

Notice of Critical Status For

Retirement Benefit Plan of GCIU Detroit Newspaper Union 13N with Detroit Area Newspaper Publishers

This is to inform you that on March 31, 2010, 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, 2010. 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:

1. the plan has an accumulated funding deficiency for the current plan year;
2. the plan is projected to have an accumulated funding deficiency for the 2011 through 2013 plan years;
3. the funded percentage of the plan is 65% or less, and over the next four plan years, the plan is projected to have an accumulated funding deficiency for the 2011 through 2014 plan years;
4. the plan was in critical status last year and over the next 9 years, the plan is projected to have an accumulated funding deficiency for the 2011 through 2019 plan years.

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 third 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 or about August 15, 2009, you were notified that the plan reduced or eliminated adjustable benefits. On April 30, 2008, you were notified that as of March 31, 2008 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 of adjustable benefits 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, 2008.

Adjustable Benefits

The plan offered the following adjustable benefits which were reduced or eliminated as part of the rehabilitation plan that was adopted:

- The Pre-retirement death benefit;
- The lump sum death benefit;
- All lump sum payments greater than \$5,000.00;
- The Early Retirement full pension at age 60;
- The special early retirement social security supplemental pension;
- The Disability Retirement Benefit;
- The Joint and Survivor "Pop-Up" allowing a surviving participant to effectively change their form of benefit to a single life annuity;
- Elimination of the early retirement subsidy; and
- Elimination of the joint and survivor subsidy.

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.

Where to Get More Information

For more information about this Notice, you may contact the Board of Administration c/o Salvatore Maci, at 586-755-8041, 11420 East Nine Mile Road, Warren, MI 48089. You have a right to receive a copy of the rehabilitation plan from the plan.