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Via Regular & Certified Mail

Wendy Jamison, Board Secretary
Board of Trustees
Public Employees Retirement System
State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury
Division of Pensions & Benefits
P.O. Box 295
Trenton, NJ 08625-0295

Re: G. Philip Lewis
PERS # [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Jamison:

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 20, 2001 and appreciate your response to our appearance at the meeting of April 18, 2001, when the Board of Trustees considered our letter of April 3, 2001 and accompanying documentation regarding my client's request to purchase additional service in PERS from December 23, 1974 until April 1, 1993.

Although we are appreciative the Board having voted to approve my client's request to purchase additional service from December 23, 1974 to April 18, 1986, the Board having denied my client's request to purchase service from September 19, 1986 to April 1, 1993 is not agreed to and as a result of your decision, my client is requesting a hearing to appeal the Board's decision denying my client's request to purchase service from September 1, 1986 until April 1, 1993. Please consider this letter our written letter of appeal to the PERS Board.

I appreciate the Board having directed the Secretary, in conjunction with the Attorney General's office to draft a detailed Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law that will formally outline the Board's decision and become the Board's final administrative determination at your next meeting, scheduled May 16, 2001. Also, I greatly appreciate the Board's willingness upon final administrative determination to forward to my attention a copy of their final administrative determination so that it will enable my client to appeal the Board's decision to the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division. I understand we have 45 days to appeal the Board's decision and any assistance you can provide us in forwarding your final administrative decision as soon as said decision is prepared, it would be appreciated.

Wendy Jamison, Board Secretary
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Additionally, my client's appeal will be based largely on the packet we submitted to the PERS Board and taken under consideration at the April 18, 2001 proceeding. It is our intent to make that packet part of our submission to the Appellate Division.

Many thanks for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from your office shortly.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. DeSimone". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

JOHN G. DeSIMONE, ESQUIRE

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c: Mary Ellen Rathbun (ET)
Sandra Horan (ET)
Mr. G. Philip Lewis