

APPENDIX A

ANNUAL FUNDING NOTICE

For

[insert name of pension plan]

Introduction

This notice includes important funding information about your pension plan (“the Plan”). This notice also provides a summary of federal rules governing the termination of single-employer defined benefit pension plans and of benefit payments guaranteed by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), a federal agency. This notice is for the plan year beginning *[insert beginning date]* and ending *[insert ending date]* (“Plan Year”).

Funding Target Attainment Percentage

The funding target attainment percentage of a plan is a measure of how well the plan is funded on a particular date. This percentage for a plan year is obtained by dividing the Plan’s Net Plan Assets by Plan Liabilities on the Valuation Date. In general, the higher the percentage, the better funded the plan. The Plan’s funding target attainment percentage for the Plan Year and 2 preceding plan years is shown in the chart below, along with a statement of the value of the Plan’s assets and liabilities for the same period.

	[insert Plan Year, e.g., 2011]	[insert plan year preceding Plan Year, e.g., 2010]	[insert plan year 2 years preceding Plan year, e.g., 2009]
1. Valuation Date	[insert date]	[insert date]	[insert date]
2. Plan Assets			
a. Total Plan Assets	[insert amount]	[insert amount]	[insert amount]
b. Funding Standard Carryover Balance	[insert amount]	[insert amount]	[insert amount]
c. Prefunding Balance	[insert amount]	[insert amount]	[insert amount]
d. Net Plan Assets (a) – (b) – (c) = (d)	[insert amount]	[insert amount]	[insert amount]
3. Plan Liabilities	[insert amount]	[insert amount]	[insert amount]
4. At-Risk Liabilities	[insert amount]	[insert amount]	[insert amount]
5. Funding Target Attainment Percentage	[insert percentage]	[insert percentage]	[insert percentage]

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{Instructions: Report Valuation Date entries in accordance with section 303(g)(2) of ERISA. Report Total Plan Assets in accordance with section 303(g)(3) of ERISA. Report credit balances (i.e., funding standard carryover balance and prefunding balance) in accordance with section 303(f) of ERISA. Report Net Plan Assets, Plan Liabilities (i.e., funding target), and Funding Target Attainment Percentage in accordance with section 303(d)(2) of ERISA. The amount reported as "Plan Liabilities" should be the funding target determined without regard to at-risk assumptions, even if the plan is in at-risk status. At-Risk Liabilities are determined under section 303(i) of ERISA (taking into account section 303(i)(5) of ERISA). Report At-Risk Liabilities for any year covered by this chart in which the Plan was in "at-risk" status within the meaning of section 303(i) of ERISA, only if At-Risk Liabilities are greater than Plan Liabilities; otherwise insert "not applicable" in the appropriate box. Round off all amounts in this notice to the nearest dollar.}

Credit Balances

Credit balances were subtracted from the Plan's assets before calculating the funding target attainment percentage in the chart above. While pension plans are permitted to maintain credit balances (called "funding standard carryover balance" or "prefunding balance") for funding purposes, such credits may not be taken into account when calculating a plan's funding target attainment percentage. A plan might have a credit balance, for example, if in a prior year an employer made contributions at a level in excess of the minimum level required by law. Generally, the excess payments are counted as "credits" and may be applied in future years toward the minimum level of contributions a plan sponsor is required by law to make to the plan in those years.

At-Risk Status

If a plan's funding target attainment percentage for the prior plan year is below a specified legal threshold, the plan is considered under law to be in "at-risk" status. "At-risk" plans are required to use actuarial assumptions that result in a higher value of plan liabilities and, consequently, require more funding by the employer. For example, plans in "at-risk" status are required to assume that all workers eligible to retire in the next 10 years will do so as soon as they can, and that they will take their distribution in whatever form would create the highest cost to the plan, without regard to whether those workers actually do so. The Plan has been determined to be in "at-risk" status in *[enter year or years covered by the chart above]*. The increased liabilities to the Plan as a result of being in "at-risk" status are reflected in the At-Risk Liabilities row in the chart above.

{Instructions: Include the preceding discussion, entitled At-Risk Status, only in the case of a plan required to report At-Risk Liabilities.}

Fair Market Value of Assets

Asset values in the chart above are actuarial values, not market values. Market values tend to show a clearer picture of a plan's funded status as of a given point in time. However, because market values can fluctuate daily based on factors in the marketplace,

such as changes in the stock market, pension law allows plans to use actuarial values for funding purposes. While actuarial values fluctuate less than market values, they are estimates. As of [enter the last day of the Plan Year], the fair market value of the Plan's assets was [enter amount]. On this same date, the Plan's liabilities were [enter amount].

{Instructions: Insert the fair market value of the plan's assets as of the last day of the plan year. You may include contributions made after the end of the plan year to which the notice relates and before the date the notice is timely furnished but only if such contributions are attributable to such plan year for funding purposes. A plan's liabilities as of the last day of the plan year are equal to the present value, as of the last day of the plan year, of benefits accrued as of that same date. With the exception of the interest rate assumption, the present value should be determined using assumptions used to determine the funding target under section 303. The interest rate assumption is the rate provided under section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iv), but using the last month of the year to which the notice relates rather than the month preceding the first month of the year to which the notice relates.}

Participant Information

The total number of participants in the plan as of the Plan's valuation date was [insert number]. Of this number, [insert number] were active participants, [insert number] were retired or separated from service and receiving benefits, and [insert number] were retired or separated from service and entitled to future benefits.

Funding & Investment Policies

The law requires that every pension plan have a procedure for establishing a funding policy to carry out the plan objectives. A funding policy relates to the level of contributions needed to pay for promised benefits. The funding policy of the Plan is [insert a summary statement of the Plan's funding policy].

Once money is contributed to the Plan, the money is invested by plan officials called fiduciaries. Specific investments are made in accordance with the Plan's investment policy. Generally speaking, an investment policy is a written statement that provides the fiduciaries who are responsible for plan investments with guidelines or general instructions concerning various types or categories of investment management decisions. The investment policy of the Plan is [insert a summary statement of the Plan's investment policy].

In accordance with 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. These allocations are percentages of total assets:

Asset Allocations	Percentage
1. Interest-bearing cash	_____
2. U.S. Government securities	_____
3. Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):	

Preferred	_____
All other	_____
4. Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):	
Preferred	_____
Common	_____
5. Partnership/joint venture interests	_____
6. Real estate (other than employer real property)	_____
7. Loans (other than to participants)	_____
8. Participant loans	_____
9. Value of interest in common/collective trusts	_____
10. Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	_____
11. Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	_____
12. Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	_____
13. Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	_____
14. Value of funds held in insurance co. general account (unallocated contracts)	_____
15. Employer-related investments:	
Employer Securities	_____
Employer real property	_____
16. Buildings and other property used in plan operation	_____
17. Other	_____

Events with Material Effect on Assets or Liabilities

Federal law requires the plan administrator to provide in this notice a written explanation of events, taking effect in the current plan year, which are expected to have a material effect on plan liabilities or assets. For the plan year beginning on *[insert beginning of plan year for year after plan year to which notice relates]* and ending on *[insert end of plan year for year after plan year to which notice relates]*, the following events are expected to have such an effect: *[insert explanation of any plan amendment, scheduled benefit increase or reduction, or other known event taking effect in the current plan year and having a material effect on plan liabilities or assets for the year, as well as a projection to the end of the current plan year of the effect of the amendment, scheduled increase or reduction, or event on plan liabilities]*.

{Instructions: Include the preceding discussion, entitled Events with Material Effect on Assets or Liabilities, only if applicable.}

Right to Request a Copy of the Annual Report

A pension plan is required to file with the US Department of Labor an annual report (i.e., Form 5500) containing financial and other information about the plan. Copies of the annual report are available from the US 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. *[If the Plan's annual report is available on an Intranet website maintained by the plan sponsor (or plan*

administrator on behalf of the plan sponsor), modify the preceding sentence to include a statement that the Form also may be obtained through that website and include the website address.]

Summary of Rules Governing Termination of Single-Employer Plans

Employers can end a pension plan through a process called “plan termination.” There are two ways an employer can terminate its pension plan. The employer can end the plan in a “standard termination” but only after showing the PBGC that the plan has enough money to pay all benefits owed to participants. The plan must either purchase an annuity from an insurance company (which will provide you with lifetime benefits when you retire) or, if your plan allows, issue one lump-sum payment that covers your entire benefit. Before purchasing your annuity, your plan administrator must give you advance notice that identifies the insurance company (or companies) that your employer may select to provide the annuity. The PBGC’s guarantee ends when your employer purchases your annuity or gives you the lump-sum payment.

If the plan is not fully-funded, the employer may apply for a distress termination if the employer is in financial distress. To do so, however, the employer must prove to a bankruptcy court or to the PBGC that the employer cannot remain in business unless the plan is terminated. If the application is granted, the PBGC will take over the plan as trustee and pay plan benefits, up to the legal limits, using plan assets and PBGC guarantee funds.

Under certain circumstances, the PBGC may take action on its own to end a pension plan. Most terminations initiated by the PBGC occur when the PBGC determines that plan termination is needed to protect the interests of plan participants or of the PBGC insurance program. The PBGC can do so if, for example, a plan does not have enough money to pay benefits currently due.

Benefit Payments Guaranteed by the PBGC

If a single-employer pension plan terminates without enough money to pay all benefits, the PBGC will take over the plan and pay pension benefits through its insurance program. Most participants and beneficiaries receive all of the pension benefits they would have received under their plan, but some people may lose certain benefits that are not guaranteed.

The PBGC pays pension benefits up to certain maximum limits. The maximum guaranteed benefit is *[insert amount from PBGC web site, www.pbgc.gov, applicable for the current plan year]* per month, or *[insert amount from PBGC web site, www.pbgc.gov, applicable for the current plan year]* per year, payable in the form of a straight life annuity, for a 65-year-old person in a plan that terminates in *[insert current plan year]*. The maximum benefit may be

reduced for an individual who is younger than age 65. *[If the Plan does not provide for commencement of benefits before age 65, you may omit this sentence.]* The maximum benefit will also be reduced when a benefit is provided to a survivor of a plan participant.

The PBGC guarantees “basic benefits” earned before a plan is terminated, which includes *[Include the following guarantees that apply to benefits available under the Plan.]*:

- pension benefits at normal retirement age;
- most early retirement benefits;
- annuity benefits for survivors of plan participants; and
- disability benefits for a disability that occurred before the date the plan terminated.

The PBGC does not guarantee certain types of benefits *[Include the following guarantee limits that apply to the benefits available under the Plan.]*:

- The PBGC does not guarantee benefits for which you do not have a vested right when a plan terminates, usually because you have not worked enough years for the company.
- The PBGC does not guarantee benefits for which you have not met all age, service, or other requirements at the time the plan terminates.
- Benefit increases and new benefits that have been in place for less than one year are not guaranteed. Those that have been in place for less than five years are only partly guaranteed.
- Early retirement payments that are greater than payments at normal retirement age may not be guaranteed. For example, a supplemental benefit that stops when you become eligible for Social Security may not be guaranteed.
- Benefits other than pension benefits, such as health insurance, life insurance, death benefits, vacation pay, or severance pay, are not guaranteed.
- The PBGC generally does not pay lump sums exceeding \$5,000.

Even if certain benefits are not guaranteed, participants and beneficiaries still may receive some of those benefits from the PBGC depending on how much money the terminated plan has and how much the PBGC collects from the employer.

Corporate Information on File with PBGC

The law requires a plan sponsor to provide the PBGC with financial information about the sponsor and the plan under certain circumstances, such as when the funding target attainment percentage of the plan (or any other pension plan sponsored by a member of the sponsor’s controlled group) falls below 80 percent (other triggers may also apply). The sponsor of the Plan, *[enter name of plan sponsor]*, and each member of its controlled group, if any, was subject to this requirement to provide corporate financial information and plan actuarial information to the PBGC. The PBGC uses this information for oversight and monitoring purposes.

{Instructions: Insert the preceding paragraph entitled "Corporate Information on File with PBGC" only if a reporting under section 4010 of ERISA was required for the Plan Year.}

Where to Get More Information

For more information about this notice, you may contact [*enter name of plan administrator and if applicable, principal administrative officer*], at [*enter phone number and address and insert email address if appropriate*]. For identification purposes, the official plan number is [*enter plan number*] and the plan sponsor's employer identification number or "EIN" is [*enter EIN of plan sponsor*]. For more information about the PBGC and benefit guarantees, go to PBGC's website, www.pbgc.gov, or call PBGC toll-free at 1-800-400-7242 (TTY/TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 1-800-400-7242).