

SAGINAW PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS U.A. LOCAL NO. 85 FRINGE BENEFIT FUNDS

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Notice of Endangered Status U.A. Local Union No. 85 Plumbers and Pipefitters Pension Plan EIN: 38-1752138 PN: 001

This is to inform you that on March 31, 2017 the Plan Actuary certified to the U.S. Department of the Treasury and to the Plan Sponsor that the Plan is in endangered status for the plan year beginning January 1, 2017. 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 the following:

Funded percentage less than 80% - The Plan's actuary determined that the Plan's funded percentage is 67.8% on January 1, 2017. The "funded percentage" is the fraction of earned benefits that could be funded with existing Fund assets.

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. Since this plan became endangered as of January 1, 2010, a funding improvement plan was previously set in place to begin January 1, 2013. The funding improvement plan requires that the Plan's funded ratio improve at least one-third of the way to 100% over a 10-year period. The target for this Plan under the law is a funded ratio of 77.5% by 2023. The Plan must also meet the Federal minimum funding requirements during the final year of this 10-year period. Based on our most current actuarial projections, we are falling just short of this target with a projected 2023 funded ratio of 76.6%.

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 8.00% (in the 2017 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

At this point, the Trustees still anticipate that the Fund will timely 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 and any updates to that plan. To receive a copy of the latest version, you may contact the Board of Trustees of the U.A. of Journeymen & Apprentices, Plumbing & Pipefitting Industry of the U.S. & Canada Local Union No. 85 Pension Plan at 700 Tower Drive, Suite 300, Troy, MI 48098-2835 or by telephone at (800) 582-6181.