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Response By: Division of Federal Programs and Program Management Date:08/06/09

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- Pennsylvania State Employees’ Retirement System

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