



State of North Carolina

## Office of State Budget, Planning, and Management

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July 26, 2001

Mr. Robert L. Powell, State Controller  
Office of the State Controller  
3512 Bush Street  
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Dear Controller Powell:

As you know, the Constitution of North Carolina requires the Governor to ensure the State not operate at a budget deficit. Pursuant to that authority, Governor Mike Easley issued Executive Order No. 3 on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001. The Order directs various emergency measures be taken in order to avoid an unconstitutional deficit.

Beginning June 30<sup>th</sup>, the State has been operating under continuing resolutions passed by the General Assembly. These resolutions have necessitated the continuation of the emergency measures authorized by the Constitution and Executive Order No. 3. As a result of the ongoing emergency budget and fiscal crises – and pursuant to the Constitution, Executive Order No. 3, and the continuing resolutions passed by the legislature – please escrow the State's contribution to the retirement fund for the month of July 2001.

Sincerely,

David McCoy

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