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Subject: GASB 75 Reporting and Disclosure - Actuarial Information for Fiscal Year

Ending June 30, 2024 Reporting Date – First Responders Only

Dear Sandy:

This letter and the associated documents contain certain information required by the State of Maine retiree healthcare plan ("plan") for the County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers & Municipal Firefighters ("First Responders") in connection with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pensions." The calculation of the liability associated with the benefits referenced in this letter was performed for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of GASB No. 75.

The information provided herein was determined using a Measurement Date of June 30, 2023 to be disclosed as of the June 30, 2024 Reporting Date.

The Total OPEB Liability, Net OPEB Liability (Total OPEB Liability minus Fiduciary Net Position), OPEB expense, and certain sensitivity information shown in this letter are based on the actuarial valuation performed as of June 30, 2023.

This letter and accompanying exhibits are based upon information furnished to us by the State of Maine, which includes benefit provisions, membership information, and financial data. We have analyzed the data and other information provided for reasonableness, but we have not independently audited the data or other information provided. We have no reason to believe the data or other information provided is not complete and accurate and know of no further information that is essential to the preparation of the actuarial valuation.

This letter complements the actuarial valuation report as of June 30, 2023, provided to the State and should be considered together as a complete report for the State's fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 reporting date. Please see the actuarial valuation report as of June 30, 2023, for additional discussion of the results, including the nature of actuarial calculations and more information related to participant data, economic and demographic assumptions, and benefit provisions.

First Responders

The State of Maine contributes to Retiree Healthcare Plans for First Responders. The State of Maine is a governmental nonemployer contributing entity in a special funding situation, where contributions are made on behalf of the single employer OPEB plans sponsored by each of the participating municipalities.

As prescribed by GASB 75 for contributing entities that do not fund benefits through an irrevocable trust, the discount rate will be based on an index rate for 20-year tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher as of the measurement date. The State of Maine elected to determine the discount rate using the Bond Buyer 20-Bond General Obligation Index. A single discount rate of 3.65% was used to measure the Total OPEB Liability as of June 30, 2023 (3.54% as of June 30, 2022). The single discount rate was applied to all periods of the projected benefit payments to determine the Total OPEB Liability for each Ancillary group.

Actuarial Valuation Opinion

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 described 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 plan provisions or applicable law.

The undersigned with actuarial credentials 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.

To the best of our knowledge, no employee of the Deloitte U.S. Firms is an officer or director of the employer. In addition, we are not aware of any relationship between the Deloitte U.S. Firms and the employer that may impair or appear to impair the objectivity of the work detailed in this report.

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