

**Notice of Critical Status For**  
Millmen's Retirement Trust of Washington

**TO:** All Participants, Pensioners, Beneficiaries, Alternate Payees, Labor Unions, Employers Who Contribute to the Millmen's Retirement Trust of Washington, and the PBGC

**DATE:** June 15, 2018

This is to inform you that on May 29, 2018 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 March 1, 2018. 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 over the next two plan years, the plan is projected to have an accumulated funding deficiency for the 2019 plan year. This means that contributions coming into the Plan are not expected to be sufficient to meet minimum contribution requirements as provided by the federal government. This does not mean that the Plan does not have sufficient assets to pay current retirees.

**Rehabilitation Plan and Possibility of Reduction in Benefits**

Federal law requires pension plans in critical status to adopt a rehabilitation plan aimed at restoring the financial health of the plan. The law permits pension plans to reduce, or even eliminate, benefits called "adjustable benefits" as part of a rehabilitation plan.

In June of 2015, you were notified of the Plan's initial critical status, and the possibility of benefit reductions. In January of 2016, you were notified that the trustees had adopted a rehabilitation plan that generally removes all adjustable benefits effective March 1, 2016. The reduction of adjustable benefits does not reduce the level of a participant's basic benefit payable at normal retirement. In addition, the reductions generally only apply to participants and beneficiaries whose benefit commencement date is on or after March 1, 2016. Also, 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.

**Adjustable Benefits**

The rehabilitation plan requires reductions in certain adjustable benefits. These reductions include changes in early retirement benefits, disability benefits, and certain pre- and post-retirement death benefits. All participants were previously sent a separate notice describing the reduction in adjustable benefits in more detail.

**Employer Surcharge**

The law requires that all contributing employers pay to the plan a surcharge to help correct the plan's financial situation. 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. Accordingly, employer contributions for covered hours on or after March 1, 2016 will be subject to the 10% surcharge. The surcharges will apply until the bargaining parties comply with the terms of the rehabilitation plan.

**Where to Get More Information**

For more information about this Notice, you may contact William C. Earhart Company, Inc. at 877-405-8339, PO Box 4148 (3140 N.E. Broadway), Portland, Oregon 97208. You have a right to receive a copy of the rehabilitation plan from the plan when it is later adopted.