# National Electrical Annuity Plan Disability Benefit Application

To avoid delays in the processing and payment of your benefit, please follow these instructions carefully and completely.

- 1. Print all information requested.
- 2. Read and respond to each page carefully.
- 3. Remember to attach supporting documentation.
- 4. Remember to **sign and date** this application.

Once your completed application and the required documents are received, the Plan will send you a letter acknowledging receipt of the application. If you do not receive a letter within 30 days, you should contact the Plan's office.

If your claim is denied, a written notice of the reason for denial of benefits will be sent to you.

#### PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH ATTACHMENTS TO:

National Electrical Annuity Plan Suite 500 2400 Research Blvd Rockville, MD 20850-3266

If you have any questions about the National Electrical Annuity Plan or this application you may call the Plan's office at 301-556-4300 or visit our website at WWW.NEBF.COM.

#### **Proof of Age**

To be eligible for a pension, you are required to submit the best proof of age. Submitting one document from the Primary Proof list (below on the left) satisfies the best proof of age requirement. However, if you cannot submit one primary document, submitting two documents from the Secondary Proof list (below on the right) may satisfy the best proof of age requirement.

**Note**: If your name on your pension application differs from your name on your proof of age, you <u>must</u> also submit documentation substantiating your name change (marriage certificate, etc.).

**Note**: If you are presently married, you are required to submit proof of marriage and your spouse is required to submit the best proof of age.

**Note**: If there is a difference between the last name on your spouse's birth certificate and your marriage certificate, you must also submit proof of your spouse's name change (previous marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc.) along with a notarized statement from your spouse indicating the reason for the change.

Pri	mary Proof – One Required
1.	Birth Certificate
2.	Baptismal Certificate
3.	Registration of Birth
4.	Naturalization Papers
5.	Immigration Papers
6.	Passport
7.	Hospital Birth Record

Se	condary Proof – Two Required
1.	A signed statement by the physician or midwife in attendance at birth. <b>This statement must be notarized.</b>
2.	U.S. Census Record. Forms are available through the Post Office.
3.	School record certified by the custodian of such records.
4.	Military discharge papers
5.	Vaccination record certified by the custodian of such records
6.	The signed application for a life insurance policy and attached insurance policy bearing the age or date of birth of applicant.
7.	Marriage records showing the date of birth or age.  Application for marriage license, marriage certificate, or church record certified by the custodian of such records.
8.	Child's birth certificate showing your age at the time of their birth.

Note: If any of these documents are in a foreign language, a certified English translation is required.

**Note:** If original documents are submitted, a copy will be made by the Fund office and the original documents will be returned by U.S. mail to the applicant's current mailing address on file.

Enter the NEAP participant's Social Security Number, full name, date of birth, current mailing address and telephone number.

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Because of the complexity of the rules concerning the tax treatment of distributions received from the Plan, we suggest that you read the enclosed "Special Tax Notice Regarding Plan Payments" thoroughly, and that you obtain advice from your personal tax advisor before making your decision.

#### Instructions:

On the following pages, you will find an explanation of the Plan's two (2) basic benefit options---lump-sum payments and periodic (monthly) payments. You may allocate your entire account balance any way you choose---all to the lump-sum payments option or if your account balance exceeds \$10,000.00, split between the lump-sum payments option and the monthly payments option.

Circle the letter(s) next to the benefit options(s) you would like to select and then enter either the dollar amount or the percentage of your account balance you would like to have allocated to each of the options you choose.

I elect, with the consent of my spouse, if applicable, to have my benefit paid as follows, in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the National Electrical Annuity Plan: \_ Lump-Sum payments. Instructions: If you select this option, you may elect to have the entire amount on line one (1) applied to any one of the four options shown below, or you may split the amount on line one (1) among the options shown below. Pay the amount on line (a) directly to me. I understand that twenty percent (20%) of this amount will be withheld for federal income taxes. If you are not a citizen or resident alien of the United States, you may be subject to a different withholding rate. Roll over the amount on line (b) into a qualified Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA), in accordance with the "Individual Retirement Arrangement Rollover Authorization" form I have included in this application. Roll over the amount on line (c) into a qualified defined-contribution plan. in accordance with the "Defined Contribution Plan Rollover Authorization" form I have included in this application. **Annuity purchase.** Use the amount on line (d) to purchase an annuity on my behalf, from an insurance company of my own choosing. I have provided information about the insurance company in the spaces below. I understand that twenty percent (20%) of this amount will be withheld for federal income taxes. If you are not a citizen or resident alien of the United States, you may be subject to a different withholding rate. Contact person and address of insurance company if selecting option (d). Name Address Line 1 Address Line 2 City Zip Code State



Telephone Number

2	Monthly (periodic) paymentsavailable only to participants whose account balances exceed \$10,000.00. Pay the amount on line two (2) in monthly installments, over the period selected below. A direct deposit form <u>must</u> be filled out for this option.
	Instructions: Circle either option a, b, c, or d below. If you select option a, b, or c, you will receive monthly payments according to your selection. If you select option d, see instructions below. Note that if you die while there is still a balance in your account, any remaining amount will be paid in a lump sum to your spouse, unless you have designated another beneficiary with the consent of your spouse.
	a. twenty (20) years
	b. fifteen years (15) years
	c. ten (10) years
	<ul> <li>d. five (5) years.</li> <li>Instructions: If you select this option, you may elect to have the entire amount on line two (2) applied to any one of the three (3) options shown below, or you may split the amount on line two (2) among the options shown below.</li> </ul>
	IPay the amount on line (I) directly to me over a period of five years (sixty monthly payments). I understand that twenty percent (20%) of the amount of each monthly payment will be withheld for federal income taxes If you are not a citizen or resident alien of the United States, you may be subject to a different withholding rate.
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## CALCULATION OF MONTHLY BENEFITS UNDER 5, 10, 15, AND 20-YEAR PAYMENT OPTIONS

To determine your initial monthly benefit under the 5, 10, 15, or 20-year payment option, divide your account balance, minus any lump-sum payment(s) you will be receiving, by the number of months in the payment period you selected. Once each year, your monthly benefit will be recalculated, based upon your remaining account balance as adjusted for the Plan's net investment earnings (or losses) from the previous year. This annual recalculation is necessary to ensure that the total payments made to you over the number of years you selected will be the exact amount of your account balance, plus net investment earnings (or minus net losses) during those years.



#### **SPOUSE OPTION FORM**

(This section must be completed if your account balance exceeds \$5,000.00)

Instructions:

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If the balance of your Individual Account exceeds \$5,000.00, federal law and the Plan of Benefits for NEAP require that your spouse consent to the selection of a form of benefit other than the Joint and Survivor Annuity Benefit. If you have selected another form of benefit, the following Consent must be signed by your spouse and notarized. If your spouse does not consent to another form of benefit, the law requires that the balance of your Individual Account be paid to you in the form of the Joint and Survivor Annuity Benefit.

#### SPOUSE'S CONSENT TO PARTICIPANT'S ELECTION OF BENEFITS IN A FORM OTHER THAN THE JOINT AND SURVIVOR ANNUITY BENEFIT

Number is Participant's SSN   I understand that my spouse's Individual Account balance is approximately \$  I understand that the Individual Account balance will be paid to my spouse in the form of the Joint and Survivor Annuity Benefit unless I sign this Consent. The Joint and Survivor Annuity Benefit would provide me with a benefit, commencing at the death of my spouse and continuing for the remainder of my life, equal to 50% of the benefit my spouse was receiving in the form of a life annuity at the time of his/her death. I have been provided with all of the information that I may have requested as to the economic effect of this Consent.  I understand that I have the right to revoke this Consent by filing a written notice of revocation with the Plan, so long as the Plan receives the notice on or before the date of the first distribution of benefits to my spouse.  I HEREBY WAIVE my right to have my spouse's account paid in the form of a joint and survivor annuity benefit as described above and I consent to the option selected by my spouse on this application  I DO NOT WAIVE my right to a joint and survivor annuity and request that you use his/her account balance to provide a joint and survivor annuity benefit.  Spouse's Social Security Number  Spouse's Signature  County of:  Sworn and subscribed to before me this	I,Spouse's Name	am the spouse of	Participant's Na	whose Social Security
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#### **DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY AND SPOUSE'S CONSENT**

#### Instructions:

Only fill out this Designation of Beneficiary form if you have selected a monthly (periodic) payment. If there is a balance in your Individual Account at the time of your death, it will be paid in a lump-sum to your surviving spouse, if any. If you are unmarried, or if you wish to designate someone other than your spouse as your Beneficiary, complete the following information, and, if you are married, have your spouse complete the "Spouse Consent" section below. If you wish to name your spouse as your Beneficiary, you will still need to complete the "Designation of Beneficiary" section, but your spouse should not complete the "Spouse's Consent" section.

I hereby designate the following pers		OF BENEFICIARY	
		Participant's Signature:	
Relationship to me:			
Address Line 1			
City	Sta	te	Zip Code
	SPOUSE'S	CONSENT	
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### **Individual Retirement Arrangement Rollover Authorization**

If you wish to have any portion of your benefit from the National Electrical Annuity Plan (NEAP) rolled over into an Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA), you will need to have your IRA trustee (in most cases, this will be a bank or other financial institution) complete the information below. We will be issuing a check directly to the trustee of your IRA. To ensure that you receive credit for the funds we are transferring, it is important that all items are fully completed.

Participant's name:		
Participant's Social Security Number:		
Approximate amount to be rolled over:		
THIS SECTION TO BE CO	MPLETED BY THE FI	NANCIAL INSTITUTION
Please check the appropriate box below. The rollover is to a:	his requested	
☐ Traditional IRA ☐ Roth IRA		
Name of IRA trustee:		
Name of Plan:		
Mailing address of IRA trustee:  Address Line 1		
Address Line 2		
City	State	Zip Code
IRA Account number, if applicable:		
Name of trustee or plan representative to w	hom inquiries can be made:	
Telephone number:		
I certify that the plan noted above is an "eligible 402(c)(8)(B) and allows the acceptance of rollo		eaning of Internal Revenue Code Section
Signature of Plan official:		
Name and title of Plan official:		
Please use the space below to note any spedistribution.		



#### **Defined Contribution Plan Rollover Authorization**

If you wish to have any portion of your benefit from the National Electrical Annuity Plan (NEAP) rolled over into a qualified defined contribution plan, you will need to have the trustee of that plan complete the information below. We will be issuing a check directly to the plan trustee. To ensure that you receive credit for the funds we are transferring, it is important that all items are fully completed.

Participant's name:	
Participant's Social Security Number:	
Approximate amount to be rolled over:	
THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PLAN TRU	STEE
Name of trustee:	
Name of Plan:	
Mailing address of Plan trustee:  Address Line 1	
Address Line 2	
City State	Zip Code
Account number, if applicable:	
Name of trustee or plan representative to whom inquiries can be made:	
Telephone number:	
I certify that the plan noted above is an "eligible retirement plan" within the meaning of Inter 402(c)(8)(B) and allows the acceptance of rollover contributions.	rnal Revenue Code Section
Signature of Plan official:	
Name and title of Plan official:	
Please use the space below to note any special instructions required to ensure the p distribution.	proper crediting of this



The National Electrical Annuity Plan (NEAP) Trustees have adopted a resolution under which all benefit applications received on or after May 1, 2003, will be processed for direct deposit payments exclusively. Therefore, NEAP applicants will be required to receive their monthly benefit payments in the form of direct deposit to a financial institution.

#### A Direct Deposit Authorization

I hereby authorize the National Electrical Annuity Plan (NEAP) to initiate credit entries to my account listed below, in the financial institution shown. In the event a credit is made to my account in error, I authorize NEAP to make a correcting entry, provided I am notified of the adjustment. This authorization is to remain in effect until NEAP has received written notification from me terminating it.

Please complete Section A. Take the form to yo complete Section B.	ur bank or financial institution with a request that they
Name (Please Print)	Participant Social Security Number
Signature	Date Signed
B To be completed by Financial Institu	tion
Institution Name	
Mailing Address	
City	State Zip
ABA Routing Number Account Num	lber
	○ Checking ○ Savings
Bank Representative Name	Telephone Number



### **Direct Deposit**

#### What is it?

Direct Deposit is also known as Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). It is a system in which funds are electronically transferred from one account to another. In this case, your funds -- your monthly NEAP benefit payments -- are electronically transferred from NEAP to your account in your financial institution. Your financial institution can be any bank, savings and loan, credit union, or investment firm which is a member of the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA) system. This system is the same one used by over 15 million Social Security recipients to directly deposit their social security benefit payments into their account.

#### What are the advantages?

<u>It's safe</u>. Because it is an electronic transfer of funds, it eliminates the possibility of mail delays, misdirected mail, or lost or stolen checks.

<u>It's convenient</u>. There is no need to endorse a check. It avoids having to visit the bank to make a deposit, and it eliminates the possibility of holds being placed on checks until they clear.

<u>It's worry-free</u>. It assures that your monthly pension benefit payment will be available to you on the last banking day of each month, rather than the first day of the following month or even later as is often the case with paper checks.

#### How much does it cost?

It's free! There is no cost to you for this service. In fact, many people who take advantage of Direct Deposit save money or even make money. They save money since there are no transaction fees for direct deposits as there sometimes are for teller based deposits. They sometimes make money since the direct deposit is made earlier and therefore can earn more interest.

#### How does it work?

Every month your NEAP benefit payment is automatically deposited to your account. NEAP participant service representatives and NEAP computers do the work for you. You can just sit back and enjoy your retirement.

#### What will NEAP send me?

You will be informed whenever there is a change in the amount of your monthly pension – but you will not receive a monthly payment stub. The deposit will be reflected on the statement you normally receive from your financial institution.

#### What happens if I change banks?

You simply complete a form giving us the name and routing number of your new financial institution and your new account number. While this information is being verified by your financial institution, you will receive a paper check.

## Incomplete or inaccurate information may delay the processing of your NEAP Disability Benefit Application.

I hereby apply for a withdrawal from the National Electrical Annuity Plan. All the information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I make a willfully false or fraudulent statement material to this application, or at any time in the application process, or furnish fraudulent information or proof material to this claim, benefits paid solely on account of my false statement will be denied, suspended or discontinued, and that the Trustees shall have the right to recover any payments made to me because of a false statement. Further, I understand that any false or fraudulent statement made during the application process may subject me to sanctions or prosecution under Federal and State law.

	Date Signed	
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Participant's Signature	Month Day	real
If you are not able to sign, place an (X) mark on the significant disinterested party. The witness must sign below and		Number.
Signature of Witness _		
Social Security Number of Witness		

## **Required Documents**

NEAP has designed a list to help ensure that you have enclosed all necessary documents with your benefit application. Any missing or incomplete documents may delay the processing of your NEAP disability benefit application.

Copies or originals must be submitted.
Please enclose:
Copy of Participant's Social Security Card
Copy of Participant's Birth Certificate/Proof of Age
Copy of Participant's Social Security Disability Award
If you are presently married and your individual account balance is equal to or over \$5,000.00:
Copy of Spouse's Social Security Card
Copy of Spouse's Birth Certificate/Proof of Age
Copy of Marriage Certificate
If there is a difference between the last name on your Spouse's Birth Certificate and your Marriage Certificate, please submit proof of any name change along with a notarized statement indicating a reason for the change.
If you have been previously married:
Entire copy of all divorce decrees, Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDROs), separation papers and deat certificates.
If participant or spouse has ever used a different name:
If you have ever used a different name, please provide supporting documentation. (example: adoption papers or court order)

Please review your benefit application to make sure you have filled out all pages completely and accurately.



## CALCULATION OF MONTHLY BENEFITS UNDER 5, 10, 15, AND 20-YEAR PAYMENT OPTIONS

To determine your initial monthly benefit under the 5, 10, 15, or 20-year payment option, divide your account balance, minus any lump-sum payment(s) you will be receiving, by the number of months in the payment period you selected. Once each year, your monthly benefit will be recalculated, based upon your remaining account balance as adjusted for the Plan's net investment earnings (or losses) from the previous year. This annual recalculation is necessary to ensure that the total payments made to you over the number of years you selected will be the exact amount of your account balance, plus net investment earnings (or minus net losses) during those years.

#### RETURN TO WORK POLICY---DISABILITY

If you are receiving monthly disability benefits under the 5, 10, 15, or 20-year payment option, you shall cease receiving such monthly benefits at the close of the last day of the month preceding the day upon which you return to covered employment. If your monthly disability benefits have been terminated pursuant to Section 15.2 of the *Plan of Benefits for NEAP*, you will be eligible for retirement or disability benefits under the rules of the Plan upon reapplication.

If you have any question about the effect of re-employment on your monthly NEAP benefit, we urge you to contact this office before taking any action which might jeopardize your monthly benefit.

From time to time, we may request information to verify your employment status, or we may request that you certify that you are unemployed in the electrical industry.

If your monthly benefit is suspended pursuant to Section 15.2 of the *Plan of Benefits for NEAP* and you wish to appeal the suspension, you may use the Plan's "Claim Procedure", which is described in the Summary Plan Description.

#### FEDERAL INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING FORM

National Electrical Annuity Plan

If you are not a citizen or resident alien of the United States, do not complete this form.

Federal law requires NEAP to withhold 20% from lump sum payments and monthly payments made over a five-year period that are paid directly from you.

Instructions: Please complete and return this entire form to our office, if you wish to have more than the mandatory 20% withheld. Withholding can be indicated as a dollar amount or as a percentage. If this form is not completed, NEAP will withhold Federal income tax at the rate of 20% from your lump sum payment and/or five-year monthly payment, if elected.

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	LUMP SUM PAYMENT (if electing a lump sum payment)
	Please withhold Federal income tax of \$ or% from the NEAP Lump Sum Payment paid directly to me.
	MONTHLY PAYMENT (if electing monthly payments over a five-year period)
	Please withhold Federal income tax of \$ or% from each NEAP monthly pension payment paid directly to me.
	MONTHLY PAYMENT (if electing monthly payments over 10, 15, or 20 years) Payments made over a period of 10, 15 or 20 years are not subject to the mandatory 20% Federal income tax withholding. If you wish to have Federal income tax withheld, please indicate below.
	Please withhold Federal income tax of \$ or% from each NEAP monthly pension payment paid directly to me.
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	ne pension payments you receive from the National Electrical Annuity Plan (NEAP) are subject to Federal income tax thholding under Section 3405 of the Internal Revenue Code.
pe wh	ou may elect not to have (additional) federal income tax withheld or you may inform us of the (additional) amount or ercentage of Federal income tax you would like to have withheld. Your election will remain in effect until you change it, nich you may do at any time (and as often as you wish) by signing a new election form, which may be obtained from this fice.

If you will be receiving more than \$18,240.00\* from the NEAP this year (regular monthly benefits plus lump sum payments, if applicable), it is possible that you could owe Federal income tax for the year.

If you elect not to have (additional) Federal income Tax withheld, or if you do not have enough Federal Income Tax withheld from your pension payments, you may be responsible for payment of estimated tax. You may incur penalties under the estimated tax rules if your withholding and estimated tax payments are not sufficient.

\*IRS Maximum Income Amounts Effective as of January 1, 2007. You may want to consult with a professional tax advisor or contact your local Internal Revenue Service office to determine the best withholding amount for you.

# YOUR ROLLOVER OPTIONS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL ANNUITY PLAN

You are receiving this notice because all or a portion of a payment you are receiving from the National Electrical Annuity Plan (the "Plan") is eligible to be rolled over to an IRA or an employer plan. This notice is intended to help you decide whether to do such a rollover.

Rules that apply to most payments from a plan are described in the "General Information About Rollovers" section. Special rules that only apply in certain circumstances are described in the "Special Rules and Options" section.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ROLLOVERS**

#### How can a rollover affect my taxes?

You will be taxed on a payment from the Plan if you do not roll it over. If you are under age 59½ and do not do a rollover, you will also have to pay a 10% additional income tax on early distributions (unless an exception applies). However, if you do a rollover, you will not have to pay tax until you receive payments later and the 10% additional income tax will not apply if those payments are made after you are age 59½ (or if an exception applies).

#### Where may I roll over the payment?

You may roll over the payment to either an IRA (an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity) or an employer plan (a tax-qualified plan, section 403(b) plan, or governmental section 457(b) plan) that will accept the rollover. The rules of the IRA or employer plan that holds the rollover will determine your investment options, fees, and rights to payment from the IRA or employer plan (for example, no spousal consent rules apply to IRAs and IRAs may not provide loans). Further, the amount rolled over will become subject to the tax rules that apply to the IRA or employer plan.

#### How do I do a rollover?

There are two ways to do a rollover. You can do either a direct rollover or a 60-day rollover.

<u>If you do a direct rollover</u>, the Plan will make the payment directly to your IRA or an employer plan. You should contact the IRA sponsor or the administrator of the employer plan for information on how to do a direct rollover.

If you do not do a direct rollover, you may still do a rollover by making a deposit into an IRA or eligible employer plan that will accept it. You will have 60 days after you receive the payment to make the deposit. If you do not do a direct rollover, the Plan is required to withhold 20% of the payment for federal income taxes. This means that, in order to roll over the entire payment in a 60-day rollover, you must use other funds to make up for the 20% withheld. If you do not roll over the entire amount of the payment, the portion not rolled over will be taxed and will be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions if you are under age 59½ (unless an exception applies).

#### How much may I roll over?

If you wish to do a rollover, you may roll over all or part of the amount eligible for rollover. Any payment from the Plan is eligible for rollover, except:

- Certain payments spread over a period of at least 10 years or over your life or life expectancy (or the lives or joint life expectancy of you and your beneficiary)
- Required minimum distributions after age 70½ (or after death)

The Plan administrator or the payor can tell you what portion of a payment is eligible for rollover.

#### If I don't do a rollover, will I have to pay the 10% additional income tax on early distributions?

If you are under age 59½, you will have to pay the 10% additional income tax on early distributions for any payment from the Plan (including amounts withheld for income tax) that you do not roll over, unless one of the exceptions listed below applies. This tax is in addition to the regular income tax on the payment not rolled over.

The 10% additional income tax does not apply to the following payments from the Plan:

- Payments made after you separate from service if you will be at least age 55 in the year of the separation
- Payments that start after you separate from service if paid at least annually in equal or close to equal amounts over your life or life expectancy (or the lives or joint life expectancy of you and your beneficiary)
- · Payments made due to disability
- Payments after your death
- Payments made directly to the government to satisfy a federal tax levy
- Payments made under a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO)
- Payments up to the amount of your deductible medical expenses

## If I do a rollover to an IRA, will the 10% additional income tax apply to early distributions from the IRA?

If you receive a payment from an IRA when you are under age 59½, you will have to pay the 10% additional income tax on early distributions from the IRA, unless an exception applies. In general, the exceptions to the 10% additional income tax for early distributions from an IRA are the same as the exceptions listed above for early distributions from a plan. However, there are a few differences for payments from an IRA, including (but not limited to):

- There is no exception for payments after separation from service that are made after age 55.
- The exception for qualified domestic relations orders (QDROs) does not apply (although a special rule
  applies under which, as part of a divorce or separation agreement, a tax-free transfer may be made directly to an IRA of a spouse or former spouse).
- The exception for payments made at least annually in equal or close to equal amounts over a specified period applies without regard to whether you have had a separation from service.
- There are additional exceptions for (1) payments for qualified higher education expenses, (2) payments up to \$10,000 used in a qualified first-time home purchase, and (3) payments after you have received unemployment compensation for 12 consecutive weeks (or would have been eligible to receive unemployment compensation but for self-employed status).

#### Will I owe State income taxes?

This notice does not describe any State or local income tax rules (including withholding rules).

#### **SPECIAL RULES AND OPTIONS**

#### If you miss the 60-day rollover deadline

Generally, the 60-day rollover deadline cannot be extended. However, the IRS has the limited authority to waive the deadline under certain extraordinary circumstances, such as when external events prevented you from completing the rollover by the 60-day rollover deadline. To apply for a waiver, you must file a private letter ruling request with the IRS. Private letter ruling requests require the payment of a nonrefundable user fee. For more information, see IRS Publication 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs).

#### If you were born on or before January 1, 1936

If you were born on or before January 1, 1936 and receive a lump sum distribution that you do not roll over, special rules for calculating the amount of the tax on the payment might apply to you. For more information, see IRS Publication 575, Pension and Annuity Income.

#### If you roll over your payment to a Roth IRA

If you roll over the payment to a Roth IRA, a special rule applies under which the amount of the payment rolled over (reduced by any after-tax amounts) will be taxed. However, the 10% additional income tax on early distributions will not apply (unless you take the amount rolled over out of the Roth IRA within 5 years, counting from January 1 of the year of the rollover). For payments from the Plan during 2010 that are rolled over to a Roth IRA, the taxable amount can be spread over a 2-year period starting in 2011.

If you roll over the payment to a Roth IRA, later payments from the Roth IRA that are qualified distributions will not be taxed (including earnings after the rollover). A qualified distribution from a Roth IRA is a payment made after you are age 59½ (or after your death or disability, or as a qualified first-time homebuyer distribution of up to \$10,000) and after you have had a Roth IRA for at least 5 years. In applying this 5-year rule, you count from January 1 of the year for which your first contribution was made to a Roth IRA. Payments from the Roth IRA that are not qualified distributions will be taxed to the extent of earnings after the rollover, including the 10% additional income tax on early distributions (unless an exception applies). You do not have to take required minimum distributions from a Roth IRA during your lifetime. For more information, see IRS Publication 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs).

You cannot roll over a payment from the Plan to a designated Roth account in an employer plan.

#### If you are not a plan participant

<u>Payments after death of the participant</u>. If you receive a distribution after the participant's death that you do not roll over, the distribution will generally be taxed in the same manner described elsewhere in this notice. However, the 10% additional income tax on early distributions does not apply, and the special rule described under the section "If you were born on or before January 1, 1936" applies only if the participant was born on or before January 1, 1936.

If you are a surviving spouse. If you receive a payment from the Plan as the surviving spouse of a deceased participant, you have the same rollover options that the participant would have had, as described elsewhere in this notice. In addition, if you choose to do a rollover to an IRA, you may treat the IRA as your own or as an inherited IRA. An IRA you treat as your own is treated like any other IRA of yours, so that payments made to you before you are age 59½ will be subject to the 10% additional income tax on

early distributions (unless an exception applies) and required minimum distributions from your IRA do not have to start until after you are age 70½.

If you treat the IRA as an inherited IRA, payments from the IRA will not be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions. However, if the participant had started taking required minimum distributions, you will have to receive required minimum distributions from the inherited IRA. If the participant had not started taking required minimum distributions from the Plan, you will not have to start receiving required minimum distributions from the inherited IRA until the year the participant would have been age 70½.

If you are a surviving beneficiary other than a spouse. If you receive a payment from the Plan because of the participant's death and you are a designated beneficiary other than a surviving spouse, the only rollover option you have is to do a direct rollover to an inherited IRA. Payments from the inherited IRA will not be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions. You will have to receive required minimum distributions from the inherited IRA.

<u>Payments under a qualified domestic relations order</u>. If you are the spouse or former spouse of the participant who receives a payment from the Plan under a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO), you generally have the same options the participant would have (for example, you may roll over the payment to your own IRA or an eligible employer plan that will accept it). Payments under the QDRO will not be subject to the 10% additional income tax on early distributions.

#### If you are a nonresident alien

If you are a nonresident alien and you do not do a direct rollover to a U.S. IRA or U.S. employer plan, instead of withholding 20%, the Plan is generally required to withhold 30% of the payment for federal income taxes. If the amount withheld exceeds the amount of tax you owe (as may happen if you do a 60-day rollover), you may request an income tax refund by filing Form 1040NR and attaching your Form 1042-S. See Form W-8BEN for claiming that you are entitled to a reduced rate of withholding under an income tax treaty. For more information, see also IRS Publication 519, U.S. Tax Guide for Aliens, and IRS Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities.

#### Other special rules

If a payment is one in a series of payments for less than 10 years, your choice whether to make a direct rollover will apply to all later payments in the series (unless you make a different choice for later payments).

If your payments for the year are less than \$200 (not including payments from a designated Roth account in the Plan), the Plan is not required to allow you to do a direct rollover and is not required to withhold for federal income taxes. However, you may do a 60-day rollover.

You may have special rollover rights if you recently served in the U.S. Armed Forces. For more information, see IRS Publication 3, Armed Forces' Tax Guide.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

You may wish to consult with the Plan administrator or a professional tax advisor before taking a payment from the Plan. Also, you can find more detailed information on the federal tax treatment of payments from employer plans in: IRS Publication 575, Pension and Annuity Income; IRS Publication 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs); and IRS Publication 571, Tax-Sheltered Annuity Plans (403(b) Plans). These publications are available from a local IRS office, on the web at <a href="https://www.irs.gov">www.irs.gov</a>, or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM.