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### **Notice of Election of Funding Relief**

Date: May 25, 2011

To: All Participants, Beneficiaries, Contributing Employers, Employer Associations and Local Unions

Last June, Congress passed a law that provides relief from certain funding requirements for eligible multiemployer plans, if their Trustees choose to follow the new rules. The relief gives plans a longer period to overcome the investment losses that they suffered in 2008 and early 2009. For a plan to qualify for the relief, its actuary has to certify that the plan is projected to have enough funds to cover all benefit payments and expenses for the extended funding period.

We are pleased to report that, based on our actuary's report, our Plan qualifies for the relief. We have decided to use the new funding relief as follows:

1. The investment losses that the Plan incurred for the Plan Years ending August 31, 2010 and August 31, 2009 will be amortized over up to 29 years, rather than the 15-year period that the regular rules would have required, **and**
2. The Plan will adjust the asset value that is used for funding purposes as of September 1, 2009 and September 1, 2010 to recognize the recent investment losses over a 10-year period and make other adjustments to smooth out the immediate effect on the assets, rather than using the Plan's regular smoothing policy, which calls for 5-year recognition.

As a result of using this Funding Relief, the annual minimum required contribution is lower than what it would otherwise have been and we may be able to reduce the severity of the benefit cuts and contribution increases necessary to allow the Plan to improve from the "Yellow Zone" to the "Green Zone". The decision to use the relief means that, for up to the next five Plan Years, the Plan cannot be amended to increase benefits unless there are new contributions to pay for that increase.

If you have questions about this or any other aspect of the Pension Fund, please contact:

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Sincerely,

Board of Trustees  
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