

2023 Notice of Endangered Status for Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 693 Defined Benefit Pension Plan

This Notice is to inform you that on July 27, 2023 the Plan's actuary certified to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and also to the Plan's Board of Trustees, that the Plan is in "Endangered Status" for the Plan Year beginning May 1, 2023. Federal law requires that you receive this Notice.

Endangered Status

The Plan is considered to be in "Endangered Status" for the 2023 Plan Year because it has a funding problem. More specifically, the Plan's actuary has determined that the Plan is projected to have an "accumulated funding deficiency" within the four succeeding Plan Years, although the Plan's "funded percentage" is estimated to be 80.4% on May 1, 2023. In addition, the Plan's actuary further certified that the Plan is projected to be in "Critical Status" within the five succeeding Plan Years.

Funding Improvement Plan and Possibility of Reduction in Benefits

Federal law requires pension plans in "Endangered Status" to adopt a "Funding Improvement Plan," aimed at restoring the financial health of the plan, within 240 days after the initial certification of Endangered Status. More specifically, a Funding Improvement Plan must include actions that are reasonably likely to achieve a 1/3 reduction in the plan's unfunded liability over a period of ten years. The law permits pension plans to reduce benefits before they are earned in future years as part of a "Funding Improvement Plan." If the Trustees of the Plan determine that benefit reductions are necessary, you will receive a separate notice in the future identifying and explaining the effect of those reductions.

Where to Get More Information

For more information about this election, you may contact the Board of Trustees of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 693 Defined Benefit Pension Plan / c/o Gregory Gove / Plan Administrator / UA Local 693 Plumbers and Pipefitters Trust Funds / 3 Gregory Drive / South Burlington / VT 05403, or call (802) 864-4042. You have a right to receive a copy of the "Funding Improvement Plan" from the Plan once it's adopted.

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