

Notice of Critical Status
for
I.B.E.W. Local 1249 Pension Plan
EIN: 15-6035161 / PN: 001

This is to inform you that on March 31, 2011, the plan actuary certified to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and also to the Plan sponsor, that the Plan is in critical status for the Plan year beginning January 1, 2011. Federal law requires that you receive this notice.

Critical Status

The Plan is considered to be in critical status because it has funding or liquidity problems, or both. More specifically, the Plan's actuary determined that the Plan has not passed the "Emergence Test", meaning that the Plan was in critical status last year and over the next 9 years, the Plan is projected to have an accumulated funding deficiency as of the 2011 Plan year.

Rehabilitation Plan

Federal law requires pension plans in critical status to adopt a Rehabilitation Plan aimed at restoring the financial health of the Plan. This is the 3rd year the Plan has been in critical status. The law permits pension plans to reduce, or even eliminate, benefits called "adjustable benefits" as part of a Rehabilitation Plan. On April 30, 2009, you were notified that the Plan reduced or eliminated adjustable benefits. On April 30, 2009, you were notified that as of January 1, 2009 the plan is not permitted to pay lump sum benefits (or any other payment in excess of the monthly amount paid under a single life annuity) while it is in critical status. If the trustees of the Plan determine that further benefit reductions are necessary, you will receive a separate notice in the future identifying and explaining the effect of those reductions. Any reduction in adjustable benefits (other than a repeal of a recent benefit increase, as described below) will not reduce the level of a participant's basic benefit payable at normal retirement. In addition, the reductions may only apply to participants and beneficiaries whose benefit commencement date is on or after April 30, 2009.

Adjustable Benefits

The Plan offers the following adjustable benefits which may be reduced or eliminated as part of any Rehabilitation Plan the pension may adopt:

- Unreduced Early Retirement at age 60 with 30 years of service.
- The Level Income Option

As part of the Rehabilitation Plan, the unreduced early retirement and level income options were eliminated.

Employer Surcharge

The law requires that all contributing employers pay to the plan a surcharge to help correct the plan's financial situation until such time as their collective bargaining agreements are updated to reflect the contribution increases required by the Rehabilitation Plan. The amount of the surcharge is equal to a percentage of the amount an employer is otherwise required to contribute to the plan under the applicable collective bargaining agreement. With some exceptions, a 5% surcharge is applicable in the initial critical year and a 10% surcharge is applicable for each succeeding plan year thereafter in which the plan is in critical status.

Where to Get More Information

For more information about this Notice, you may contact:

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You have a right to receive a copy of the Rehabilitation Plan from the Plan.

DATE SENT: _____