits and contributions, as necessary to insure the fiscal stability of the Plan.

The Trust receives employer contributions, State appropriations, and mandatory transfers. For the year ended June 30, 2014, contributions were as follows:

Transfer to the Trust from IBNR reserves	\$ 93,521,443
State appropriations	2,375,300
Monthly employer contributions	<u>377,145,227</u>
	<u><u>\$ 473,041,970</u></u>

The monthly Employer contributions are based on a surcharge of 4.92% of the employer’s annual covered payroll.

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1. Trust Description (Continued)

Administrative costs of the Plan are paid from Plan assets.

Eligible participants of the Plan consisted of the following at June 30, 2013, the date of the latest actuarial valuation:

Active participants	174,200
Retired participants	80,568
Vested terminated participants	1,247
Total participants	<u>256,015</u>
Number of participating employers	<u>223</u>

Risks and Uncertainties

The Trust invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of plan net position available for benefits.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Additionally, the Trust has adopted the provisions of GASB 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities* for the year ended June 30, 2014. This Statement did not have an effect on the Trust's financials statements.

As required under these standards, the financial statements of the Trust are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Employer contributions are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Benefits are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

Method Used to Value Investments

Investments are stated at fair value as determined by the custodian from the last reported sales price as provided by BNY Mellon. Net unrealized appreciation or depreciation for the year is reflected in the statement of changes in plan net position and is included as a component of investment income.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Administrator of the Trust to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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3. Due from Other State Agencies

The South Carolina Retirement System had collected \$54,231,480 in monthly employer contributions attributable to May and June that had not been remitted to the Trust as of June 30, 2014.

4. Due to PEBA – Insurance Benefits

At June 30, 2014, the total due to PEBA Insurance Benefits from the Trust was \$252,246 for various administrative expenses.

PEBA Insurance Benefits develops blended group health premiums by coverage tier each year. These premiums are derived by blending the expected cost of coverage among both active and retired participants. The blended premium is generally lower than the actual cost of retiree coverage and higher than the actual cost of active coverage.

By applying the blended premiums to active coverage the State is essentially financing a portion of the total retiree cost. The portion of the retiree cost funded by active coverage is known as the implicit subsidy.

PEBA Insurance Benefits performs the implicit subsidy calculation at fiscal year-end for reporting purposes only. Because PEBA Insurance Benefits receives the total blended premium for active employees, as well as the total blended premium for retirees (through transfer from the OPEB Trust for the employer contribution), PEBA receives the total expected cost for both active and retired participants. The Trust did not have an implicit subsidy for the year ended June 30, 2014 due to favorable claims experience and increased prescription drug subsidies.

5. Investments, Deposits and Securities Lending Transactions

As prescribed by Statute, the State Treasurer is the custodian and investment manager of all investments, deposits and securities lending transactions of the Trust.

Investments

In accordance with State Law, the Trust may invest in a variety of instruments including obligations of the United States and its agencies and securities fully guaranteed by the United States, certain corporate obligations, certain shares of Federal savings and loan associations and State chartered savings and loan associations, and collateralized repurchase agreements.

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5. Investments, Deposits and Securities Lending Transactions (Continued)

All investments are required to be insured or registered, or held by the State or its agent in the name of the State Treasurer as custodian.

With respect to investments in the State’s internal cash management pool, all of the State Treasurer’s investments are insured or registered or are investments for which the securities are held by the State or its agents in the State’s name. Information pertaining to the reported amounts, fair values, and credit risk of the State Treasurer’s investments is disclosed in the *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* of the State of South Carolina.

The following table presents the fair values of the investments of the Trust at June 30, 2014:

	Fair Value
Collateralized mortgage-backed obligations	\$ 28,561,126
Other Governmental guaranteed investments	61,984,475
Federal agencies	15,006,550
Repurchase agreement	106,035,000
Sovereign bonds	4,260,800
Corporate bonds	475,374,170
Financial paper	40,133,368
Total	\$ 731,355,489

The accounts classified as investments in the financial statements comprise investments held for the Trust and the State of South Carolina, which are legally restricted and earnings thereon become revenue of the specific fund from which the investment was made. These investments are specific, identifiable investment securities, some of which may be included in one of the State Treasurer’s investment pools.

For all investment classifications reported above, the balances therein fluctuated minimally in excess of the year-end balances throughout the year ended June 30, 2014. As discussed in *Note 2*, investments are reported at fair value. Therefore, gains and losses recognized due to market fluctuations are recognized as investment income. The Fund held no short-term investments at June 30, 2014.

The investment types listed above include all investment types in which monies were held throughout the year ended June 30, 2014. Due to higher cash flows at certain times during the year, the Fund’s investment in repurchase agreements fluctuated significantly. The maximum amounts that are held in this classification during the year ended June 30, 2014, was \$173,355,000.

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5. Investments, Deposits and Securities Lending Transactions (Continued)

Deposits

All deposits with financial institutions are required to be insured or collateralized with securities held by the State or its agent in the State Treasurer's name as custodian. At June 30, 2014, the Fund had no deposits with financial institutions. The Fund had \$89,167 held by the State Treasurer as of June 30, 2014.

Fair value for cash and cash equivalents reported approximates the carrying value.

During the year, the following amounts (which apply to all investments) were included in investment earnings:

Interest earned from investments of the Trust	\$ 19,268,533
Premium amortization	410,722
Net unrealized gain on investments	5,169,840
Net unrealized loss from change in value of securities lending collateral	(1,174,041)
Investment earnings	\$ 23,675,054

The following schedule reconciles investments and deposits as reported in the statement of net position to disclosures included in this note.

	Statements	Note Disclosure
Held by State Treasurer:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 106,124,167	\$ -
Invested securities lending collateral	2,512,550	2,512,550
Pooled investments	625,320,489	-
Deposits	-	89,167
Specifically identified investments	-	731,355,489
Total	\$ 733,957,206	\$ 733,957,206

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5. Investments, Deposits and Securities Lending Transactions (Continued)

Securities Lending

Through its custodial agent, the Trust participates in a securities lending program whereby securities are loaned for generating additional income. The Trust lends securities from its investment portfolio on a collateralized basis to third parties, primarily financial institutions. The market value of the required collateral must initially meet or exceed 102 percent of the market value of the securities, loaned, providing a margin against a decline in the market value of the collateral, and requires additional collateral if the collateral value falls below 100 percent.

No restrictions are held on the amount of securities that may be loaned. The types of securities available for loan during the year ended June 30, 2014, included U.S. Government securities, U.S. Government agencies, corporate bonds, and convertible bonds. The contractual agreement with the Trusts' custodial bank provides indemnification in the event the borrower fails to pay the Trust income distribution by the securities' issuers while the securities are on loan. Cash and U.S. Government securities were received as collateral for these loans. The Trust cannot pledge or sell collateral securities without a borrower default. The trust invests cash collateral received; accordingly, investments made with cash collateral appear as an asset. A corresponding liability is recorded as the Trust must return the cash collateral to the borrower upon the expiration of the loan.

At June 30, 2014, the fair value of securities on loan was \$9,931,270. The fair value of the invested cash collateral was \$2,512,550. Securities lending obligations at June 30, 2014 were \$7,416,337, with the unrealized loss in invested cash collateral recorded in the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Position under investment income.

With regard to custodial credit risk, the Trusts' cash collateral invested is held by the counterparty and is uninsured. All securities loaned can be terminated on demand by either the Trust or the borrower. At year-end the average number of days the loans were outstanding was one day. The average weighted maturity of investments made with cash collateral was nine days. At June 30, 2014, there had been no losses resulting from borrower defaults and the Trust had no credit risk exposure to borrowers because the amounts the Trust owed the borrowers exceeded the amounts the borrowers owed the Trust.

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5. Investments, Deposits and Securities Lending Transactions (Continued)

The following table presents the fair value of the underlying securities and the total collateral received for securities on loan at June 30, 2014:

	June 30, 2014
Securities lent for cash collateral:	
U.S. Corporate-fixed income	\$ 7,251,475
Total securities lent for cash collateral	\$ 7,251,475
Cash collateral invested as follows:	
Repurchase agreements	\$ 636,838
Asset backed securities	1,875,712
Total for cash collateral invested	\$ 2,512,550

6. Funded Status and Funding Progress

The latest actuarial valuation was performed as of June 30, 2013 by the Trust's independent consulting actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company.

The required contributions for the Plan in dollars (amounts expressed in thousands) and the percentages of those dollars contributed for the three latest available years were as follows:

Year Ended June 30	Actuarially Required Contribution	Percentage Contributed
2014	\$778,969	60.73%

The funded status of the Plan as of the most recent actuarial valuation date is as follows (amounts expressed in thousands):

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (b)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a / b)	Covered Payroll (c)	Percentage of covered Payroll {(b - a) / c}
June 30, 2013	\$ 668,972	\$ 10,072,927	\$ 9,403,955	7%	\$ 7,471,142	126%

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6. Funded Status and Funding Progress (Continued)

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedules of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, present multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial values of plan assets are increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

The accompanying schedules of employer contributions present trend information about the amounts contributed to the Trust by employers in comparison to the annual required contribution (the ARC), an amount that is actuarially determined. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost for each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed 30 years.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the Plan as understood by the employer and plan participants) and include the types of benefits provided at the time the valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

Valuation date	June 30, 2013
Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age
Amortization method	Level percent open
Remaining amortization periods	30 years
Asset valuation method	Market
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return	5.50%
Payroll growth rate	3.50%
Healthcare cost trend rate	
Medical	6.00% - 4.50% Ultimate
RX	6.00% - 4.50% Ultimate

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7. Subsequent events

Subsequent events were evaluated through December 22, 2014, which is the date the financial statements were available for issue. Events occurring after that date have not been evaluated to determine whether a change in the financial statements would be required.

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SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

AS OF JUNE 30, 2014

(Amounts expressed in thousands)

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (b)	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a / b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of covered Payroll ((b - a) / c)
June 30, 2008	\$ 270,153	\$ 9,279,578	\$ 9,009,425	3%	\$ 7,596,053	119%
June 30, 2009	\$ 439,903	\$ 9,643,577	\$ 9,203,674	5%	\$ 7,736,161	119%
June 30, 2010	\$ 487,496	\$ 9,632,092	\$ 9,144,596	5%	\$ 7,570,126	121%
June 30, 2011	\$ 477,124	\$ 10,625,914	\$ 10,148,790	4%	\$ 7,127,657	142%
June 30, 2012	\$ 592,337	\$ 10,328,465	\$ 9,736,128	6%	\$ 7,161,059	136%
June 30, 2013	\$ 668,972	\$ 10,072,927	\$ 9,403,955	7%	\$ 7,471,142	126%

SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST FUND

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

AS OF JUNE 30, 2014

(Amounts expressed in thousands)

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Annual Required Contribution</u>	<u>Percentage Contributed</u>
2009	\$ 727,079	50.87%
2010	\$ 785,250	37.76%
2011	\$ 815,825	37.11%
2012	\$ 787,293	53.22%
2013	\$ 818,861	50.02%
2014	\$ 778,969	60.73%

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Mr. Richard H. Gilbert, Jr., CPA
Deputy State Auditor
Office of the State Auditor
Columbia, South Carolina

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the Statement of Plan Net Position of the South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund (the Trust), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Position for the year then ended and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Trust's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 22, 2014.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Trust's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described below that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

2014-001 – Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Criteria: The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) Internal Control Framework states that control activities are a component of internal control. Control activities are policies and procedures established to ensure that management directives are carried out, and consist of two elements, a policy that establishes what should be done and the procedure that implements the policy. COSO Framework states that control activities must be in place for there to be adequate internal control procedures over financial reporting. Internal control procedures affect the Trust's ability to ensure financial transactions are authorized and accurate and the financial statements are prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

Condition: The Trust relies on other agencies within the State of South Carolina to provide data and records that are used in financial reporting. Financial reporting for the Trust is ultimately the responsibility of management, and while information from others can be used, management should establish controls and processes to understand and analyze the data prior to recording transactions into the financial statements. Management of the Trust does not have a control structure in place for this process. There is a potential pervasive effect on the financial statements and disclosures with the absence of other mitigating controls.

Cause: The Trust relies on the other agencies within the State of South Carolina to be part of their control structure.

Effect: Failure to establish a proper control environment over financial data may result in the misstatement of the financial statements.

Recommendation: We recommend that management establish a system of controls to review the financial reporting records that are coming from outside the Trust and fully understand the processes and detail of that data.

Management's Response:

Under state law, the State Treasurer serves as custodian of the Trust and is responsible for all investment activities related to the Trust. As such, PEBA relies on the STO to not only perform these duties, but to supply PEBA with documentation and records used in financial reporting which includes securities lending activity. Despite repeated requests, the STO has failed to produce documentation concerning certain securities lending transactions impacting the Trust. PEBA will continue to pursue obtaining additional information regarding the securities lending program managed by the State Treasurer's Office.

Additionally, PEBA has created and successfully recruited a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) who will direct both Insurance Benefits and Retirement Systems accounting and financial statement preparation. The CFO brings an additional layer of expertise to the insurance accounting program and the new structure will facilitate the sharing of processes, systems and expertise between Insurance and Retirement functions.

Management is committed to establishing and maintaining a system of controls to review all financial reporting records related to the Trust and to fully understand the processes and detail of that data.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Trust's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards and which are described below as item 2014-002.

2014-002 – Assets of the Trust

It is the responsibility of management, with the oversight of those charged with governance, to ensure that the entity's operations are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations, including compliance with the provisions of laws and regulations that determine the reported amounts and disclosures in an entity's financial statements. During our audit procedures, we became aware that the collateral received as part of the Trust's participation in a securities lending program is reinvested and credited to a commingled account with other participating agency funds. Under prevailing State law (SECTION 1-11-705(A) and 707(A), South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust fund established; administration) the following is denoted:

- (A) There is established in the State Treasury separate and distinct from the general fund of the State and all other funds the South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund (SCRHI Trust Fund) to provide for the employer costs of retiree post-employment health insurance benefits for retired state employees and retired employees of public school districts. Earnings on the SCRHI Trust Fund must be credited to it and unexpended funds carried forward in it to succeeding fiscal years.
- (B) The board is the trustee of the SCRHI Trust Fund and the State Treasurer is the custodian of the funds of the SCRHI Trust Fund.

It appears that the assets of the Trust must be "kept separate and distinct" from the general fund of the State. We recommend that management and the Board work with general counsel in chorus with the State Treasurer's office to ensure compliance with prevailing State law going forward and what if any impact potential violations of existing regulations might have on the Trust.

Management's Response:

Under state law, the State Treasurer serves as custodian of the trust funds and is responsible for holding the assets of the trust funds separate and distinct from the general fund and all other funds of the State. PEBA has reached out to the State Treasurer's Office for assistance in resolving these issues and stands ready to work collaboratively with the State Treasurer's Office and the Bank of New York Mellon (BNYM) until a resolution is reached.

South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund's Response to Findings

South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described above. The Trust's responses was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Trust's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "CliftonLarsonAllen LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Baltimore, Maryland
December 22, 2014