

I.B.E.W. LOCAL 332 PENSION TRUST FUND

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PART B WITHDRAWALS

When you withdraw your Part B benefits, you are responsible for investing the money you receive. The Board of Trustees cannot provide you with financial advice, but suggests that you consider the following points:

Educate yourself about investments. You have been offered some investment education opportunities as a Part B Plan participant. More information is available in books and newspapers, in formal and informal classes, and on the Internet. You also could hire a financial professional (broker, financial planner, etc.) to give you individualized investment advice.

Investigate investment options. Remember that you have many, many investment options. For example, you could purchase individual stocks and/or bonds, or you could buy some of the hundreds of mutual funds available. You could make investment decisions yourself, or rely on a financial professional. Study the options available to you, and beware of high pressure salespeople peddling specific investment products.

IRA investment options. If you decide to roll your Part B money into an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you may choose among IRA's offering just a few investment options, IRA's offering several mutual funds with different risk/return characteristics, and IRA's that allow you to invest in any mutual fund, or in individual stocks and bonds. When selecting an IRA, consider whether it offers the right mix of investment options to meet your needs.

Evaluate investment fees. It is easy to overpay for financial advice or services if you do not understand the fees. Ask about brokerage commissions, and about mutual fund loads and 12B-1 fees (different kinds of sales charges on some mutual funds). Before buying a mutual fund, find out the funds expense ratio B a standardized number that shows the management fee, administrative outlays, 12B-1 fees and other costs on a per share basis. The financial institution offering an IRA can provide a prospectus detailing sales fees for investment transactions, as well as fees and expenses for continued investments.

Financial professionals who advise you about investments also charge fees. Some financial professionals charge an hourly rate or a project-based fee for helping you establish a financial plan. Others are paid through commissions from your investments. Many financial professionals are primarily interested in selling financial products. Before hiring any financial professional, be sure you understand how he or she is compensated.

Financial professionals are not all created equal. Before you commit to investing with a particular professional, find out his or her credentials. How long has he or she been providing financial advice? Is he or she a CFP (Certified Financial Planner), CFA (Certified Financial Analyst), CIMA (Certified Investment Management Analyst), or CPA (Certified Public Accountant)? Do you like and trust the prospective financial professional? A financial professional will have access to highly confidential information, and will influence the direction of your financial future. Find someone whose goal is to help you identify your financial objectives and make appropriate investment decisions, not to sell you a specific product. Check references before making a commitment.

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SPECIAL TAX NOTICE REGARDING PLAN PAYMENTS

This notice explains how you can continue to defer federal income tax on your retirement benefits from the IBEW Local 332 Pension Plans ("Plan") and contains important information you will need before you decide how to receive your Plan benefits.

This notice is provided to you by the Plan's Board of Trustees, which is the "Plan Administrator" under federal law, because all or part of the payment that you will soon receive from the Plan may be eligible for rollover by you or the Plan Administrator to a traditional IRA or another *plan*.

A rollover is a payment by you or the Plan Administrator of all or part of your benefit to an eligible employer plan or IRA that allows you to continue to postpone taxation of that benefit until it is paid to you. Under the Internal Revenue Code, your payment(s) cannot be rolled over to certain types of IRA's, such as a Roth IRA, a SIMPLE IRA, or a Coverdell Education Savings Account (formerly known as an education IRA). An "eligible employer plan" includes a plan qualified under section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, including a 401(k) plan, profit-sharing plan, defined benefit plan, stock bonus plan, and money purchase plan; a section 403(a) annuity plan; a section 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity; and an eligible section 457(b) plan maintained by a governmental employer (governmental 457 plan).

An eligible employer plan is not legally required to accept a rollover. Before you decide to roll over your payment to another employer plan, you should find out whether a plan accepts rollovers and, if so, the types of distributions it accepts as a rollover. You should also find out about any documents that are required to be completed before the receiving plan will accept a rollover.

Even if a plan accepts rollovers, it might not accept rollovers of certain types of distributions. If this is the case, you may wish instead to roll your distribution over to a traditional IRA or split your rollover amount between the employer plan in which you will participate and a traditional IRA. If an employer plan accepts your rollover, that plan may restrict subsequent distributions of the rollover amount or may require your spouse's consent for any subsequent distribution. A subsequent distribution from the plan that accepts your rollover may also be subject to different tax treatment than distributions from this Plan. Check with the administrator of the plan that is to receive your rollover prior to making the rollover.

Reminder: The information in this notice is not intended to be tax advice. Thus, it is suggested that you consult with a tax advisor before you file your application to receive your benefits from the Plan

SUMMARY

There are two ways you may be able to receive a Plan payment that is eligible for rollover:

- (1) Certain payments can be made directly to a traditional IRA that you establish or to an eligible employer plan that will accept it and hold it for your benefit ("DIRECT ROLLOVER"); or
- (2) The payment can be PAID TO YOU.

If you choose a DIRECT ROLLOVER:

- Your payment will not be taxed in the current year and no income tax will be withheld.
- You choose whether your payment will be made directly to your traditional IRA or to an eligible employer plan that accepts your rollover. Your payment cannot be rolled over to a Roth IRA, a SIMPLE IRA, or a Coverdell Education Savings Account because these are not traditional IRAs.
- The taxable portion of your payment *will be taxed later* when you take it out of the traditional IRA or the eligible employer plan. Depending on the type of plan, the later distribution may be subject to different tax treatment than it would be if you received a taxable distribution from this Plan.

If you choose to have a Plan payment that is eligible for rollover PAID TO YOU:

- You will receive *only 80%* of the taxable amount of the payment, because the *Plan Administrator is required to withhold 20% of that amount and send it to the IRS as income tax withholding to be credited against your taxes.*
- The taxable amount of your payment will be taxed in the current year unless you roll it over. Under limited circumstances, you may be able to use special tax rules that could reduce the tax you owe. However, if you receive the payment before the plan's early retirement age of 55, you may have to pay an additional 10% tax.
- You can roll over all or part of the payment by paying it to your traditional IRA or to an eligible employer plan that accepts your rollover within 60 days after you receive the payment. The amount rolled over will not be taxed until you take it out of the traditional IRA or the eligible employer plan.
- If you want to roll over 100% of the payment to a traditional IRA or an eligible employer plan, you must find other money to replace the 20% of the taxable portion that was withheld. If you roll over only the 80% that you received, you will be taxed on the 20% that was withheld and that is not rolled over.

Your Right to Waive the 30-Day Notice Period

Loans Treated as Distributions. The amount of a plan loan that becomes a taxable deemed distribution because of a default cannot be rolled over. However, a loan-offset amount is eligible for rollover, as discussed in PART II below. The Plan Administrator should be able to tell you if your payment includes amounts that cannot be rolled over.

II. DIRECT ROLLOVER

A DIRECT ROLLOVER is a direct payment of the amount of your Plan benefits to a traditional IRA or an eligible employer plan that will accept it. You can choose a DIRECT ROLLOVER of all or any portion of your payment that is an eligible rollover distribution, as described in Part I above. You are not taxed on any taxable portion of your payment for which you choose a DIRECT ROLLOVER until you later take it out of the traditional IRA or eligible employer plan. In addition, no income tax withholding is required for any taxable portion of your Plan benefits for which you choose a DIRECT ROLLOVER.

This Plan might not let you choose a DIRECT ROLLOVER if your distributions for the year are less than \$200.

DIRECT ROLLOVER to a Traditional IRA.

You can open a traditional IRA to receive the direct rollover. If you choose to have your payment made directly to a traditional IRA, contact an IRA sponsor (usually a financial institution) to find out how to have your payment made in a direct rollover to a traditional IRA at that institution. If you are unsure of how to invest your money, you can temporarily establish a traditional IRA to receive the payment. However, in choosing a traditional IRA, you may wish to make sure that the traditional IRA you choose will allow you to move all or a part of your payment to another traditional IRA at a later date, without penalties or other limitations. See IRS Publication 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements, for more information on traditional IRAs (including limits on how often you can roll over between IRAs).

DIRECT ROLLOVER to a Plan

If you are employed by a new employer that has an eligible employer plan, and you want a direct rollover to that plan, ask the plan administrator of that plan whether it will accept your rollover. An eligible employer plan is not legally required to accept a rollover. Even if your new employer's plan does not accept a rollover, you can choose a DIRECT ROLLOVER to a traditional IRA. If the employer plan accepts your rollover, the plan may provide restrictions on the circumstances under which you may later receive a distribution of the rollover amount or may require spousal consent to any subsequent distribution.

Check with the plan administrator of that plan before making your decision.

DIRECT ROLLOVER of a Series of Payments

If you receive a payment that can be rolled over to a traditional IRA or an eligible employer plan that will accept it, and it is paid in a series of payments for less than 10 years, your choice to make or not make a DIRECT ROLLOVER for a payment will apply to all later payments in the series until you change your election. You are free to change your election for any later payment in the series.

You can roll over up to 100% of your payment that can be rolled over under Part I above, including an amount equal to the 20% of the taxable portion that was withheld. If you choose to roll over 100%, you must find other money within the 60-day period to contribute to the traditional IRA or the eligible employer plan, to replace the 20% that was withheld. On the other hand, if you roll over only the 80% of the taxable portion that you received, you will be taxed on the 20% that was withheld.

Example: The taxable portion of your payment that can be rolled over under Part I above is \$10,000, and you choose to have it paid to you. You will receive \$8,000, and \$2,000 will be sent to the IRS as income tax withholding. Within 60 days after receiving the \$8,000, you may roll over the entire \$10,000 to a traditional IRA or an eligible employer plan. To do this, you roll over the \$8,000 you received from the Plan, and you will have to find \$2,000 from other sources (your savings, a loan, etc.). In this case, the entire \$10,000 is not taxed until you take it out of the traditional IRA or an eligible employer plan. If you roll over the entire \$10,000, when you file your income tax return you may get a refund of part or all of the \$2,000 withheld.

If, on the other hand, you roll over only \$8,000, the \$2,000 you did not roll over is taxed in the year it was withheld. When you file your income tax return, you may get a refund of part of the \$2,000 withheld. (However, any refund is likely to be larger if you roll over the entire \$10,000.)

Possible Additional 10% Tax If You Are under Age 59-1/2. If you receive a payment before you reach age 59-1/2 and you do not roll it over, then, in addition to the regular income tax, you may have to pay an extra tax equal to 10% of the taxable portion of the payment. The additional 10% tax generally does not apply to

- (1) payments that are paid after you separate from service under your Plan during or after the year you reach age 55,
- (2) payments that are paid because you retire due to disability,
- (3) payments that are paid as equal (or almost equal) payments over your life or life expectancy (or your and your beneficiary's lives or life expectancies),
- (4) payments that are paid directly to the government to satisfy a federal tax levy,
- (5) payments that are paid to an alternate payee under a qualified domestic relations order, or
- (6) payments that do not exceed the amount of your deductible medical expenses. See IRS Form 5329 for more information on the additional 10% tax.

Special Tax Treatment If You Were Born before January 1, 1936. If you receive a payment from the Plan that can be rolled over under Part I and you do not roll it over to a traditional IRA or an eligible employer plan, the payment will be taxed in the year you receive it. However, if the payment qualifies as a "lump sum distribution," it may be eligible for special tax treatment. A lump sum distribution is a payment, within one year, of your entire balance under the Plan (and certain other similar plans of the employer) that is payable to you after you have reached age 59-1/2 or because you have separated from service with your employer (or, in the case of a self-employed individual, after you have reached age 59-1/2 or have become disabled). For a

IV. SURVIVING SPOUSES, ALTERNATE PAYEES, AND OTHER BENEFICIARIES

In general, the rules summarized above that apply to payments to employees also apply to payments to surviving spouses of employees and to spouses or former spouses who are "alternate payees." You are an alternate payee if your interest in the Plan results from a "qualified domestic relations order," which is an order issued by a court, usually in connection with a divorce or legal separation.

Congress recently changed the rules to permit a non-spouse beneficiary to rollover benefits but only to an Inherited IRA. Any such rollover has to be a direct transfer to that Inherited IRA. Non-spouse beneficiaries cannot rollover benefits to another qualified pension plan or to a regular IRA. If, however, a nonspouse beneficiary chooses to take a distribution from the Plan, rather than having a rollover, the beneficiary is not subject to mandatory 20% withholding. Ordinary income tax would apply. You may want to consult with a tax advisor regarding your options.

If you are a surviving spouse or an alternate payee, you may choose to have a payment that can be rolled over, as described in Part I above, paid in a DIRECT ROLLOVER to a traditional IRA or to an eligible employer plan or paid to you. If you have the payment paid to you, you can keep it or roll it over yourself to a traditional IRA or to an eligible employer plan. Thus, you have the same choices as the employee.

If you are a surviving spouse, an alternate payee, or another beneficiary, your payment is generally not subject to the additional 10% tax described in Part III above, even if you are younger than age 59-1/2.

If you are a beneficiary other than a surviving spouse or an alternate payee, the Plan may permit you to choose to have a payment that can be rolled over, as described in Part 1 above, paid in a Direct Rollover to a Traditional IRA or have the benefit paid to you. You may not roll over the payment that is made directly to you, nor may you choose to roll over the payment to an eligible employer plan. The IRA accepting the transfer is treated like a non-spouse Inherited IRA, under which benefits must be distributed in accordance with the required minimum distribution rules. In general, distributions from the Inherited IRA must either be paid to you in full within 5 years of the employee's death or must commence within 12 months of the employee's death and be paid over your life expectancy. The benefits cannot be rolled over from the Inherited IRA to any other IRA.

As explained above, surviving spouses and alternate payees have the same choices as the employee. However, unlike surviving spouses and alternate payees, non-spouse beneficiaries do not have the same choices as the employee. Because of this difference, the mandatory withholding rules described in Number 4 above, that typically apply to payments that are not rolled over, do not apply to payments made to non-spouse designated beneficiaries. If you are a surviving spouse, an alternate payee, or another beneficiary, your payment is generally not subject to the additional 10% tax described in Number 4 above, even if you are younger than age 59½.