

**PACE INDUSTRY UNION-MANAGEMENT PENSION FUND**

**SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION**

**April 2011**

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To All Participants and Beneficiaries:

The Board of Trustees of the PACE Industry Union-Management Pension Fund (“Fund”) is pleased to present you with this updated summary plan description (“SPD”) booklet that summarizes the rules and regulations of the PACE Industry Union-Management Pension Plan (“Plan” or “Pension Plan”). Pension Plan benefits are funded by employer contributions (and earnings on those contributions) according to collective bargaining agreements with the USW International Union, AFL-CIO, its local unions, or other labor unions.

The Plan can provide valuable security for you and your family both before and after retirement. We urge you to read this booklet carefully so that you will be familiar with the benefits available to you and your family and will understand your rights and responsibilities under the Plan.

This booklet is not meant to be a substitute for the full text of the Plan document. If there are differences between this summary plan description and the Plan document, the Plan document will govern.

The Trustees will continue to advise you of any changes in the rules and regulations of the Plan as we try to provide you a greater measure of retirement security.

If you would like to have a copy of the Plan document, or if you have any questions about your benefits under the Plan, please call or write to the Fund Office.

Sincerely,

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TO ALL PIUMPF PARTICIPANTS:

The information below describes the monthly benefit levels or accrual rates in effect on and after December 31, 2010 that have been negotiated on your behalf and based on your employer's contribution rate as reflected in the Standard Form of Participation Agreement accepted by the Fund as of April 11, 2011, for the contributing employer and local union indicated. Your pension credit is also used to determine your benefit under the Plan, as described in this SPD. Please note that certain requirements must be met in order to be eligible for the benefit level or accrual rate under the Program indicated below. These requirements are explained in this SPD. For further information, please contact the Fund Office.

Local union number(s):

Employer Number:

Employer Name:

Program:

EFFECTIVE DATE

BENEFIT LEVEL\ACCRUAL RATE

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF PENSION PLAN

The PACE Industry Union-Management Pension Plan (“Plan”) provides several types of pensions and other benefits if you leave covered employment and the industry represented by the USW International Union, AFL-CIO (“Union”) after having earned a vested right to a pension. The specific eligibility requirements for the various benefits provided under the Plan and the amount of such benefits are determined by the benefit program in which your employer participates on your behalf. The Plan provides benefits through Programs A through G. The details of each of these Programs will be described in the pages that follow.

Nothing in this summary is meant to interpret, extend or change in any way the provisions in the Plan. The Trustees reserve the right to amend, modify or discontinue all or part of this Plan whenever, in their judgment, conditions so warrant.

This summary plan description reflects the terms of the Plan in effect on April 1, 2011, and generally applies to Participants who have service under the Plan on or after that date. If you retired or terminated covered employment before April 1, 2011, unless provided otherwise in this document or in the Plan, the Plan document in effect on the date of your termination of employment will define the benefits available to you.

In general, the following benefits are available under the Plan:

- A **Regular Pension** pays your full retirement benefit if you retire at age 65 (or your 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of participation, if later) (see pages 10 and 15).
- An **Early Retirement Pension** is available if you retire between ages 55 and 65 with 10 years of service (5 years under Program G). Early Retirement benefits are adjusted based on the Participant’s age at the time benefits commence (see pages 10 and 17).
- A **Deferred Pension** is available if you leave covered employment before retiring with at least 5 years of service. You must have at least 10 years of service (5 years under Program G) to start benefits on or after age 55, but before age 65. If you have at least 5 years of service, you may start your benefit at age 65. Benefits that commence prior to age 65 will be adjusted to reflect the Participant’s age at the time benefits commence (see pages 11 and 17).
- A **Disability Pension** is available if you become totally and permanently disabled while working in covered employment. The Program in which you participate will determine the eligibility requirements and benefits provided (see pages 11 and 17).
- A **Pre-Retirement Surviving Spouse’s Benefit** is payable to your spouse upon your death before retirement, if you have 5 years of pension credit or vesting service (see pages 21 and 22).
- **Standard Form of Payment** – If you are married, you will receive your benefit in the form of a Husband and Wife Pension, which is a reduced benefit payable in the form of a monthly annuity for your life, with 50% of your monthly benefit payable to your surviving spouse for life (see page 19). If you are not married, your benefit will be paid in the form of a monthly annuity for your life. If you reject the standard form of payment, you may elect an optional form of benefit, such as a 75% or 100% Husband and Wife Pension, joint and survivor beneficiary options, and other options determined by the Program in which you participate (see pages 19, 20 and 21).

### **SECTION I. HOW DO I BECOME A PARTICIPANT IN THIS PLAN?**

Benefits in this Plan are only paid to Plan participants, their spouses, or their designated beneficiaries. You are eligible to become a participant in this Plan if you are an employee covered by a collective bargaining agreement between your employer and the USW International Union, AFL-CIO or a local Union affiliate (“Union”), or another labor union that is accepted for participation in the Plan, and if the agreement requires your employer to contribute

to the Plan for the hours you work. You are also eligible to participate if your employer is the USW International Union, a local Union affiliate, or a benefit plan that has entered into an agreement with the Fund to make contributions on your behalf. In order to become a Plan participant, you must further satisfy the participation requirements described below.

Hours of service for which your employer is obligated to contribute to the Fund is called covered employment. Your employer's obligation to make contributions on your behalf is reflected in a Standard Form of Participation Agreement that has been accepted by the Fund.

#### **WHEN DO I BECOME A PLAN PARTICIPANT?**

**For Programs A, B, C, D, E & F** – You become a Plan participant if you work at least 1,000 hours in covered employment during your first year on the job, or in any calendar year that starts after you are hired, and you are at least 21 years old.

**For Program G** – You become a Plan participant if you work 150 hours in covered employment during your first year on the job, or in any calendar year that starts after you are hired.

**Hours** – Hours generally mean each hour for which you are paid, or are entitled to be paid by your employer. Hours may also include some unpaid periods such as military service while you have re-employment rights under law, or continuous work with the same employer even if part of that work is not in a job covered by the collective bargaining agreement that requires contributions to be made to the Fund.

**Entry Date** – You will be formally enrolled as a participant on the earliest January 1 or July 1 occurring after you meet the applicable Program requirements described above. Once you become a Participant, you will receive pension credit for any hours of service for which contributions were required to be made on your behalf. You may also receive pension credit, under the special rules described in this booklet, for some or all of your service with the employer before the employer started contributing to the Plan (see pages 4 - 6).

#### **Example:**

Your employer begins making contributions to the Fund on your behalf on your hire date, September 1, 2010. Your employer participates in Program A. You work 1,500 hours in covered employment between September 1, 2010 and August 31, 2011. Because you completed 1,000 hours during your first year of employment, and you are at least 21 years old, you will become a participant in the Plan on January 1, 2012.

## **SECTION II. HOW DO I EARN PENSION CREDIT?**

The amount of time you work for an employer in the Plan counts in several important ways. First of all, it determines when you become a participant in the Plan, as explained in Section I. It also determines whether you are eligible for a pension and the amount of your pension, as explained in Sections II and III.

#### **WHAT IS PENSION CREDIT?**

Your years of pension credit determine the amount of your pension benefit, and also count in determining your eligibility for certain pensions. Work for which your employer is required to contribute to the Fund on your behalf is called covered employment. Pension credit for covered employment is called future service credit. You can also receive pension credit for work you performed before your employer started contributing to the Fund for you; this is called past service credit. When you retire, your total years of pension credit are calculated by adding together your past service credit and future service credit.



## HOW IS FUTURE SERVICE CALCULATED?

Future service credit is based on your hours of service in covered employment and generally includes all hours in covered employment for which you are paid by your employer. Hours may also be credited for certain non-working periods, as described at the end of this Section II.

### For Calendar Years Beginning on and After January 1, 2011: All Programs

You will receive one full year of future service credit for each calendar year beginning on and after January 1, 2011 in which you have at least 2,040 hours for which contributions are due on your behalf. The following table shows how much credit you will receive in a calendar year beginning on and after January 1, 2011 if you work 2,040 hours or less for which contributions are due:

<b><u>Hours for which Contributions are Due in a Calendar Year</u></b>	<b><u>Years of Pension Credit</u></b>
2,040 or more	1
1,530 – 2,039	$\frac{3}{4}$
1,020 – 1,529	$\frac{1}{2}$
510 – 1,019	$\frac{1}{4}$
Less than 510	0

### For Calendar Years Prior to January 1, 2011: Programs A, B, C, D, E & F

For calendar years prior to January 1, 2011, you will receive one full year of future service credit for each calendar year in which you have at least 1,760 hours for which contributions are due on your behalf. The following table shows how much credit you will receive in a calendar year prior to January 1, 2011 if you work 1,760 hours or less for which contributions are due:

<b><u>Hours for which Contributions are Due in a Calendar Year</u></b>	<b><u>Years of Pension Credit</u></b>
1,760 or more	1
1,320 – 1,759	$\frac{3}{4}$
880 – 1,319	$\frac{1}{2}$
440 – 879	$\frac{1}{4}$
Less than 440	0

**For Calendar Years Prior to January 1, 2011: Program G**

For calendar years prior to January 1, 2011, you will receive one full year of future service credit for each calendar year in which you have at least 1,800 hours for which contributions are due on your behalf. The following table shows how much credit you will receive in a calendar year prior to January 1, 2011 if you work 1,800 hours or less for which contributions are due:

<b>Hours for which Contributions are Due in a Calendar Year</b>	<b>Tenths of Pension Credit for Calendar Year</b>
0 – 99	0
100 – 199	1
200 – 399	2
400 – 599	3
600 – 799	4
800 – 999	5
1000 – 1199	6
1200 – 1399	7
1400 – 1599	8
1600 – 1799	9
1800 – more	10

**HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR PAST SERVICE CREDIT?**

The Program you participate in will determine your eligibility for past service credit.

**For Programs A, B, C, D, E & F**

In order to qualify for past service credit:

- (i) if you began working in covered employment on or before August 17, 1982, you must have 5 or more years of future service credit (unless you qualify for the “1,200-Hour Exception” described below); or
- (ii) if you began working in covered employment after August 17, 1982, you must be an employee for whom contributions were required to be made to the Fund on the first day your employer started contributing to the Fund, and you must have 5 or more years of future service credit (unless you qualify for the “1,200-Hour Exception” described below).

**How Do I Satisfy the “1,200-Hour Exception” from the 5-Year Future Service Requirement for Past Service Credit?**

You may qualify for past service credit without meeting the 5-year future service requirement described above if you meet all of the following requirements: (i) you are in covered employment in Programs A, B or C on or after February 28, 1980, (ii) you are an employee for whom contributions were required to be made to the Fund on the first day your employer starts contributing to the Fund, and (iii) you work at least 1,200 hours in the 12-month period ending on the first day your employer starts contributing to the Fund on your behalf. The same exception applies if you are in covered employment in Programs D, E or F on or after January 1, 1999, for vesting purposes only, and you satisfy (ii) and (iii) above. The following hours will count towards the 1,200-Hour Test:

- Hours in any job classification that is covered for pension purposes by a collective bargaining agreement as of the first day your employer starts contributing to the Fund; or
- Hours in a job classification and at a plant location that is covered under a collective bargaining agreement between your employer and the Union before your employer starts contributing to the Fund; or
- Hours for layoff or disability as described above must be proven to the satisfaction of the Trustees based on the following forms of proof: (1) records of governmental, unemployment or disability plans; (2) employer's certified records; or (3) medical documentation.

If you cannot satisfy the requirements of the 1,200-Hour Exception described above, you may still qualify for past service credit if you were working in covered employment on February 28, 1980, and you met the requirements for past service credit under the Plan rules in effect on February 27, 1980, or if you were working in non-covered employment on February 27, 1980 with an employer that had a collective bargaining agreement in effect on that date requiring contributions to the Fund and complete two quarters of future service credit thereafter.

### **For Program G**

In order to receive past service credit, you must meet one of the following requirements:

- Have at least 5 years future service credit, or
- Satisfy the Three-Year Test.

### **How Do I Satisfy the Three-Year Test?**

The Three-Year Test requires you to have worked at least 150 days during each of the three calendar years immediately before the year in which your employer was first required to make contributions to this Fund or to the OCAW/PACE Union-Industry Pension Fund (or for as many years as you were employed, if fewer). These days of work must have been in a job classification and at a job location that was, either for part or all of the three-year period, covered by a collective bargaining agreement with the Union or the OCAW Union (including a Local). If you worked 150 days in two of the three years but were unable to do so in the third year because of a disability, you will be deemed to meet the Three-Year Test. The same is true if you were engaged in active military service during all or any part of the three years. These exceptions are granted, at the discretion of the Trustees, based on proof that you provide.

The Three-Year Test does not apply if you have at least 15 years of past service credit and 4 years of future service credit and become unable to earn more future service credit due to a total and permanent disability.

### **HOW MUCH PAST SERVICE CREDIT WILL I GET?**

#### **For Program A, B, C, D, E & F**

You will receive one year of past service credit for each calendar year in which you worked at least 1,200 hours in creditable employment. For this purpose, "creditable employment" is work in the industry covered by the Plan prior to the start of your covered employment in job classifications and at plant locations that is:

- covered for pension purposes by a collective bargaining agreement as of the first day your employer starts contributing to the Fund; or
- covered by a collective bargaining agreement with the Union before the date your employer starts contributing to the Fund; or

- determined by the Trustees to be similar to work in those job classifications and plant locations within the industry represented by the Union, if the participant applies for such past service credit.

Also, you may receive a partial year of past service credit for the calendar year in which your covered employment or creditable employment starts, at a rate of one-quarter year of credit for each 300 hours of creditable employment.

You will not receive past service credit for any period before a period of three consecutive calendar years in which you had fewer than 1,200 hours of creditable employment in at least one of the three years.

Although your past service credit will be determined on the date you start covered employment, it will not be credited until you have met the eligibility requirements for past service credit described above and you have at least 2 quarters of future service credit. (If you retire within 2 years of the employer's first contribution date, you must have at least 880 hours for which contributions were made to the Fund on your behalf over two consecutive calendar years.)

For employees of employers that begin participating in the Fund on or after January 1, 2006, past service credit is limited to time worked at the facility for which the employer makes contributions to the Fund. Furthermore, past service credit will only be considered if it was specifically reported to the Fund by your employer at the time the employer first started making contributions to the Fund.

### **For Program G**

One year of past service credit will be granted for each calendar year before your employer started contributing to the Fund in which you worked at least 150 days, if your employment was in a job classification and place of business covered by a collective bargaining agreement between the Union or the OCAW Union (including a Local) and an employer, and that employer later became a contributing employer to the Fund. However, if at the time your employer enters the Plan, the actuary determines that past service credit must be limited, your past service credit may be limited. If your employment was before the first collective bargaining agreement between your employer and the Union, your job classification must be included in the covered units in the first such collective bargaining agreement. Certain military service during periods of war or national emergency also may be granted past service credit, provided you return to covered employment within 90 days of discharge. However, past service credit will not be granted for periods of work before a break in service (see pages 8 and 9).

You will not receive past service credit for any period before a period of 5 consecutive calendar years in which you work fewer than a total of 150 days. A period of employment for the Union or the OCAW Union will not be counted for purposes of determining an absence for a 5 consecutive-year period.

For employees of employers that begin participating in the Fund on or after January 1, 2006, past service credit is limited to time worked at the facility for which the employer makes contributions to the Fund, subject to limitations as determined by the actuary as described above. Furthermore, past service credit will only be considered if it was specifically reported to the Fund by your employer at the time the employer first started making contributions to the Fund.

### **WHAT IS PAST SERVICE CREDIT USED FOR?**

**For Programs A, B & C** – Past service credit is available for purposes of calculating vesting, pension credit and pension eligibility.

**For Programs D, E & F** – Past service credit is available for purposes of calculating vesting and pension eligibility (but not pension credit).

**For Program G** – Past service credit is available for purposes of calculating pension credit and pension eligibility (but not vesting).

## **DO I RECEIVE FUTURE SERVICE CREDIT FOR ANY NON-WORKING PERIODS?**

### **Military Service – All Programs**

You will receive future service credit for periods of military service in the U.S. Armed Forces to the extent required by federal law. For more information, please refer to “Will My Military Service Count as Service Under the Plan” in Section VII.

### **Disability Credit – Programs A, B, C, D, E & F**

You may receive future service credit of up to one year for each period of disability that immediately follows covered employment and that occurs prior to January 1, 2011. Such service counts for purposes of pension eligibility and pension credit in determining your benefit amount, but is not considered in determining the benefit level that applies in calculating your benefit amount.

In order to qualify for such credit for periods of disability that occur prior to January 1, 2011, you must file a claim in writing to the Trustees not later than 12 months after the period of disability. The Trustees may approve your claim, at their discretion, based on the following proof: (i) a doctor’s statement verifying your disability and containing the diagnosis, treatment and dates of disability, (ii) evidence that you are receiving state disability benefits, or (iii) evidence that you are receiving weekly accident and sickness benefits provided by an employer-sponsored disability plan.

For periods of disability that occur prior to January 1, 2003, claims can be submitted later than 12 months after the period of disability. Your claim may be approved based on the proof described in the paragraph above or, if the proof described above is unavailable, written verification by your contributing employer that you were unable to work because of an accident or sickness and that you were under the regular care of a doctor.

You will not receive pension credit for periods of disability that occur on and after January 1, 2011 unless employer contributions are due to the Fund on your behalf for such periods.

## **SECTION III. HOW DO I EARN VESTING SERVICE?**

### **WHAT IS VESTING SERVICE?**

Your years of vesting service will determine your eligibility for the types of pensions available under the Plan. Generally, you must have 5 years of vesting service to be eligible for any benefit under the Plan. You are then considered to be “vested” in your benefit. This means you will not lose your pension benefit even if you no longer work in covered employment.

### **For Programs A, B, C, D, E & F**

You will receive one year of vesting service for each calendar year in which you work at least 1,000 hours in covered employment. This includes the period you worked in covered employment before you met the eligibility requirements for participation in the Plan.

You will receive one year of vesting service for each year of past service pension credit earned in calendar years before the year your covered employment started. Also, hours of non-covered work before your employer joined the Plan will count if such work is continuous with covered employment with the same employer at the same place of business as your covered employment.

### **For Program G**

Beginning January 1, 2011, you will receive one year of vesting service for each calendar year in which you work at least 1,000 hours in covered employment. This includes the period you worked in covered employment before you met the eligibility requirements for participation in the Plan. You will not receive partial years of vesting service.

For calendar years prior to January 1, 2011, you will receive one year of vesting service for each calendar year in which you worked at least 750 hours in covered employment. In addition, if you work one hour in covered employment on or after January 1, 1994, and complete less than 750 hours of work in a calendar year, you will receive vesting service based on the following schedule:

<b>Hours of Work for which Contributions are Due in a Calendar Year</b>	<b>Tenths of Vesting Service for Calendar Year</b>
0 – 149	0
150 – 224	2
225 – 299	3
300 – 374	4
375 – 449	5
450 – 524	6
525 – 599	7
600 – 674	8
675 – 749	9
860 or more	10

**For All Programs**

In determining your vesting service, the Plan will count hours you work for a contributing employer in a job not covered by this Plan if the work immediately precedes or follows your covered employment with that contributing employer. However, you will not receive vesting credit for service before a permanent break in service (see page 8), or for certain service before 1976 (contact the Fund Office for more information).

**IS IT POSSIBLE TO LOSE MY PENSION CREDIT AND VESTING SERVICE?**

**For All Programs**

If you have a permanent “break in service” before you have enough years of pension credit or vesting service to be vested in a benefit, you will lose all the pension credit and years of vesting service you earned before the break. In addition, your participation in the Plan will end.

A permanent break in service occurs after a specified number of “one-year breaks in service,” as described below.

You cannot lose your right to a pension once you become vested.

**WHAT IS A ONE-YEAR BREAK IN SERVICE?**

**For Programs A, B, C, D, E & F**

In any calendar year after 1975, you will have a one-year break in future service if you are credited with fewer than 440 hours of service in a calendar year. Hours of service include work in non-covered employment that immediately precedes or follows work in covered employment with the same contributing employer.

## **For Program G**

Before January 1, 1994, you will have a one-year break in service if you fail to work 375 hours in covered employment in any calendar year. After January 1, 1994, you will have a one-year break in any calendar year in which you fail to work 150 hours in covered employment. For this purpose, after 1975, service includes non-covered employment that precedes or follows covered employment with the same employer.

## **Parental Leave, Family and Medical Leave – For All Programs**

If you are absent from covered employment after 1984 because of your pregnancy, the birth of your child, the adoption of your child, or the care of your child immediately after your child's birth or adoption, you will be credited with hours of service for the purpose of avoiding a one-year break in service to the extent required by law. You will also be credited with hours of service for this purpose for any period of family or medical leave, as provided under the Family and Medical Leave Act. You must provide the Fund with proof of the reasons for your absence and the time periods involved.

## **WHAT IS A PERMANENT BREAK IN SERVICE?**

### **For Programs A, B, C, D, E & F**

**From 1989 forward** - If you work an hour of service in covered employment on or after January 1, 1989, you will incur a permanent break in service only if you leave covered employment with less than 5 years of vesting service or pension credit, and you subsequently incur 5 consecutive one-year breaks in service. Once you become vested in your pension, a break in service will not cancel previously earned pension credit or vesting service.

**From 1976 - 1988** – If you left covered employment between January 1, 1976 and December 31, 1986, and before you had 10 years of pension credit or vesting service, you will have a permanent break in service when your consecutive one-year breaks in service, including at least one year after 1975, equal or exceed your years of vesting service or pension credit before the first one-year break. If you left covered employment during or after 1987, this rule is modified so that you will not incur a permanent break in service until you have incurred at least 5 consecutive one year breaks in service.

**Before 1976** – If you left covered employment before January 1, 1976, and before you had 10 years of pension credit or vesting service, you will have a permanent break in service if you did not earn four quarters of future service credit within any period of 4 consecutive calendar years.

**Exception** – The following exception applies to the break in service rules:

- If you were unable to work because of a total disability, as determined by the Trustees, you are allowed a grace period of up to one full calendar year in determining whether or not you had a permanent break. However, you must give written notice to the Trustees of your request for this grace period within 12 months after the period for which the grace period is requested.

### **For Program G**

**From 1990 forward** – If you have an hour of service in covered employment on or after January 1, 1990 (January 1, 1989 for non-bargaining unit employees), you will incur a permanent break in service only if you leave covered employment with less than 5 years of vesting service or pension credit, and you subsequently incur 5 consecutive one-year breaks in service. Once you become vested in your pension, a break in service will not cancel previously earned years of pension credit or vesting service.

**From 1976 - 1989** – If you began covered employment on or after May 1, 1976 (or you had 7 or more years of vesting service as of May 1, 1976), and you left covered employment before January 1, 1990 (January 1, 1989 for non-bargaining unit employees) with fewer than 10 years of vesting service, you have a permanent break in service when your consecutive one-year breaks in service (including at least one year after 1975) equal or exceed your years

of vesting service before the first one-year break. If you left covered employment after August 22, 1984, this rule is modified so that you will not incur a permanent break in service until you have at least 5 consecutive one-year breaks in service. If you began covered employment before May 1, 1976 (or had fewer than 7 years of vesting service on such date), the Fund Office will provide you with information about the applicable break in service provisions.

#### **DO I RECEIVE VESTING SERVICE FOR ANY NON-WORKING PERIODS?**

##### **Military Service – For All Programs**

You will receive vesting service for periods of military service in the U.S. Armed Forces to the extent required by federal law (see page 23).

#### **SECTION IV. WHEN AM I ELIGIBLE FOR A PENSION?**

#### **DO I NEED TO “RETIRE” TO RECEIVE BENEFITS?**

Under all Programs, to receive a pension you must retire prior to the date your pension benefits commence. For purposes of this Plan, “retire” means that you have ceased being employed for at least 30 consecutive days by any contributing employer or an employer in the same business, trade or craft in which you were employed at any time under the Plan. Once you meet this requirement, you are considered retired as of the first day you cease such employment.

#### **IS THERE A REQUIREMENT THAT I HAVE FUTURE SERVICE CREDIT IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS?**

##### **For Programs A, B, C, D, E & F**

In order to qualify for a pension, in addition to the other eligibility requirements described in this Section, you must earn at least two quarters of future service pension credit. If the effective date of your retirement is within two years of the first day your employer starts contributing to the Fund, you must complete at least 880 hours for which contributions are made during two consecutive calendar years.

##### **For Program G**

In order to qualify for a pension, in addition to the other eligibility requirements described in this Section, you must have one year of future service credit.

#### **HOW DO I BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR A REGULAR PENSION?**

##### **For All Programs**

You are eligible to retire on a Regular Pension (a full retirement benefit) if you are at least age 65 or, if you have not participated in the Plan for at least 5 years at age 65, your fifth anniversary of Plan participation. This eligibility date is referred to as your “normal retirement age.”

**Age 70 ½ – For All Programs** – Even if you continue working, the Fund will begin paying you your monthly benefit no later than April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which you reach age 70 ½.

#### **HOW DO I BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR AN EARLY RETIREMENT PENSION?**

**For Programs A, B, C, D, E & F** – You are eligible to retire on an Early Retirement Pension if you are at least age 55, but under age 65, and you have at least 10 years of pension or vesting credit. The amount of your Regular Pension will be reduced for an early commencement date (see page 17).



**For Program G** – You are eligible to retire on an Early Retirement Pension if you are at least age 55, but under age 65, and you have at least 5 years of pension. The amount of your Regular Pension will be reduced for an early commencement date (see page 17).

#### **WHAT IF I STOP WORKING BEFORE AGE 55?**

##### **For Programs A, B, C, D, E & F**

You are entitled to a Deferred Pension if you have 5 years of vesting service or pension credit and you stop working in covered employment before you retire.

If you have at least 10 years of pension credit or vesting service, you can start receiving a Deferred Pension if you retire at any time after age 55. Your pension will be calculated in the same manner as an Early Retirement Pension (see page 17). If you have fewer than 10 years of pension credit or vesting service when you stop working in covered employment, you must wait to start your Deferred Pension until age 65. At that time, you will receive your full retirement benefit, in the same amount as a Regular Pension.

##### **Example:**

Bob is age 46 and has 7 years of vesting service when he terminates covered employment. Because he has at least 5 years of vesting service, but fewer than 10 years of pension credit or vesting service, he is entitled to retire on a Deferred Pension at age 65. At age 65, his benefit will be unreduced for early retirement.

##### **Example:**

Don stops working in covered employment at age 48 with 10 years of pension credit. Because Don has at least 10 years of pension credit, he may retire on a Deferred Pension at any time after reaching age 55; if he retires before age 65, his pension will be reduced in the same manner as an Early Retirement Pension.

##### **For Program G**

You are eligible for a Deferred Pension, payable at age 55 or later, if you have 5 years of vesting service and you stop working in covered employment prior to your retirement.

The amount of the Deferred Pension benefit depends on when you begin to receive it. If you wait until age 65 to begin receiving your benefit, the monthly amount of the Deferred Pension is calculated in the same manner as a Regular Pension. If the Deferred Pension begins at age 55 or later, but before age 65, the monthly amount is the same as the Early Retirement Pension.

#### **HOW DO I BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR A DISABILITY PENSION?**

**For Programs A, B & C** – You can receive a Disability Pension if you become totally and permanently disabled while working in covered employment and you have at least 10 years of pension credit – including at least two quarters of future service credit – at the time your disability starts.

**For Programs D, E & F** – You can receive a Disability Pension if you become totally and permanently disabled while working in covered employment and you have at least 5 years of vesting credit – including at least two quarters of future service credit – at the time your disability starts.

**For Programs A, B, C, D, E & F** – To receive a Disability Pension, you must submit to the Trustees a disability award issued by the Social Security Administration, indicating that you became totally and permanently disabled while working in covered employment. Your Disability Pension will ordinarily start on the first day of the month after 5 months of the onset of your disability, as determined by the Social Security Administration, provided you file your benefit application during that period. If you file later, your Disability Pension will ordinarily start on the first day of the month after you file your application. In all cases, however, benefits will not start until your application

has been approved. If, due to the processing of your application, there is a lapse of time between your application date and your benefits start date, in no event will payments be retroactive for more than one year.

Both before and after you retire on a Disability Pension, the Trustees may require that you submit to a medical examination as often as may be reasonably required. If you recover from total and permanent disability before normal retirement age, your Disability Pension will be discontinued, effective as of the date of recovery. If your Disability Pension is discontinued, you may apply for a Deferred, Early Retirement or Regular Pension once you are eligible.

### **For Program G**

You are eligible for a Disability Pension with a starting date after October 1, 2001, if you meet these four requirements:

- you become totally and permanently disabled before age 65, as determined by the Social Security Administration
- you have at least 10 years of pension credit,
- you have at least one year of future service credit, and
- you worked in covered employment for at least 375 hours within 24 months of the time you became totally and permanently disabled.

To receive a Disability Pension, you must submit to the Trustees a disability award issued by the Social Security Administration. Your Disability Pension will generally start on the first day of the month that is 6 full months after the onset of your disability, as determined by the Social Security Administration, if you apply for a Disability Pension during that period. If you file later, your Disability Pension will ordinarily start on the first day of the month after you file your benefit application. In all cases, however, benefits will not start until your application has been approved.

Both before and after you retire on a Disability Pension, the Trustees may require that you submit to a medical examination as often as may be reasonably required. If you have earnings from any employment, you must report them to the Trustees within 15 days after the end of the month for such earnings; if you do not report earnings as required, you will be disqualified from benefits for 6 months for each violation. If you recover from total and permanent disability before normal retirement age, your Disability Pension will be discontinued, effective as of the date of recovery. If your Disability Pension is discontinued, you may apply for a Deferred, Early Retirement or Regular Pension once you are eligible.

**For All Programs** – If you have applied for a Disability Pension and you are also eligible for an Early Retirement Pension, you may apply to receive your benefits as an Early Retirement Pension while a determination is being made on your application for a Disability Pension. If you are then granted a Disability Pension, you will start receiving the Disability Pension amount in lieu of the Early Retirement Pension amount retroactive to the date you were eligible to begin your Disability Pension.

Effective for quarters beginning on and after April 1, 2005, and solely for purposes of determining your eligibility to receive a Disability Pension, you will earn a quarter year of future service credit for each quarter year you worked in covered employment for more than half of the quarter. In addition, you will be credited with up to one year of vesting service for the period ending on the date you cease working in covered employment.

## **SECTION V. HOW MUCH WILL MY PENSION BE?**

### **HOW WILL MY BENEFIT BE CALCULATED?**

Below is a general description of how benefits are calculated. This is followed by specific examples of how to calculate benefits under each type of Pension available under the Plan.

Your total monthly pension benefit will be the sum of your monthly pension benefit for the period before January 1, 2011 and the period on and after January 1, 2011.

### **Pension Credit Earned Prior to January 1, 2011**

*For Programs A, B & C (Benefit Level x Years of Pension Credit)*

The portion of your monthly pension benefit for pension credits earned prior to January 1, 2011 is equal to your years of pension credit earned before January 1, 2011, multiplied by the monthly benefit level applicable to you on the last day prior to January 1, 2011, for which your employer was obligated to make contributions on your behalf, determined as of December 31, 2010. Your applicable monthly benefit level is based on the contribution rate of your employer. Your benefit level, effective for pension credit earned prior to January 1, 2011 (assuming you satisfy the conditions described below), appears in the front of this booklet.

If you terminated covered employment prior to January 1, 2011, you will be eligible for an increase in your benefit level that took effect before or after you terminate covered employment if, as of December 31, 2010, you have been credited with: (i) at least one hour of service during the 90-day period immediately preceding the change in benefit level, and (ii) at least 440 hours of service during the 90-day period immediately preceding the 90-day period described in (i). If you do not satisfy (i) and (ii), you will be eligible for a change in benefit level if, as of December 31, 2010, you are credited with at least 2 quarters of future service credit under the new benefit level or at least 880 hours for which contributions are required to be made to the Fund at that benefit level over two consecutive calendar years. If you satisfy (i) but do not satisfy (ii), you will be deemed to satisfy (ii) if, as of December 31, 2010, (a) the 90-day period described in (ii) includes any month in the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the benefit level change is effective, and (b) you receive a full year of future service credit in the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the benefit level change is effective. This rule applies to all Pensions under the Plan.

If, for the period prior to January 1, 2011, you have been covered under more than one benefit level and do not meet the requirements described above, your monthly pension benefit for pension credits earned prior to January 1, 2011 will be based on the benefit level under which you satisfied the requirements described above.

#### **Example:**

Jason terminated covered employment on March 31, 2010. His employer's benefit level increased from \$18.00 to \$20.32 on May 1, 2010. Jason completed 200 hours of service in the months of February and March 2010. Jason completed 480 hours of service in the months November and December 2009 and January 2010. Because Jason had at least one hour of service within 90 days of the benefit level increase on May 1, 2010 (generally the period between February and April 2010), and had completed at least 440 hours of service in the preceding 90-day period (generally the period between November 2009 and January 2010), he was entitled to the benefit level increase.

#### **Example:**

Mark worked in covered employment. His employer's benefit level increased from \$40 to \$44 on September 1, 2008. Mark was credited with 80 hours of service from June through August 31, 2008, and with 350 hours of service from March through May 2008. Mark had no hours of service after September 1, 2008. Although Mark had at least one hour of service in the 90-day period (generally June through August 31, 2008) immediately preceding the benefit level increase on September 1, 2008, Mark was not entitled to the \$44 benefit level increase because he did not complete 440 hours of service during the previous 90-day period (generally March through May 2008) before the 90-day period immediately preceding September 1, 2008. He also did not earn at least two quarters of future service credit under the new benefit level (on and after September 1, 2008). Mark's benefit will be determined based on the \$40 benefit level.

*For Programs D, E & F (Sum of Annual Pension Accruals for Calendar Years Worked)*

Your monthly pension benefit is equal to the sum of your annual pension accruals for each calendar year of participation. For any given calendar year, your annual pension accrual is determined by multiplying your applicable monthly pension accrual rate by your pension credit for the year. Your applicable monthly pension accrual rate (if you have 12 months of pension credit in a calendar year under that pension accrual rate), with its effective date, appears in the front of this booklet. Updates can be obtained from the Fund Office.

Your monthly pension accrual rate for a calendar year is the pension accrual rate in effect during that calendar year. If more than one pension accrual rate is in effect during a calendar year, your monthly pension accrual rate will be determined based on the proportionate number of months each pension accrual rate was in effect during that calendar year. If you are credited with 1,760 hours of service at the highest pension accrual rate in a calendar year, your monthly pension accrual rate for that calendar year will automatically be that highest pension accrual rate.

*For Program G (Accrual Rate x Years of Pension Credit)*

The portion of your monthly pension benefit for pension credits earned prior to January 1, 2011 is equal to your applicable accrual rate as of December 31, 2010, multiplied by the amount of your total pension credit under the Plan earned prior to January 1, 2011. Your applicable monthly accrual rate effective for pension credit earned prior to January 1, 2011 (assuming you have 50 tenths of pension credit under that rate as of December 31, 2010) appears in the front of this booklet.

Your applicable accrual rate is determined based on the average monthly accrual rate that applied to you during your last 50 tenths of pension credit (*i.e.*, if you worked continuously, your last 5 years of pension credit) as of December 31, 2010. This accrual rate applies for pensions effective on or after January 1, 2002, provided that you earned at least 1/10 of a pension credit in 2001 (or became disabled in 2001).

**Pension Credit Earned On and After January 1, 2011**

*All Programs (Sum of Annual Pension Accruals for Calendar Years Worked)*

The portion of your monthly pension benefit for pension credits earned on and after January 1, 2011 is equal to the sum of your annual pension accruals for each calendar year of participation on and after January 1, 2011. An annual pension accrual is determined by multiplying your average benefit level (or pension accrual rate) for a calendar year by your pension credit for that calendar year. Your average benefit level (or pension accrual rate) for a calendar year is the benefit level (or pension accrual rate) in effect during that calendar year. If more than one benefit level (or pension accrual rate) is in effect during a calendar year, your average benefit level (or pension accrual rate) will be determined based on the proportionate number of months each benefit level (or pension accrual rate) was in effect during that calendar year. If you are credited with at least 2,040 hours of service at the highest benefit level (or pension accrual rate) in effect in a calendar year, that highest benefit level (or pension accrual rate) will be your average benefit level (or pension accrual rate) for that calendar year.

Your applicable benefit level or pension accrual rate is based on the contribution rate of your employer. Your applicable benefit level or pension accrual rate, with its effective date, appears in the front of this booklet. Updates can be obtained from the Fund Office.

**HOW MUCH WILL MY REGULAR PENSION BE?**

**For Programs A, B & C – (and participants in Programs D, E and F who were employed by a Blue Ridge Company or any successor company that was participating in Program D, E and F prior to October 1, 2000, or who were employed by National Performance Packaging.)**

As explained below, your Regular Pension is calculated differently for the periods before and after January 1, 2011. Your total Regular Pension will be sum of your monthly pension benefit for the period before January 1, 2011 and the period on and after January 1, 2011.

*Pension Credit Earned Prior to January 1, 2011 (Benefit Level x Years of Pension Credit)*

The portion of your Regular Pension for pension credits earned prior to January 1, 2011 will be equal to the monthly benefit level applicable to you on the last day prior to January 1, 2011, for which your employer was required to make contributions on your behalf, and for which you are otherwise eligible, multiplied by your years and quarter years of pension credit earned prior to January 1, 2011, determined as of December 31, 2010.

*Pension Credit Earned On and After January 1, 2011 (Sum of Annual Pension Accruals for Calendar Years Worked)*

The portion of your Regular Pension for pension credits earned on and after January 1, 2011 will be equal to the sum of your annual pension accruals for each calendar year of participation on and after January 1, 2011.

**Example:**

Mark will retire at age 65, in the year 2020, after earning 20 years of pension credit for work performed from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2020. He earned 10 years of pension credit prior to January 1, 2011 and earned 10 years of pension credit on and after January 1, 2011. On January 1, 2001, his benefit level was \$20. His benefit level increased to \$25 on January 1, 2008 and further increases to \$30 on January 1, 2014.

Mark's benefit will be calculated as follows:

Portion of monthly benefit for pension credit earned prior to January 1, 2011:

Applicable benefit level = \$25  
10 years of pension credit x \$25 per month = \$250

Portion of monthly benefit for pension credit earned on and after January 1, 2011:

<i>Year of Work</i>	<i>Annual Accrual</i>	<i>Accrued Benefit</i>
2011-2013	\$25 (3 yrs. x \$25)	\$ 75
2014-2020	\$30 (7 yrs. x \$30)	<u>\$210</u>
		\$285

\$250 + \$285 = \$535

Mark's monthly Regular Pension at retirement is \$535

**For Programs D, E & F – Sum of Accruals For Each Calendar Year Worked**

The amount of your Regular Pension will be equal to the sum of your annual pension accruals for each calendar year for which you performed work in covered employment.

**Example:**

Patty will retire at age 65, in the year 2015, after earning 15 years of pension credit in Program D for work performed from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2015. Patty's pension accrual rate on January 1, 2001 was \$60. Her pension accrual rate increased to \$65 on January 1, 2007 and further increased to \$68 on January 1, 2010. Her Regular Pension is determined as follows:

<u>Year of Work</u>	<u>Annual Accrual</u>	<u>Accrued Benefit</u>
2001-2006	\$60(6 yrs. x \$60)	\$360
2007-2009	\$65(3 yrs. x \$65)	\$195
2010-2015	\$68(6 yrs. x \$68)	<u>\$408</u>
		\$963

Patty's monthly Regular Pension at retirement is \$963.

**For Program G**

As explained below, your Regular Pension is calculated differently for the periods before and after January 1, 2011. Your total Regular Pension will be sum of your monthly pension benefit for the period before January 1, 2011 and the period on and after January 1, 2011.

*Pension Credit Earned Prior to January 1, 2011 (Applicable Accrual Rate x Pension Credit)*

The portion of your Regular Pension for pension credits earned prior to January 1, 2011 will be your applicable accrual rate as of December 31, 2010, multiplied by your total pension credit under the Plan earned prior to January 1, 2011. Your applicable monthly accrual rate is determined based on the average monthly accrual rate that applied to you during your last 50 tenths of pension credit earned prior to January 1, 2011 (i.e., if you worked continuously, your last 5 years of pension credit prior to January 1, 2011), determined as of December 31, 2010.

*Pension Credit Earned On and After January 1, 2011 (Sum of Annual Pension Accruals for Calendar Years Worked)*

The portion of your Regular Pension for pension credits earned on and after January 1, 2011 will be equal to the sum of your annual pension accruals for each calendar year of participation on and after January 1, 2011.

**Example:**

Tom is retiring from Program G at age 65, in the year 2020, with 20 years of pension credit for work performed continuously from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2020. On January 1, 2006, the accrual rate applicable to Tom was \$28. The accrual rate applicable to Tom increased to \$30 on January 1, 2011 and further increased to \$34 on January 1, 2016.

Tom’s benefit will be calculated as follows:

Portion of monthly benefit for pension credit earned prior to January 1, 2011:

An accrual rate of \$28.00 applied to Tom for each of his last 50 tenths of pension credit earned prior to January 1, 2011. Therefore, his average monthly accrual rate (over his last 50 tenths of pension credit) is \$28.00.

\$28 x 10 = \$280 (applicable accrual rate x years of pension credit = monthly benefit for pension credit earned prior to January 1, 2011)

Portion of monthly benefit for pension credit earned on and after January 1, 2011:

<i>Year of Work</i>	<i>Annual Accrual</i>	<i>Accrued Benefit</i>
2011-2015	\$30 (5 yrs. x \$30)	\$150
2016-2020	\$34 (5 yrs. x \$34)	<u>\$170</u>
		\$320

\$280 + \$320 = \$600

Tom’s monthly Regular Pension at retirement is \$600

**For All Programs** – If you earn pension credit under more than one Program, the separate amounts payable under Programs A, B or C and Program D, E, F or G will be added together to determine your monthly pension benefit.

## HOW MUCH WILL MY EARLY RETIREMENT PENSION BE?

An Early Retirement Pension is calculated in the same way as if you were retiring on a Regular Pension, except that the amount you receive will be reduced for early commencement. The Early Retirement Pension is reduced because you will receive your benefit for a longer period of time. Over the course of an average lifetime, a \$700 per month pension payable at age 60 is equal to a \$1,000 per month pension payable at age 65.

### For All Programs

Your Early Retirement Pension is first calculated in the same way as if you were retiring on a Regular Pension. This amount is then reduced by 1/2 of 1% for each month you are younger than age 65 on the day your pension starts. This results in a reduction of 6% for each year that you are younger than age 65.

#### Example:

Paul is retiring at age 57 with 20 years of pension credit. Paul's monthly Regular Pension if payments started at 65 is \$1,000. Paul's monthly Early Retirement Pension is calculated as follows:

\$1,000 (amount of Paul's monthly Regular Pension if payments start at age 65)  
 $1/2 \text{ of } 1\% \times 96 \text{ (number of months between ages 65 and 57)} = 48\%$   
 $\$1,000 \times 48\% = \$480 \text{ (this is the Early Retirement reduction)}$   
 $\$1,000 - \$480 = \$520 \text{ (monthly pension if payments start at age 57)}$

Paul will receive an Early Retirement Pension of \$520 per month if he retires and starts his pension immediately at age 57.

## HOW MUCH WILL MY DEFERRED PENSION BE?

### For All Programs

A Deferred Pension that commences at age 65 is calculated in the same way as a Regular Pension. If you elect this benefit before age 65, the Deferred Pension will be calculated in the same way as an Early Retirement Pension.

## HOW MUCH WILL MY DISABILITY PENSION BE?

### For Programs A, B, C, D, E & F

The amount of your Disability Pension will be the same amount that is payable as a Regular Pension, paid as if you reached age 65 and retired on the date of your disability. There is no reduction for age in your benefit amount to adjust for receiving benefits at an earlier age.

#### Example:

Mary is 48 years old with 20 years of pension credit when she becomes totally and permanently disabled. Based on her years of work and her employer's contribution rates, she would be entitled to a \$1,000 per month Regular Pension at age 65. Mary's Disability Pension will be \$1,000 per month.

### For Program G

The amount of your Disability Pension is the same as the Early Retirement Pension based on pension credit earned up to the time of disability, plus 10%. If you are younger than age 55, the Early Retirement Pension is computed as though you had attained age 55 on your disability starting date. In no event will your Disability Pension exceed the Regular Pension you would have received had you attained age 65 at the time of disability.

**Example:**

Tom is age 53 and is totally and permanently disabled. His Regular Pension at age 65 would be \$600 per month. To determine his Disability Pension, his Regular Pension is reduced for early retirement to age 55.  $\$600 - 60\%$  (6% reduction per year from ages 55 to 65) = \$240. Tom's Disability Pension is calculated as follows:

$$\$240 \times 10\% = \$24.$$

$$\$240 + \$24 = \$264.$$

Tom will receive a Disability Benefit of \$264.

**ARE THERE SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR FORMER PARTICIPANTS OF MERGED PLANS?**

**Huhtamaki** – Following a December 31, 2002 merger of the Pension Plan for Hourly-Paid Employees of Huhtamaki Company Manufacturing into this Plan, a former participant of the Huhtamaki Plan is entitled to:

- (a) the sum of his accrued benefit determined under the Huhtamaki Plan and his accrued benefit based on the benefit level applicable under the Plan for service after December 31, 2002, or
- (b)(i) if he retires in 2003, the greater of (a) or a benefit based on  $\$27.00 \times$  all years of service under both plans;
- (ii) if he retires in 2004, the greater of (a) or a benefit based on  $\$28.00 \times$  all years of service under both plans;
- (iii) if he retires on or after January 1, 2005, the greater of (a) or a benefit based on  $\$29.00 \times$  all years of service under both plans.

**Roaring Spring Blank Book** – In addition to all accrued benefits as of the date of the merger and future benefits based on contributions under this Plan, a former participant of the Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Hourly Employees of Roaring Spring Blank Book Company who is employed on the November 1, 2000 merger date is entitled to (i) past service credit equal to years of benefit service accrued under the Roaring Spring Plan, plus an additional one-quarter year of past service credit, and (ii) years of vesting service equal to years of service under the Roaring Spring Plan, plus one additional year of vesting service.

**Banner Fibreboard** – In addition to all accrued benefits as of the date of the merger and future benefits based on contributions under this Plan, a former participant of the Banner Fibreboard Company Retirement Plan for Employees Covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement, who is employed on the August 1, 2002 merger date, is entitled to a year of vesting service if he has 1,000 or more hours of service between the merger date and December 31, 2002.

Information about any special provisions for plan mergers that occurred in prior years may be obtained from the Fund Office.

**SECTION VI. HOW IS MY PENSION PAID?**

**WHAT ARE THE STANDARD FORMS OF PAYMENT?**

Since the Plan is a defined benefit pension plan, at retirement you will receive a monthly benefit for the rest of your life (a life annuity). You will receive your pension in the form of equal monthly payments for life if you are not married at the time your pension begins or if you are married and you and your spouse properly waive the Husband and Wife Pension. If you are married at the time your benefits commence, you will receive your pension in the form of equal monthly payments for your life with an annuity payable to your spouse after your death, unless you and your spouse properly waive this form of payment. However, if the present value of your benefit does not exceed \$5,000, the benefit will be distributed to you in a lump sum.



## **IF YOU ARE SINGLE – LIFE ANNUITY**

**For All Programs** – If you are not married when your pension starts, you will receive equal monthly payments for life and your benefit will end on your death. You can also elect this form of payment if you are married and your spouse properly waives the Husband and Wife Pension in the manner described below.

## **IF YOU ARE MARRIED – HUSBAND AND WIFE PENSION**

**For All Programs – 50% Husband and Wife Pension** – If you are married when your pension starts, the standard form of payment is the 50% Husband and Wife Pension. Under this form of benefit, you will receive a reduced monthly pension payable during your lifetime. If your spouse is still living when you die, he or she will receive 50% of the pension you were receiving for his or her life.

The amount of the reduction in your monthly benefit depends on your age and the age of your spouse when benefits to you begin. For all Pensions (other than a Disability Pension under Programs A-F), you will receive 88% of the amount you would have received as a single life annuity, plus or minus .4% for each year that your spouse's age is greater than or less than your age. For a Disability Pension under Programs A through F, you will receive 77.5% of the amount you would have received as a single life annuity, plus or minus .4% for each year that your spouse's age is greater than or less than your age (a Disability Pension under Program G is covered under the adjustment factors for all Pensions generally). Exact benefit values will be provided to you by the Fund when you apply for retirement.

You will receive this form of payment unless you waive the right to receive it in writing and your spouse consents to your waiver in writing. Your spouse's consent to a waiver of the Husband and Wife Pension must be made on an authorized form provided to you by the Fund, which must be notarized by a Notary Public, not more than 90 days before the effective date of your benefit.

Your spouse's consent to a waiver of the Husband and Wife Pension will not be required if you can establish to the satisfaction of the Trustees that your spouse cannot be located, that you have been legally separated, or that you have been abandoned and have a court order to such effect.

If you are a Disability Pensioner receiving a benefit in a form other than a Husband and Wife Pension, and you die before the one-year anniversary of your pension starting date, your spouse will receive a survivor benefit as if you had elected a Husband and Wife Pension.

### **Example:**

Al is retiring at age 65. His wife is also 65. Al's Regular Pension amount is \$1,000 per month. Since Al and his wife are the same age, the Husband and Wife Pension is adjusted to 88% of the Regular Pension. With the reduction made to provide for a Husband and Wife Pension, Al receives \$880 per month for his lifetime. When he dies, his wife will continue to collect 50% of his pension, or \$440, for as long as she lives.

### **Example:**

Gary is retiring at age 65. His wife is 55. Gary's Regular Pension amount is \$1,000 per month. Since Gary is 10 years older than his wife, the Husband and Wife Pension is adjusted to 84% of the Regular Pension (88% minus .4% for each year spouse is younger than participant). With the reduction made to provide for a Husband and Wife Pension, Gary receives \$840 per month for his lifetime. When he dies, his wife will continue to collect 50% of his pension, or \$420, for as long as she lives.

## **For All Programs – 75% and 100% Husband and Wife Pensions**

Instead of a 50% Husband and Wife Pension, you may elect a 75% or 100% Husband and Wife Pension. These options require a greater adjustment in your benefit, but will provide your spouse, after your death, with a greater lifetime annuity equal to 75% or 100% of your reduced monthly benefit.

## **For All Programs – Divorce and Domestic Relations Orders**

If you divorce before commencing your benefit, the Husband and Wife Pension does not apply unless your former spouse is required to be treated as your surviving spouse under a qualified domestic relations order. Fund guidelines for the review of domestic relations orders may be obtained from the Administrator (see page 22).

## **WILL MY BENEFIT INCREASE IF MY SPOUSE DIES?**

**Pop-Up Benefit – For Programs A, B, C, D, E & F** – Under the Husband and Wife Pension, if your spouse predeceases you, your benefit continues in the reduced amount payable under your 50%, 75%, 100% Husband and Wife Pension. However, if you are married and your spouse properly waives the Husband and Wife Pension in the manner described above, you may select an optional Husband and Wife Pension with the Pop-Up, which includes a “pop-up” feature. Under this option, if the spouse predeceases the participant, the participant’s benefit will “pop-up” to the amount the participant would have received under the Single Life Annuity, effective the first full month after the spouse’s death. If you select the 50%, 75%, or 100% Husband and Wife Pension with the Pop-Up, the amount of your monthly Husband and Wife Pension benefit will be further reduced to account for the additional value of the pop-up. For example, while the (non-Disability) 50% Husband and Wife Pension is adjusted to 88% of the Regular Pension when you and your spouse are the same age, the Husband and Wife Pension with the Pop-Up is further adjusted so that it is 87% of the Regular Pension. The amount of the reduction will depend on your and the age of your spouse so that the benefit has the same actuarial value as the benefit without the pop-up feature. The pop-up does not apply in the event of a divorce after the pension is effective (unless the spouse dies after the divorce). Also, participants in Program G are not eligible to select a Husband and Wife Pension with the Pop-Up.

### **Example:**

Debbie is a married participant in Program C who is eligible to retire under a Regular Pension with an unreduced full retirement benefit of \$1,000 per month. Debbie is age 65 and her spouse is the same age.

If Debbie retires with a pension starting date on or after January 1, 2011, she will have the option of electing her 50% Husband and Wife Pension with or without the pop-up feature. If she does not elect the 50% Husband and Wife Pension with the Pop-Up, she will receive the reduced 50% Husband and Wife Pension of \$880 per month to her and \$440 to her spouse upon her death and this amount will not increase if her spouse passes away first.

If Debbie elects the pop-up feature, her 50% Husband and Wife Pension with the Pop-Up will be reduced to account for the pop-up, and she will receive a monthly benefit of \$870 per month and her spouse would be eligible for \$435 per month upon her death. If her spouse passes away first, her monthly benefit will “pop-up” to the unreduced amount of \$1,000 per month beginning as of the first of the month following the death of her spouse.

## **OPTIONAL FORMS OF PAYMENT**

You can elect one of the following optional forms of payment described below, or if you are married, the Husband and Wife Pension with the Pop-Up described above, instead of the standard form of payment that applies to you, as described above. Once an optional form is selected or a pension begins in any form of payment, that form of payment cannot be changed or revoked.

## **WHAT IS A JOINT AND SURVIVOR OPTION?**

### **For Programs A, B, C, D, E & F**

The Joint and Survivor Option is similar to a Husband and Wife Pension, except that your beneficiary is someone other than a spouse. A Joint and Survivor Option provides benefits over your lifetime and, after your death, over the lifetime of your designated beneficiary.

You can select a Joint and Survivor Option if you are an unmarried or married participant. You receive a reduced monthly benefit during your lifetime, and your beneficiary receives 50%, 75%, or 100% of the amount you were receiving for the rest of his or her lifetime, depending on which Option you elect. The greater the percentage to be received by your beneficiary, the smaller your monthly benefit will be during your life. If you die before receiving 12 months of payments, your beneficiary will not receive benefits under this Option. Your beneficiary should contact the Fund Office.

When selecting this Option, you must designate a beneficiary to receive the survivor annuity after your death. Once the Joint and Survivor Option begins, it cannot be changed or revoked. If your beneficiary predeceases you, you will continue to receive the same reduced benefit, and there will be no benefit paid after your death.

If you are married, you may elect to receive a Joint and Survivor Option if your spouse consents to your waiver of the Husband and Wife Pension and to the naming of a beneficiary that is not your spouse. Your spouse must consent by signing an appropriate form provided by the Fund Office, which must be notarized by a Notary Public, not more than 90 days before the effective date of your benefit.

## **ARE MY SURVIVORS ENTITLED TO A BENEFIT IF I DIE BEFORE RETIREMENT?**

### **DEATH BENEFIT FOR MARRIED PARTICIPANTS – FOR PROGRAMS A-F**

Your spouse will receive benefits if you die before retirement and you have at least five years of pension or vesting credit.

Your spouse's death benefit is paid in the form of a 50% Husband and Wife Pension that can begin as early as the first day of the month following your death, or on any later date that your spouse elects through the date you would have reached age 65. This benefit is payable for the lifetime of your spouse. However, if your spouse dies before commencing benefits, there will be no benefits paid by the Fund.

The calculation of the spouse's benefit will depend on whether or not you were employed by a contributing employer at the time of your death and the date on which your surviving spouse commences benefits. This calculation is described below.

#### **Death Benefit If You Are Employed on Date of Death**

If you die while employed by a contributing employer, your surviving spouse will receive 50% of the benefit you would have received had you terminated employment on the date before your death and commenced a 50% Husband and Wife Pension on the date your spouse elects to commence benefits. The 50% Husband and Wife Pension will be reduced in accordance with the Early Retirement Pension rules that would have applied to your benefit on the spouse's commencement date. However, if you die before you reach age 55, your spouse's benefit will be adjusted to reflect no actuarial reduction for the period between your date of death and the date you would have attained age 55.

#### **Example:**

Tom dies at age 52 while working in covered employment. He has 10 years of vesting service. His spouse's benefit is determined as a 50% Husband and Wife Pension based on Tom's pension credit and applicable benefit level as of the date of his death. The spouse's benefit is actuarially adjusted to reflect the age Tom would have attained on his spouse's benefit commencement date. However, because Tom is employed on his date of death, the adjustment made in the spouse's benefit does not take into account any reduction for Tom's age below age 55 at the time of death.

## **Death Benefit If You Die After Leaving Covered Employment But Before Starting Benefits**

Your surviving spouse will receive 50% of the benefit you would have received had you terminated employment on the day before your death and commenced a 50% Husband and Wife Pension on the date your spouse elects to commence benefits. Your spouse's benefit is based on your pension credit and applicable benefit levels through your date of death, and is actuarially reduced in accordance with the rules of the Early Retirement Pension (or other Plan assumptions) that would have applied to you as of the date your spouse commences benefits.

### **Example:**

Sandy dies at age 52 after leaving covered employment. She has 10 years of vesting service. Her surviving spouse elects to receive death benefits on the first day of the month following Sandy's death. The spouse's benefit is determined as a 50% Husband and Wife Pension based on Sandy's pension credit and applicable benefit levels as of the date she terminated employment, and is actuarially reduced to reflect Sandy's age 52 on her spouse's benefit commencement date. Sandy's spouse could delay commencement of his benefit and suffer a lesser reduction in his benefit; if he delays commencement until the date Sandy would have reached age 65, he will receive a benefit without any actuarial reduction for early commencement.

## **DEATH BENEFITS FOR MARRIED PARTICIPANTS – FOR PROGRAM G**

If you die at a time after you are vested, whether or not you are still working in covered employment, and before you begin to receive benefits from the Fund, your spouse will receive a monthly benefit for the remainder of his or her life in the form of a 50% Husband and Wife Pension.

Your surviving spouse will receive 50% of the benefit you would have received had you terminated employment on the date of your death and started a 50% Husband and Wife Pension on the date your spouse elects to start benefits. Your spouse may begin to receive the death benefit on the first day of the month following your death, unless you were younger than age 55. If you were younger than age 55, your spouse will be eligible to begin the death benefit on the date you would have reached age 55.

Your surviving spouse may elect to delay the start of the death benefit until the later of the last day of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which you died or the last day of the calendar year during which you would have reached age 70 ½. If your spouse does not survive until the date he or she would be eligible to receive death benefits, or the date he or she elects to start benefits, no benefits will be paid by the Fund.

## **DEATH BENEFITS FOR SINGLE PARTICIPANTS**

### **For All Programs**

If you are not married and die before retirement, there are no benefits payable to anyone on your behalf following your death.

## **SECTION VII. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **WHAT IF I GET DIVORCED?**

A qualified domestic relations order, or QDRO, is a court judgment, decree or order made under state domestic relations law that may assign some or all of your benefit to your spouse, former spouse, child, or dependent, as an alternate payee. The Fund will make payments under a QDRO to an alternate payee in the same manner and at the same time as those payments could be made to the participant. Generally, this means that the alternate payee will not be able to receive payments before the participant reaches age 55, and benefits will be paid only in the form of a monthly annuity over a period of time designated in the QDRO (such as a specific number of months or years, or for the life of the participant or the life of the alternate payee).

If you are going through a divorce, or a QDRO is desired by your former spouse or child, the parties should contact the Fund Office about your pension, preferably before the entry of a court order or property settlement. The Fund will provide the parties with the Fund's QDRO Procedures and Model QDRO. A QDRO must clearly describe the parties involved, the amount of the participant's benefits to be paid by the Fund to the alternate payee, the number of payments or period to which the order applies, and the beginning date for such payments. A domestic relations order assigning benefits to an alternate payee will be deemed to be a QDRO by the Fund only if it conforms to the requirements of the law and the provisions of the Plan. The Fund will assist you in reforming the order so that it may be accepted as a QDRO by the Fund.

### **WILL MY MILITARY SERVICE COUNT AS SERVICE UNDER THE PLAN?**

The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act ("USERRA") provides reemployment rights and benefits and protection from discrimination if you, either by induction or as a volunteer, have entered military service in any branch of the uniformed forces of the United States. If you satisfy the conditions for protection under USERRA, your period of military service will be treated as hours of service for all purposes under the Plan, including vesting, benefit accrual and eligibility in accordance with law. To be entitled to reemployment rights and pension benefits under USERRA, you must:

1. be absent from covered employment with an employer because of your military service;
2. give advance notice of your service to your employer, unless notice is prevented by military necessity or otherwise is impossible or unreasonable to give under the circumstances;
3. be absent for military service for five years or less, unless extended service is required as part of your initial period of obligation or your service is involuntarily extended, such as during a war;
4. apply for a job with your employer or another employer within the requisite time period; and
5. satisfactorily complete military service, or receive a discharge from service under other than dishonorable conditions.

For periods of military service of less than 31 days or an absence due to a fitness exam, you must report back to covered employment not later than the first regularly scheduled work period on the first day after an eight hour break and after time for travel back home. For periods of service from 31 days to 180 days, you must reapply for covered employment within 14 days after military service. For service over 180 days, you must reapply within 90 days after completion of service. These limits may be extended under USERRA in particular circumstances. If you may be affected by this law, please contact the Fund Office for more details.

Effective January 1, 2007, if you would otherwise qualify for reemployment rights under USERRA, but you are not reemployed due to your death or disability while performing qualified military service, you will be treated as having returned to covered employment on the day before your death and then having terminated such employment on the date of your death, for the purposes of participation, vesting, benefit eligibility, and death or disability benefit eligibility under the Plan.

### **CAN I RECEIVE A LUMP SUM PAYMENT?**

If at the time you apply for benefits the present value of your benefit is not greater than \$5,000, you will automatically receive a lump sum payment of your benefit. Distribution in this amount is not subject to the Husband and Wife Pension waiver and consent rules. If you are a surviving spouse entitled to a pre-retirement death benefit, your benefit will also be paid in a lump sum if its present value is not greater than \$5,000.

### **HOW LONG CAN I DELAY RECEIPT OF MY BENEFITS?**

If you do not want to start receiving your benefit at age 65, you need not apply for benefit commencement at that time. You should apply as soon thereafter as you are ready to receive benefits. In no event will you be able to delay benefit payments later than April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which you reach age 70 ½.

## **WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY BENEFIT IF I RETURN TO WORK AFTER MY BENEFIT PAYMENTS START OR IF I CONTINUE TO WORK AFTER AGE 65?**

If you reach age 65 and continue to work 40 or more hours in any month in covered employment or “Prohibited Employment,” or if you work 40 or more hours in any month in Prohibited Employment after your benefit payments start, you will not be entitled to a benefit payment for that month. Once you stop working in Prohibited Employment, your benefit payments can start again and will be paid in the same monthly amount.

Prohibited Employment means employment or self-employment (i) with an employer in the same business as any contributing employer at the time that the payment of benefits commenced or would have commenced, (ii) in a trade or craft in which you were employed at any time under the Plan, and (iii) in the geographic area covered by the Plan at the time the payment of benefits commenced or would have commenced, if such employment is with a contributing employer, in covered employment; or if such employment is with an employer at a facility for which the employer was, but is not currently, a contributing employer.

You must notify the Fund Office immediately about any work you do after retirement or if you intend to return to work. They will advise you if your benefits will be suspended for this period of work. Upon starting your benefit after a suspension, your benefit will be offset by any amounts you received improperly during a period of covered employment or Prohibited Employment.

Your pension will not be suspended if you (i) are called back to work by an employer in an emergency situation for a period not longer than 60 days in any calendar year or (ii) work at the location of a contributing employer for a subcontractor or other employer that does not have a collective bargaining agreement with a union providing for contributions to the Fund.

In addition, if you notify the Trustees in advance and request their approval, your pension will not be suspended if you work after age 67 as a plant watchmen or guard in a position not covered by a collective bargaining agreement with the Union that provides for contributions to the Fund.

## **WILL MY BENEFIT BE RECALCULATED IF I RETURN TO COVERED EMPLOYMENT?**

If you retire and are later re-employed and begin earning service credit again under the Plan, your pension will be recalculated as follows:

- If, after retirement, you earn at least two years of future service pension credit as of December 31, 2010, your pension will be recalculated based on your total years of pension credit as of December 31, 2010 and the benefit level applicable to you as of the earlier of when you finally retire or December 31, 2010, plus any annual pension accruals you earned when you finally retire.
- If you retire on a Disability Pension, return to work, and earn at least one year of future service pension credit as of December 31, 2010, your pension will be recalculated based on your total years of pension credit as of December 31, 2010 and the benefit level applicable to you as of the earlier of when you finally retire or December 31, 2010, plus any annual pension accruals you earned when you finally retire.
- If neither of the above applies, then your pension will be recalculated based on your total years of pension credit and at the benefit level that applied to you before your re-employment.

In all cases, for purposes of determining the portion of your monthly benefit as of December 31, 2010, you will be eligible for an increase in your benefit level only if, as of December 31, 2010, you have been credited (i) with at least one hour of service during the 90 day period immediately preceding the change in benefit level, and (ii) with at least 440 hours of service during the 90-day period immediately preceding the 90-day period described in (i), as further described in Section V (see page 13).

In all cases, your final pension will be adjusted by actuarial principles to take into account the pension payments you received before re-hire before the attainment of age 65 and any payments suspended in months when you had less than 40 hours of service.

#### **WHAT HAPPENS IF MY EMPLOYER WITHDRAWS FROM THE FUND?**

If your employer withdraws from the Fund, your benefits for past service pension credit may be limited. You should contact the Fund Office for special rules that may apply.

#### **WHAT IF THE FUND TERMINATES?**

While the Union and employers expect the Plan to continue, the Trustees have the authority to terminate the Plan. If the Plan does terminate, benefits will be provided only to the extent that the Fund holds sufficient assets (including future payments of employer withdrawal liability, if any) to pay benefits.

### **SECTION VIII. PENSION APPLICATION, DETERMINATIONS AND APPEALS**

#### **CAN I GET ESTIMATES OF MY PENSION BENEFITS?**

You can call the Fund Office and request a benefit estimate. You will be asked to provide the following information:

- Your name
- Current Address
- Social Security number
- Date of birth
- Spouse date of birth
- Last day worked if you have already terminated employment, or last day you plan to work.

These estimates are prepared based on time actually worked and not projected service time. The estimates are based on the information available to the Fund at the time you make your request.

#### **HOW DO I APPLY FOR BENEFITS?**

In order to expedite your claim please submit your completed application 90 days prior to the date you want to start receiving your benefit. Along with the completed application you should submit:

- Proof of age for you, your spouse or your beneficiary
- Marriage Certificate
- Military induction papers
- Divorce Decree or Separation Agreement, if applicable

Pension application forms are available through the Fund Office or on the Fund's website at [www.uswbenefitfunds.com](http://www.uswbenefitfunds.com). You may ask the Fund Office to mail the form to your home. The application contains instructions on how to elect the form of payment you want.

The Fund will acknowledge receipt of your application and will notify you if the Fund needs additional information.

## **HOW CAN MY BENEFICIARY FILE FOR A DEATH BENEFIT?**

As soon as possible after your death, your beneficiary should contact the Fund Office in writing and submit a certified death certificate. Your beneficiary will be asked to submit proof of age and will be advised if additional information or proof is required to process the claim. Your beneficiary should write to the Fund Office with any questions concerning eligibility for survivor benefits. The Fund Office will help with the application in every way possible.

## **HOW WILL I KNOW IF MY CLAIM FOR BENEFITS IS DENIED?**

If your claim for benefits (other than disability benefits) is denied, in whole or in part, a notice will be sent to you in writing within 90 days of the date the Fund receives your claim, unless special circumstances require an extension, in which case the Fund may take another 90 days to review your claim. If your claim for disability benefits is denied, a notice will be sent to you in writing within 45 days after the Fund receives the claim, unless special circumstances require an extension, which may extend the time for a decision for an additional 45 days. In any case in which there is a delay, you will receive a notice explaining the reason for the delay and giving you the approximate date by which you can expect a decision.

If your claim is denied, the denial notice will contain the following information:

- the specific reason or reasons for the denial
- reference to the provision of the plan document or rule on which your denial is based
- a description of additional materials you would need to perfect your claim and an explanation of why this material is needed
- the steps you must take if you want to appeal the denial of your claim, including the amount of time you have to do this
- a statement of the claimant's right to bring a lawsuit under ERISA after an adverse determination on appeal

## **WHAT ARE MY APPEAL RIGHTS IF MY CLAIM IS DENIED?**

If your application for pension is denied, in whole or in part, you may file a written request with the Trustees within 60 days after notice of the denial asking that they review the denial. A denial of a claim for disability benefits may be filed within 180 days after your receipt of the notice of denial. You may also submit a written explanation of the issues, examine any pertinent Fund documents, and have anyone else you wish help you. If more time is needed, the Trustees may allow you 60 more days to file your request for review. Send your request for review to the Board of Trustees, PACE Industry Union-Management Pension Fund, 3320 Perimeter Hill Drive, Nashville, TN 37211-4123.

The Trustees will conduct their review of your appeal at the next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting following the receipt of your request for review. If the request is received within 30 days before a regularly scheduled meeting, the Trustees may delay consideration until their next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting. Thereafter, if the Trustees need any further delay to consider your appeal until the next regularly scheduled meeting, they will notify you.

A written decision will be forwarded to you within 5 days of the Trustees' decision on your appeal. The written notice will give specific reasons for the decision and reference the relevant provisions of the Plan document or rule on which the decision is based.

The Trustees' decision is final and binding. You have a right to bring a lawsuit under ERISA after you receive an adverse determination on appeal.



## **SECTION IX. STATEMENT OF RIGHTS UNDER ERISA**

As a participant in the PACE Industry Union-Management Pension Fund, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ERISA provides that all Plan Participants shall be entitled to:

- Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as work sites and Union halls, all Plan documents, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements, documents relating to mergers, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.
- Obtain, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of all documents governing the operation of the Plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated summary plan description. The Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.
- Receive a summary of Plan's annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this annual funding notice.
- Obtain a statement telling you whether you have a right to receive a pension at normal retirement age (age 65 or, if later, your age on the fifth anniversary of your participation) and, if so, what your benefits would be at normal retirement age based on current accumulated pension credits. If you do not have a right to a pension, the statement will tell you how many more years you have to work to earn the right to a pension. This statement must be requested in writing and is not required to be given more than once every twelve (12) months. The Plan must provide this information free of charge and to the extent it is based on available records.

In addition to creating rights for Plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who have the responsibility for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate your Plan, called "fiduciaries" of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other Plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a pension benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

If your claim for a pension benefit is denied or ignored in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of Plan documents or the latest annual report from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a Federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Administrator.

If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or Federal court. In addition, if you disagree with the Plan's decision or lack thereof concerning the qualified status of a domestic relations order, you may file suit in Federal court. If it should happen that Plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a Federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

If you have any questions about your Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator. If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the Plan Administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory, or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries,

Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration at 866-444-3272 or visiting EBSA's website at <http://dol.gov/ebsa>.

## **BENEFIT GUARANTY**

Your pension benefits under this multiemployer plan are insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC"), a federal insurance agency. A multiemployer plan is a collectively bargained pension arrangement involving two or more unrelated employers, usually in a common industry. Under the multiemployer plan program, the PBGC provides financial assistance through loans to plans that are insolvent. A multiemployer plan is considered insolvent if the plan is unable to pay benefits (at least equal to the PBGC's guaranteed benefit level) when due.

The maximum benefit that the PBGC guarantees is set by law. Under the multiemployer program, the PBGC guarantee equals a participant's years of service multiplied by (1) 100% of the first \$11 of the monthly benefit accrual rate and (2) 75% of the next \$33. The PBGC's maximum guarantee limit is \$35.75 per month times a participant's years of service. For example, the maximum annual guarantee for a retiree with 30 years of service would be \$12,870.

The PBGC guarantee generally covers: (1) normal and early retirement benefits; (2) disability benefits if you become disabled before the plan becomes insolvent; and (3) certain benefits for your survivors.

The PBGC guarantee generally does not cover: (1) benefits greater than the maximum guaranteed amount set by law; (2) benefit increases and new benefits based on plan provisions that have been in place for fewer than 5 years at the earlier of (i) the date the plan terminates or (ii) the time the plan becomes insolvent; (3) benefits that are not vested because you have not worked long enough; (4) benefits for which you have not met all of the requirements at the time the plan becomes insolvent; and (5) non-pension benefits such as health insurance, life insurance, certain death benefits, vacation pay and severance pay.

For more information about the PBGC and the benefits it guarantees, ask the Fund Office or the PBGC. Inquires to the PBGC should be addressed to the PBGC, Technical Assistance Division, 1200 K Street, N.W., Suite 930, Washington, D.C. 20005-4026, or call (202) 326-4000 (not a toll-free number). TTY/TDD users may call the federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4000. Additional information about the PBGC's pension insurance program is available through the PBGC's website on the Internet at <http://www.pbgc.gov>.

If the Plan terminates, all benefits not previously vested become vested to the extent funded.

## **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Benefits are paid according to Plan provisions out of a trust fund, which is used solely for that purpose. If you have any questions or problems about benefit payments, you have the right to request answers from the Trustees who administer the Plan.

## **SECTION X. OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PLAN**

### **PLAN SPONSOR AND ADMINISTRATOR**

The name and address of the Plan Sponsor and Plan Administrator is:

**Board of Trustees**

**PACE Industry Union-Management Pension Fund**

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS**

The Board of Trustees is designated as the agent for the service of legal process. Process may be served at the address for the Board of Trustees stated above. In addition, service of legal process may be made upon a Plan Trustee. The names, titles and business addresses of the Trustees are:

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## **EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS**

Participants and beneficiaries may, upon written request, receive from the Plan Administrator information as to whether a particular employer or employee organization is a sponsor of the Plan, and if so, the sponsor's address.

## **PLAN YEAR**

The Plan operates on a calendar year basis. The Plan's fiscal year is the 12-month period beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

## **EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND PLAN NUMBER**

The Employer Identification Number assigned by the Internal Revenue Service to the Board of Trustees is 11-6166763. The Plan number is 001.

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The contributions to the Plan are made by the employers in accordance with their collective bargaining agreements with the USW International Union, AFL-CIO, and other unions, and the Fund's Standard Form of Participation Agreements.

## **FUNDING MEDIUM**

The Fund Office will provide you, upon written request, information as to whether a particular employer is contributing to this Plan on behalf of employees working under the collective bargaining agreement, and if the particular employer is a contributing employer, its address. The collective bargaining agreements require contributions to the Plan at fixed rates per hour.

Benefits are provided from the Fund's assets, which are accumulated under the provisions of the Trust Agreement and held in the Trust Fund for the purpose of providing benefits to covered participants and defraying reasonable administrative expenses.

The Fund's assets and reserves are held in custody and invested by various investment managers.

## **TYPE OF ADMINISTRATION**

The Fund employs an in-house administrative staff.

## **MERGED PLANS**

The PACE Industry Union-Management Pension Fund was formerly known as the Paper Industry Union Management Pension Fund, Pulp Sulfite and Paper Mill Workers Union and Industry National Pension Fund and is the successor to the following pension plans of:

**Acco International, Inc. Ogdensburg Union Pension Plan and Trust**  
Ogdensburg, NY

**A. Klein & Company, Inc. - Local 296 United Paperworkers International Pension and Severance Pay Plan**  
Long Island City, NY

**Banner Fibreboard Company Retirement Plan for Employees Covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement**  
Wellsburg, WV

**Retirement Plan for Hourly Employees of Bergstrom Paper Company**  
W. Carrollton, OH

**Clinton Paper Company, Inc. Employees' Pension Plan**  
Lock Haven, PA

**Retirement Plan and Trust of Dancyger Division, Denney-Reyburn Company**  
Cleveland, OH

**Retirement Plan for Hourly Employees of Deerfield Specialty Papers, Inc.**  
Augusta, GA

**Retirement Plan of Doughboy Recreational, Inc.**  
West Helena, AR

**Fonda Group, Inc. Retirement Plan for Hourly Continuing Employees**  
Oshkosh, WI

**The Fonda Group, Inc. Retirement Plan for United Paperworkers International Union, AFL-CIO-CLC, Appleton Local 1324**  
Appleton, WI

**Gilman Employees' Pension Plan and Trust**  
Gilman, VT

**Pension Plan of Hourly Paid Employees of Great Southern Paper Company**  
Woodlands Division  
Cedar Springs, GA

**Retirement Plan of Herbert Malarkey Roofing Company**  
Portland, OR

**Pension Plan for Hourly-Paid Employees of Huhtamaki Company Manufacturing**  
Waterville, ME

**Huhtamaki Consumer Packaging Pension Plan for Fulton Union Employees**  
Fulton, NY

**Independent Paper Stock Company Retirement Plans for Employees of the Los Angeles, Long Beach, Tacoma and Portland Plants**

**Pension Plan for Active Fort Smith Hourly Employees**  
Fort Smith, AR

**Pension Plan for Employees of Lincoln Pulp and Paper Co., Inc.**  
Lincoln, ME

**Local 107 Labor-Management Retirement Fund**  
Brooklyn, NY

**OCAW/PACE Union-Industry Pension Fund**  
Nashville, TN

**Retirement Fund for Local 299**

New York, NY

**Retirement Plan and Trust of Georgia-Pacific Eastern Joint Pension Trust for:**

Kalamazoo, Michigan Employees

Lyons Falls, New York Employees

Plattsburgh, New York Employees

Reading, Pennsylvania Employees

Port Hudson, Louisiana Employees

Taylorville, Illinois Employees

Tomahawk, Wisconsin Employees

Gary, Indiana Employees

**Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Hourly Employees of Roaring Spring Blank Book Company**

Roaring Spring, PA

**Stone Container Corporation Detroit Division Pension Plan for Local 842**

Detroit, MI

**United Paperworkers International Union Local No. 35 Pension Plan**

Jenkintown, PA

**Western Kraft Retirement Plan for Hourly Employees**

Port Hueneme, CA

**RFS Ecusta, Inc. Hourly Employees' Retirement Plan**

**RFS Ecusta, Inc. Salaried Employees' Retirement Plan**

Pisgah Forest, NC



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**Maria F. Wieck, CPA, CEBS**  
Administrative Officer

**Trevor K. England, JD, CPA**  
Financial Officer

July 27, 2012

Dear Participant:

The Board of Trustees of the PACE Industry Union-Management Pension Fund (“Fund”) has adopted the following changes to the PACE Industry Union-Management Pension Plan (“Plan”). This letter summarizes the changes. All page numbers refer to the Summary Plan Description (“SPD”). Please keep this document with your SPD, so that you always know the benefits that you are eligible for and the rules that apply to you.

### **SUMMARY OF MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS**

Effective May 22, 2012, the second paragraph under “What Will Happen To My Benefit If I Return To Work After My Benefit Payments Start Or If I Continue To Work After Age 65?”, page 24 of the SPD, should read as follows:

Prohibited Employment means employment or self-employment (i) with a contributing employer in covered employment, (ii) in a trade or craft in which you were employed at any time under the Plan, and (iii) in the geographic area covered by the Plan at the time the payment of your benefits commenced or would have commenced.

See “SECTION I. HOW DO I BECOME A PARTICIPANT IN THIS PLAN?” regarding covered employment.

Effective November 30, 2011, the following new subsection, “What If I Receive an Overpayment?” is added to the end of Section VII, “MISCELLANEOUS,” on page 25 of the SPD:

### **WHAT IF I RECEIVE AN OVERPAYMENT?**

If the Fund pays benefits to which you, your spouse, alternate payee, or beneficiary are not entitled, the Fund has the right to recover such benefits. The Fund may recover these benefits

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by offsetting future benefits otherwise payable by the Fund to you, your spouse, your alternate payee, or your beneficiary, including uninsured death benefits. For example, if you received the overpayment as the Fund participant, the Fund may offset the future benefits payable by the Fund to you and to your spouse or beneficiary after your death. If the Fund made the overpayment to your ex-spouse as required by a qualified domestic relations order, the Fund may recover the overpayment from you and/or your ex-spouse. If you die before the Fund recoups the full amount of the overpayment, then the Fund will deduct the remaining amount of the overpayment from any uninsured death benefit or joint and survivor benefit otherwise payable to your spouse or beneficiary. You (or the person whose benefits are offset) have the right to appeal the offset of benefits, as described in Section VIII below.

The Fund shall have a constructive trust, lien and/or an equitable lien by agreement in favor of the Fund on any overpayment, including amounts held by a third party, such as an attorney. Any such amount will be deemed to be held in trust by you, your spouse, alternate payee, beneficiary, or third party for the benefit of the Fund until paid to the Fund. By accepting benefits from the Fund, you, your spouse, alternate payee, and beneficiary agree that a constructive trust, lien, and/or equitable lien by agreement in favor of the Fund exists with regard to any overpayment. You, your spouse, alternate payee, and beneficiary agree to cooperate with the Fund by reimbursing all amounts due and agree to be liable to the Fund for all of its costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees and costs, related to the collection of any overpayment and agree to pay interest at the rate determined by the Trustees from time to time from the date of the overpayment through the date that the Fund is paid the full amount owed.

In addition to the right to recover overpayments by offset, the Fund also has the right to recover overpayments by pursuing legal action against the party to whom the benefits were paid, including their estate, or the party on whose behalf they were paid, including their estate. In that event, the party to whom benefits were paid or the party on whose behalf they were paid shall pay all costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees and costs, incurred by the Fund in connection with the collection of any overpayment or the enforcement of any of the Fund's rights to repayment. By accepting benefits from the Fund, you, your spouse, alternate payee, and beneficiary agree to waive any applicable statute of limitations defense available to any of them regarding the enforcement of any of the Fund's rights to recoup overpayments.





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April 26, 2013

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The Board of Trustees of the PACE Industry Union-Management Pension Fund (“Fund”) has adopted the following changes to the PACE Industry Union-Management Pension Plan (“Plan”). This letter summarizes the changes. All page numbers refer to the Summary Plan Description (“SPD”). Please keep this document with your SPD, so that you always know the benefits that you are eligible for and the rules that apply to you.

### SUMMARY OF MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS

1. Effective November 15, 2012, Section IV, “Do I Need to ‘Retire’ To Receive Benefits?”, on page 10 of the SPD, is deleted and replaced with the following:

#### **DO I NEED TO “RETIRE” TO RECEIVE BENEFITS?**

Under all Programs, to receive a pension you must retire prior to the date your pension benefits commence. For purposes of this Plan, “retire” means that you have ceased being employed for at least 30 consecutive days by any contributing employer or employer that has a collective bargaining agreement with the Union. If you are under age 65, “retire” also means that you have ceased being employed for at least 30 consecutive days by any other employer in the same business as any employer that has a collective bargaining agreement with the Union, and in a trade or craft in which you were employed at any time under the Plan. These requirements apply regardless of the reason, you terminated covered employment or when you terminated covered employment. You are considered retired as of the first day you cease such employment.

2. Section IV, “How Do I Become Eligible For an Early Retirement Pension?”, second paragraph, on page 11 of the SPD, is clarified to read as follows:

**For Program G** – You are eligible to retire on an Early Retirement Pension if you are at least age 55, but under age 65, and you have at least 5 years of pension credit and 1 year of future service credit. The amount of your Regular Pension will be reduced for an early commencement date (See page 17).

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3. Effective May 22, 2012, the second paragraph of Section VII, “What Will Happen To My Benefit If I Return To Work After My Benefit Payments Start Or If I Continue To Work After Age 65?”, on page 24 of the SPD, is deleted and replaced with the following:

Prohibited Employment means employment with a contributing employer in covered employment, provided that the employment is (i) in the same industry or business as any contributing employer at the time the payment of benefits commenced or would have commenced (ii) in a trade or craft in which you were employed at any time under the Plan, and (iii) in the geographic area covered by the Plan at the time the payment of your benefits commenced or would have commenced. This definition of Prohibited Employment applies to you regardless of the reason, you terminated covered employment or when you terminated covered employment.