Happy New Year! This is your first e-bulletin for 2009.

This short e-bulletin is a friendly reminder that your December 2008 monthly payroll report must be submitted to TMRS no later than January 15, 2009.

It is very important that you make this deadline. If you miss the deadline, two things will happen:

- Your city will be assessed a late penalty
- Late reports will affect estimates contained in the 2008 member annual statements and delay the processing of December 2008 retirements

If you have already submitted your December 2008 payroll report, thank you very much! Also, please remember that your 2009 city contribution rate takes effect with the January 2009 monthly report, which is due to TMRS no later than February 16, 2009.

Please keep in mind that some cities will have a “phase-in” rate for 2009, as explained in the rate letter you received in May 2008. For affected cities, the phase-in rate will be the minimum rate that cities must pay for their TMRS benefits. Full instructions on 2009 rates will be sent to all cities in mid-January.

If we can provide assistance or answer any questions you may have, please do not hesitate to contact Member Services at 800-924-8677.

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