



PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 501

NORTHERN ILLINOIS BENEFIT FUNDS

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NORTHERN ILLINOIS PENSION FUND SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS

I INTRODUCTION

The Trustees of the Northern Illinois Pension Fund (the "Plan") have amended the Plan effective January 1, 2002.

This is a summary of the changes. It is presented to you as an addition to the Summary Plan Description. If you have any questions about it, contact the Plan's Administrator. A copy of the Plan, including this amendment is available for your inspection. If there is any discrepancy between the Plan or the amendment and this Summary of Material Modifications, the provisions of the Plan, as amended, will control.

II GENERAL INFORMATION

There is certain general information you may need to know about Amendment Number Seven to the Plan. It is presented below.

1. Amendment Number Seven was adopted to be effective on January 1, 2002.
2. The name, address and telephone number of the Plan administrator are:

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3. The Plan Administrator keeps the records for the Plan and is responsible for its administration. The Administrator will answer any questions you may have about the plan.

III SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Amendment Seven makes two changes to the Plan. They are:

1. It authorizes the payment of a "thirteenth check" to former Local 507 or Local 514 employees (or their surviving beneficiaries) who retired before the plans were merged on June 1, 1998, and who were receiving some or all of their retirement benefits under an annuity contract purchased for this purpose from the Principal Financial Group. The payment is made possible because the Principal Financial Group will be making a special payment to the Local 501 Plan as a result of a change in the Principal Financial Group's corporate structure.

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To be eligible for the thirteenth check, the retiree (or their surviving beneficiaries) must have received a regular payment for the month of January 2002. The amount of the single additional payment for each such eligible employee shall be equal to the monthly amount payable to the former employee under the annuity contract(s) issued under the Local 507 plan, and two times the monthly amount payable to the former employee under the annuity contract(s) issued under the Local 514 plan. Payment of the thirteenth check will be made as of the first day of the month following the date on which the Plan receives the special payment from the Principal Financial Group.

2. The Plan currently provides that benefits payable to a retiree will be suspended when the retiree returns to work in industry employment for at least 40 hours in any month. For this purpose, industry employment includes any business activity of the types engaged in by any contributing employer. Amendment Seven provides that effective January 1, 2002, industry employment shall specifically exclude employment as a plumbing inspector in any month during which no other industry employment is performed.

Summary of Material Modification

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