

**EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS**  
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**ST. LOUIS, MO 63101**

**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Plan Members and Retirees

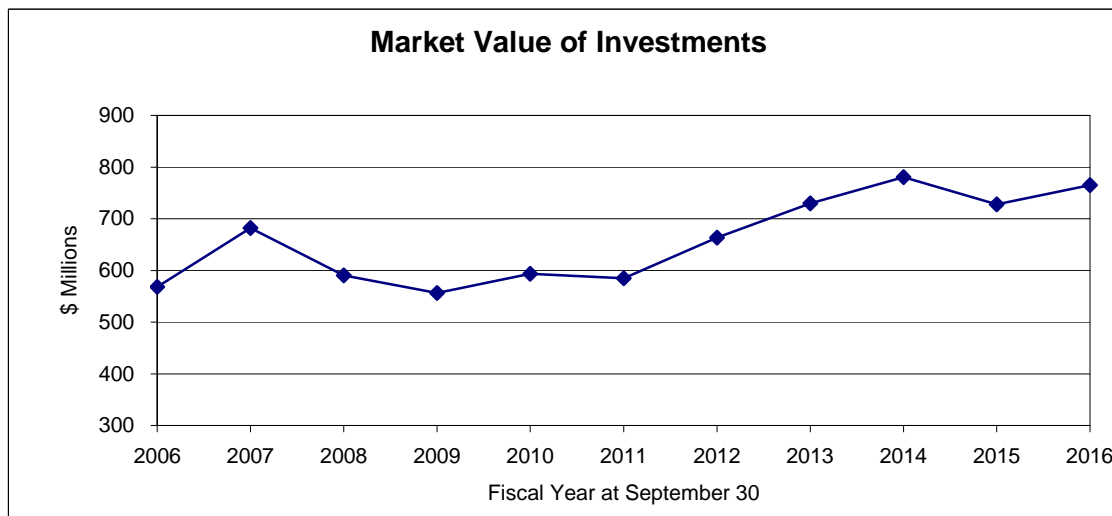
**FROM:** Board of Trustees, Employees Retirement System

**SUBJECT:** Financial Statements

On the reverse side, you will find the unaudited statements of plan assets and changes in plan assets for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2015 and 2016.

The System's investments earned 10.03% for the fiscal year. This marked the fourth double-digit return in the last five years, reversing last year's (-3.1%) return. All market classes posted positive for the fiscal year except hedge funds. This year's strong performance was highlighted by domestic and international equities both earning 13.5%. Energy master limited partnerships recouped some of their prior year's loss by recording a 12.5% return. Real estate continued its strong run with a 10.4% return. The System's net assets increased \$36.9 million to \$764.9 million.

Pension and retirement benefits increased 3.3% or \$1.9 million to \$60.9 million. The number of retirees and beneficiaries receiving a monthly benefit increased 1.9% to 4,499. Administrative expenses remained steady at \$722,000 when compared to the prior year. All employers are contributing at the rate specified by the actuary.



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**CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PLAN ASSETS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 AND 2016**

	2015	2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
CASH	\$ 410,999	\$ 78,502
RECEIVABLES	881,422	881,784
INVESTMENTS--at FAIR VALUE	727,366,813	764,543,113
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>728,659,234</u>	<u>765,503,399</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	662,101	602,326
DEFERRED RETIREMENT BENEFITS	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>662,101</u>	<u>602,326</u>
<b>PLAN NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 727,997,133</u>	<u>\$ 764,901,073</u>

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PLAN ASSETS  
YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 AND 2016**

	2015	2016
<b>ADDITIONS</b>		
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 35,725,951	\$ 32,137,684
NET INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)	(28,435,882)	66,460,934
	<u>7,290,069</u>	<u>98,598,618</u>
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>		
RETIREMENT BENEFITS	49,324,626	51,085,458
DEFERRED RETIREMENT EXPENSES	9,678,495	9,848,185
SERVICE TRANSFER PAYMENTS	62,691	38,903
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	722,758	722,132
	<u>59,788,570</u>	<u>61,694,678</u>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN PLAN NET ASSETS</b>	(52,498,501)	36,903,940
NET PLAN ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>780,495,634</u>	<u>727,997,133</u>
<b>PLAN NET ASSETS AT SEPTEMBER 30</b>	<u>\$ 727,997,133</u>	<u>\$ 764,901,073</u>