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BEWARE OF SCAMS

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Fraud and scams have become increasingly sophisticated. Notices closely resembling PERSI correspondence may be in circulation instructing members and retirees they must use direct deposit and provide bank account information. Although PERSI does obtain this information from members and retirees, generally it is done during an office visit. **PERSI does not require direct deposit or conduct mail solicitations for personal or financial information from its members or retirees.**

Fake correspondence surfaces occasionally, so this warning serves as a reminder to be skeptical if you receive a request from anyone asking for money, your credit card or bank account numbers, the personal identification number (PIN) to access your accounts, or for your Social Security number. If you receive a suspicious or unusual letter relating to your retirement benefits, call PERSI to verify the authenticity of the correspondence before taking any other action. The phone numbers are toll-free 1-800-451-8228 or 334-3365 from the Boise area.

When calling PERSI, members and retirees **will be asked** to confirm certain personal information. The questions may include confirmation of your date of birth, current mailing address, phone number, Social Security number, or beneficiary names. This precaution is taken to prevent anyone other than our members or retirees from obtaining information that could be used for fraudulent reasons.

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