



June 1, 2023

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS

INFORMATION REGARDING END OF EXTENSION OF DEADLINES DUE TO COVID-19

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT YOUR PENSION BENEFITS

Effective March 1, 2020, the Department of Labor extended certain deadlines for the submission of pension plan claims and appeals in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This extension, called the "Outbreak Period", began on March 1, 2020 and will end 60 days after the end of the COVID-19 National Emergency declaration by the federal government.

Generally, before the Outbreak Period, you had 60 days to appeal a denial of your pension benefit. During this Outbreak Period, the deadline to file a claim or appeal with the Trust was "tolled," or stopped.

The Department of Labor extended these deadlines during the National Emergency, for a period called the "Outbreak Period," which started on March 1, 2020.

This is to advise you that the National Emergency has ended. Therefore, the deadline extensions during the Outbreak Period will end and deadlines will begin to run again as of July 10, 2023.

- This means that if you had a benefit determination that you wished to appeal during the Outbreak Period but have not done so yet, you will have 60 days from July 10, 2023 to file that claim or appeal. For example, if your pension benefit claim was denied on February 1, 2022, you will have 60 days from July 10, 2023 to file the appeal now that the Outbreak Period is ending.
- If you had a benefit determination issued before March 1, 2020 (the date the Outbreak Period started) that you wish to appeal, the period of time for you to appeal that benefit determination will start to run again. For example, if your pension benefit claim was denied on February 1, 2020, you will have 32 days from July 10, 2023 to file the appeal now that the Outbreak Period is ending.

If you have questions about how these extensions will apply to you, please contact the Trust Office at 206.282.4500 or 800.225.7620.