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Important Notices For International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 150 Pension Fund

To: Participants, Beneficiaries, and Contributing Employers of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 150 Pension Fund, and Participating Unions

From: Trustees of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 150 Pension Fund

We enclose two legally-required notices regarding the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 150 Pension Fund (the "Plan"):

- **Annual Funding Notice.** This notice describes the funded status of the Plan for the Plan Year beginning July 1, 2022. This notice looks back on the Plan Year that concluded June 30, 2023.
- **Notice of Endangered Status.** This notice describes the funded status of the Plan for the Plan Year beginning July 1, 2023.

The Board of Trustees is committed to protecting the long-term financial stability of the Plan. The Trustees will continue to prudently manage the Plan in a manner to improve its funded position and overall financial health.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees
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Annual Funding Notice For International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 150 Pension Fund

Introduction

This notice includes important information about the funded status of your multiemployer pension plan (the “Plan”). It also includes general information about the benefit payments guaranteed by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (“PBGC”), a federal insurance agency. All traditional pension plans (called “defined benefit pension plans”) must provide this notice every year regardless of their funding status. This notice does not mean that the Plan is terminating. It is provided for informational purposes and you are not required to respond in any way. This notice is required by federal law. This funding notice is for the Plan Year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 (“Plan Year”).

How Well Funded is Your Plan

The law requires the administrator of the Plan to tell you how well the Plan is funded, using a measure called the “funded percentage.” The Plan divides its assets by its liabilities on the Valuation Date for the plan year to get this percentage. In general, the higher the percentage, the better funded the plan. The Plan’s funded percentage for the Plan Year and each of the two preceding Plan Years is shown in the chart below. The chart also states the value of the Plan’s assets and liabilities for the same period.

	Plan Year Beginning in 2022	Plan Year Beginning in 2021	Plan Year Beginning in 2020
Valuation Date	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2020
Funded Percentage	74.2%	74.7%	75.1%
Value of Assets	\$236,531,009	\$230,980,746	\$217,527,521
Value of Liabilities	\$318,563,460	\$309,152,881	\$289,508,549

Year-End Fair Market Value of Assets

The asset values in the chart above are measured as of the Valuation Date. They also are “actuarial values.” Actuarial values differ from market values in that they do not fluctuate daily based on changes in the stock or other markets. Actuarial values smooth out those fluctuations and can allow for more predictable levels of future contributions. Despite the fluctuations, market values tend to show a clearer picture of a plan’s funded status at a given point in time. The asset values in the chart below are market values and are measured on the last day of the Plan Year. The chart also includes the year-end market value of the Plan’s assets for each of the two preceding plan years.

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	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Fair Market Value of Assets	\$231,765,929	\$219,868,655	\$252,410,060

Endangered, Critical, or Critical and Declining Status

Under federal pension law, a plan generally is in "endangered" status if its funded percentage is less than 80 percent. A plan is in "critical" status if the funded percentage is less than 65 percent (other factors may also apply). A plan is in "critical and declining" status if it is in critical status and is projected to become insolvent (run out of money to pay benefits) within 15 years (or within 20 years if a special rule applies). If a pension plan enters endangered status, the trustees of the plan are required to adopt a funding improvement plan. Similarly, if a pension plan enters critical status or critical and declining status, the trustees of the plan are required to adopt a rehabilitation plan. Funding improvement and rehabilitation plans establish steps and benchmarks for pension plans to improve their funding status over a specified period of time. The plan sponsor of a plan in critical and declining status may apply for approval to amend the plan to reduce current and future payment obligations to participants and beneficiaries.

The Plan was in "critical" status in the Plan Year because of a projected funding deficiency in the funding standard account at the end of the 2024-25 plan year. Note, "projected funding deficiency" means that contributions would be insufficient to satisfy Federal requirements; it does not mean that the Fund would become bankrupt or run out of money. In an effort to improve the Plan's funding situation, the trustees adopted a rehabilitation plan on November 1, 2019 and recently updated the rehabilitation plan on August 11, 2023, providing for a five year amortization extension, updated future work hours expectation and higher short-term investment return assumption. The rehabilitation plan was designed to enable the Plan to emerge from critical status by the end of the rehabilitation period, June 30, 2031.

Federal law requires the Board of Trustees to monitor the progress toward achieving the objectives and annual standards of the rehabilitation plan. The Board of Trustees remains committed to the proper funding of your pension benefits and assures you that they will take appropriate actions to meet this goal. The rehabilitation plan and its objectives and annual standards are based on a number of assumptions about future experience and may have to be adjusted if those assumptions are not met. Additional contribution rate increases and/or benefit reductions might be required. You will receive a separate notice identifying and explaining any additional changes in benefits, if necessary, and you will receive an annual notice, like this one, identifying any event that has a material effect on Plan assets or liabilities.

You may get a copy of the Plan's rehabilitation plan, any update to such plan, and the actuarial and financial data that demonstrate any action taken by the Plan toward fiscal improvement. You may get this information by contacting the Plan administrator.

If the Plan is in endangered, critical, or critical and declining status for the plan year ending June 30, 2024, separate notification of that status will be provided.

Participant Information

The total number of participants and beneficiaries covered by the Plan on the valuation date was 1,600. Of this number, 648 were current employees, 571 were retired and receiving benefits, and 381 were retired or no longer working for the employer and have a right to future benefits.

Funding & Investment Policies

Every pension plan must have a procedure to establish a funding policy for plan objectives. A funding policy relates to how much money is needed to pay promised benefits. The funding policy of the Plan is to fund the Plan through a combination of contributions received from employers and investment income generated by the Plan's investments. The funding level is designed to comply with requirements of ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code. These requirements include minimum funding levels and also include maximum limits on the contributions that may be deducted by employers for federal income tax purposes. The Board of Trustees creates and implements the funding policy and monitors the funding level with the assistance of the Plan's enrolled actuary and the Plan's investment consultant.

Pension plans also have investment policies. These generally are written guidelines or general instructions for making investment management decisions. The investment policy of the Plan is, generally, to invest assets in a diversified manner among multiple asset classes that are expected over the long term to generate returns that equal or exceed the Plan's actuarial assumed rate of return within acceptable levels of volatility.

Under the Plan's investment policy, the Plan's assets were allocated among the following categories of investments as of the end of the Plan Year (June 30, 2023). These allocations are percentages of the total assets:

	Asset Allocations
Stocks	53.3%
Investment grade debt instruments	20.6%
High-yield debt instruments	2.6%
Real estate	6.7%
Other	16.8%

Right to Request a Copy of the Annual Report

Pension plans must file annual reports with the U.S. Department of Labor. The report is called the "Form 5500." These reports contain financial and other information. You may obtain an electronic copy of your Plan's annual report by going to www.efast.dol.gov and using the search tool. Annual reports also are available from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration's Public Disclosure Room at 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-1513, Washington, DC 20210, or by calling 202-693-8673. Or you may obtain a copy of the Plan's annual report by making a written request to the Plan administrator. Annual reports do not contain personal information, such as the amount of your accrued benefit. You may contact your Plan administrator if you want information about your accrued benefits. Your Plan administrator identified below under "Where to Get More Information."

Summary of Rules Governing Insolvent Plans

Federal law has a number of special rules that apply to financially troubled multiemployer plans that become insolvent, either as ongoing plans or plans terminated by mass withdrawal. The plan administrator is required by law to include a summary of these rules in the annual funding notice. A plan is insolvent for a plan year if its available financial resources are not sufficient to pay benefits when due for that plan year. An insolvent plan must reduce benefit payments to the highest level that can be paid from the plan's available resources. If such resources are not enough to pay benefits at a level specified by law (see Benefit Payments Guaranteed by the PBGC, below), the plan must apply to the PBGC for financial assistance. The PBGC will loan the plan the amount necessary to pay benefits at the guaranteed level. Reduced benefits may be restored if the plan's financial condition improves.

A plan that becomes insolvent must provide prompt notice of its status to participants and beneficiaries, contributing employers, labor unions representing participants, and PBGC. In addition, participants and beneficiaries also must receive information regarding whether, and how, their benefits will be reduced or affected, including loss of a lump-sum option.

Benefit Payments Guaranteed by the PBGC

The maximum benefit that the PBGC guarantees is set by law. Only benefits that you have earned a right to receive and that cannot be forfeited (called vested benefits) are guaranteed. There are separate insurance programs with different benefit guarantees and other provisions for single-employer plans and multiemployer plans. Your Plan is covered by PBGC's multiemployer program. Specifically, the PBGC guarantees a monthly benefit payment equal to 100% of the first \$11 of the Plan's monthly benefit accrual rate, plus 75% of the next \$33 of the accrual rate, times each year of credited service. The PBGC's maximum guarantee, therefore, is \$35.75 per month times a participant's years of credited service.

Example 1: If a participant with 10 years of credited service has an accrued monthly benefit of \$600, the accrual rate for purposes of determining the PBGC guarantee would be determined by dividing the monthly benefit by the participant's years of service ($\$600/10$), which equals \$60. The guaranteed amount for a \$60 monthly accrual rate is equal to the sum of \$11 plus $\$24.75$ ($.75 \times \$33$), or \$35.75. Thus, the participant's guaranteed monthly benefit is \$357.50 ($\35.75×10).

Example 2: If a participant in Example 1 has an accrued monthly benefit of \$200, the accrual rate for purposes of determining the guarantee would be \$20 (or \$200/10). The guaranteed amount for a \$20 monthly accrual rate is equal to the sum of \$11 plus \$6.75 (.75 x \$9), or \$17.75. Thus, the participant's guaranteed monthly benefit would be \$177.50 (\$17.75 x 10).

The PBGC guarantees pension benefits payable at normal retirement age and some early retirement benefits. In addition, the PBGC guarantees qualified preretirement survivor benefits (which are preretirement death benefits payable to the surviving spouse of a participant who dies before starting to receive benefit payments). In calculating a person's monthly payment, the PBGC will disregard any benefit increases that were made under the plan within 60 months before the earlier of the plan's termination or insolvency (or benefits that were in effect for less than 60 months at the time of termination or insolvency). Similarly, the PBGC does not guarantee benefits above the normal retirement benefit, disability benefits not in pay status, or non-pension benefits, such as health insurance, life insurance, death benefits, vacation pay, or severance pay.

For additional information about the PBGC and the pension insurance program guarantees, go to the Multiemployer Page on PBGC's website at www.pbgc.gov/multiemployer. Please contact your employer or Plan administrator for specific information about your pension plan or pension benefit. The PBGC does not have that information. See "Where to Get More Information About Your Plan" below.

Where to Get More Information

For more information about this notice, you may contact the Administrative Office at (877) 478-4542; or by writing to I.B.E.W. Local No. 150 Pension Fund at 6525 Centurion Drive, Lansing, MI 48917-9275. For identification purposes, the official plan number is 001 and the plan sponsor's employer identification number or "EIN" is 36-6140629.

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Notice of Endangered Status For IBEW Local 150 Pension Fund

This is to inform you that on September 28, 2023 the Plan Actuary certified to the U.S. Department of the Treasury and to the Plan Sponsor that the Plan emerged from critical status and is in endangered status for the plan year beginning July 1, 2023. Federal law requires that you receive this notice. In the future you will receive an annual update of this status and the progress the Plan is making towards the goals described below.

Endangered Status

The Plan is considered to be in endangered status because it is projected to satisfy both of the following:

1. Funded percentage less than 80% - The Plan's actuary determined that the Plan's funded percentage is 74.2% on July 1, 2023. The "funded percentage" is the fraction of earned benefits that could be funded with existing Fund assets.
2. No projected accumulated funding deficiencies within the current or next 9 plan years – The Plan's actuary projects that the Plan will have no accumulated funding deficiencies. Note, "accumulated funding deficiency" means that contributions would be insufficient to satisfy Federal requirements, it does not mean that the Fund would become bankrupt or run out of money.

As required by law, the Plan Actuary's certification includes only contribution rate increases that have been codified in collective bargaining or participation agreements.

Funding Improvement Plan

Federal law requires pension plans in endangered status to adopt a funding improvement plan aimed at restoring the financial health of the Plan. The funding improvement plan requires that the Plan's funded percentage improve at least 33% of the way to 100% by the end of the funding improvement period. The target for this Plan under the law is a funded percentage of 82.7% by 2034. The Plan must also meet the Federal minimum funding requirements during the final year of the 10-year funding improvement period. Based on our most current actuarial projections, we are well on track to meet or exceed these benchmarks.

Future Experience and Possible Adjustments

The funding improvement plan is based on a number of assumptions about future experience and may need to be adjusted in the future if such assumptions are not met. Additional contribution rate increases and/or reductions in the rate at which benefits are earned may be needed if the Fund were to suffer asset returns below the expected 7.10% (in the 2023-24 plan year or later), a drop in the hours worked, or poor experience from other sources. If, at some point in time, the Trustees determine that further adjustments are necessary, you will receive a separate notice identifying and explaining the effect of those changes.

Commitment to Continued Improvement

Once the funding improvement plan is implemented, the Trustees anticipate that the Fund will eventually emerge from endangered status and continue to see improved funded percentages. The Trustees maintain their commitment to providing a retirement benefit on which you can rely to pay a lifetime benefit that will play a significant role in your overall retirement planning.

Where to Get More Information

You have a right to receive a copy of the funding improvement plan once it has been formally approved by the bargaining parties. It should be completed by May 24, 2024. To receive a copy, you may contact the Plan Administrator at 6525 Centurion Drive, Lansing, MI 48917 or by telephone at (517) 321-7502.

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