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Woodstown, NJ 08098
March 20, 2002

Ms. Wendy Jamison, Secretary, Board of Trustees
Public Employees' Retirement System
PO Box 295
Trenton, NJ 08625-0295

Re: Expiration of Account
MS # [REDACTED]

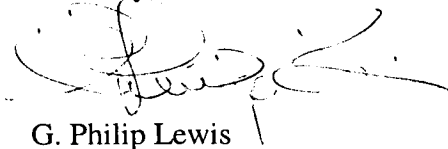
Dear Ms. Jamison;

I have just received a Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) Expiration Notice regarding my account. As you know, I applied for retirement benefits effective July 1, 2000 based on a letter I had received advising me that the Board of Trustees had decided I was eligible to purchase all prior service to the County of Salem. When I made application for the amount of buyback after I left my employment with the County, I was then advised at various times by your staff that I was either not eligible or only eligible for some of the time. After months of attempting to get this matter resolved and two hearings before the Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees voted to allow me to buy some, but not all, of my time. We sought leave to file for an Administrative Hearing and it was denied and we filed our appeal of the Board's decision to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey last Summer. My appeal is still pending and may not be heard prior to the June 30, 2002 expiration date of my account.

I am concerned that if this account is not placed on a "Hold, Pending Appeal" status that it will simply be automatically listed in your system as a withdrawal and even further complicate this matter. Would you please take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that this account remains as an active application for retirement, retroactive to July 1, 2000, for however long it takes to receive a final decision of the Courts.

If there is any other information which you require, please contact me.

Sincerely,



G. Philip Lewis

cc: John G. DeSimone, Esq.