Form **15315** (December 2022)

Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service

# Annual Certification for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plans

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This Form is required to be filed under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 432(b)(3)

Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning and encing								
Part I – Basic Plan Information								
1a. Name of plan			1b. Three-digit plan number (PN)					
Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Plan			001					
1c. Plan sponsor's name			1d, Employer identification number (EIN)					
Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund Board of Trustees			91-6145047					
1e. Plan sponsor's telephone number	1f. Plan sponsor's address, city, state, ZIP code							
(206) 329-4900	2323 Eastlake Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98102-3305							
Part II - Plan Actuary's Information								
2a. Plan actuary's name	2b. Plan actuary's firm name							
Kenneth Grant Camp	Milliman, Inc.							
2c. Plan actuary's firm address, city, state, Zl	IP code							
19200 Von Karman Ave, Suite 950, Irvine, CA 92	2612							
2d. Plan actuary's enrollment number		2e. Plan actuary's telephone number						
20-07456		(714) 634-8337						
Part III – Plan Status		,						
3. Check the appropriate box to indicate the p	plan's IRC Section 432	status						
■ Neither endangered nor critical    ■	Neither endangered nor critical Not endangered due to special rule in IRC Section 432(b)(5)							
Endangered	Critical due to election under IRC Section 432(b)(4)							
Seriously endangered	Plans that are not currently in critical status, but are projected to be in critical status within the next five years under 432(b)(3)(D)(v)							
Critical	the next five years und	ler 432(b)(3)(D)(V)						
Critical and declining								
Part IV - Scheduled Progress in Fund	ing Improvement Pl	lan or Rehabilitatio	n Plan					
Check the appropriate box to indicate whe applicable funding improvement plan (FIP)			s in meeting the re	equiremer	nts of	an		
				,	Yes	No	N/A	
Funding Improvement Plan								
Rehabilitation Plan								
Part V - Sign Here								
Statement by Enrolled Actuary								
To the best of my knowledge, the information Section 432(b)(3)(B)(iii), the projected industry on reasonable actuarial estimates, assumption anticipated experience under the plan.	ry activity is based on ir	nformation provided by	the plan sponsor.	The proje	ction	s are b		
Actuary's signature				Date				
[Signed] 03/13/2			03/13/202	/2023				



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March 13, 2023

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Employee Plans CHI-7602 – 25<sup>th</sup> Floor 230 S. Dearborn Street Chicago, IL 60604 Board of Trustees Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Plan 2323 Eastlake Avenue East Seattle, Washington 98102-3305

Re: Pension Protection Act (PPA) Actuarial Certification –
Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Plan

In accordance with IRC Section 432(b)(3)(A), I have prepared the attached actuarial certification for the plan year beginning January 1, 2023 for the Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Plan.

In my opinion, the assumptions used for the actuarial certification are individually reasonable based on the experience of the plan and on reasonable expectations of anticipated experience under the plan. The projections in this certification are dependent on the assumptions used. Differences between these projections and actual amounts depend on the extent to which future experience conforms to the assumptions made for this analysis. It is certain that actual experience will not conform exactly to the assumptions to be used in this analysis. Actual amounts will differ from projected amounts to the extent that actual experience is better or worse than expected.

I am a member of the American Academy of Actuaries (AAA) who meets the Qualification Standards of the AAA to render the actuarial opinion contained herein, I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, this certification is complete and accurate and has been prepared in accordance with generally recognized and accepted actuarial principles and practices.

Sincerely,

[Signed]

Grant Camp, FSA, EA, MAAA Principal and Consulting Actuary

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cc: Plan Administrator

Plan Counsel Plan Auditor

Plan Investment Consultant

## Actuarial Certification Under PPA for Plan Year Beginning January 1, 2023

#### Plan Identification

Plan Name: Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Plan

Plan Sponsor: Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund Board of Trustees

Plan Year: Plan Year beginning January 1, 2023

EIN/PN: 91-6145047/001

Address: 2323 Eastlake Avenue East

Seattle, Washington 98102-3305

Telephone Number: (206) 329-4900

# **Enrolled Actuary Identification**

Name: Kenneth Grant Camp

EA Number: 20-07456 Firm: Milliman, Inc.

Address: 19200 Von Karman Avenue

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## Information on Plan Status

Based on the actuarial assumptions and methods, financial and participant data, and Plan provisions, as described in the actuarial report for the plan year ended December 31, 2022, except as noted below, I hereby certify that the Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Plan is not "endangered", "seriously endangered", "critical", or "critical and declining" status for the plan year beginning January 1, 2023 as those terms are defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 432. Furthermore, I certify that the Plan is not projected to be in "critical" status in any of the succeeding five plan years. In addition, the Plan is not currently subject to any funding improvement or rehabilitation period or plan as described in IRC Sec. 432(c), (d), (e), and (f).

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the actuarial assumptions used in preparing this certification are individually reasonable and represent my best estimate of future experience. Supporting information for this certification is provided on the following pages.

[Signed]	March 13, 2023
Kenneth Grant Camp, FSA, EA, MAAA	Date
Enrolled Actuary #20-07456	

## Actuarial Certification Under PPA for Plan Year Beginning January 1, 2023

# **Summary of Assumptions/Methods**

- The IRC Section 432(b) funding measurements are based on:
  - Participant data and plan provisions as stated in the January 1, 2022, Actuarial Valuation report, dated August 26, 2022.
  - The estimated January 1, 2023, unaudited market value of assets of approximately \$50.3 billion as reported by the Plan's investment consultant.
  - The estimated 2022 investment return on the Plan's Discretionary and Non-Discretionary assets of -9.9% and -12.1% respectively, as reported by the Plan's investment consultant.
  - The summary of contributions received for the year ended December 31, 2022, provided by the Plan Administrator.
  - An actuarial value of assets as of January 1, 2023, projected:
    - i. for non-dedicated assets, assuming a market value rate of return during 2022 of -9.9% based on information provided by the Plan's investment consultant, and
    - ii. for dedicated assets, assuming that the internal rates of return would remain constant, therefore, that these dedicated assets would not produce material gains or losses.
  - Market value rates of return for 2023 and subsequent years were assumed to be 6.50% for non-dedicated assets and, for dedicated assets, the assumed rates specified in the January 1, 2022 Actuarial Report. No future asset gains or losses other than the gains or losses related to the asset smoothing method are reflected.
  - The active population is assumed to remain stable as used in the January 1, 2022 actuarial valuation for each plan year after December 31, 2022.
  - Based on input from the Plan Administrator, the projected annual contributions for 2023 and all subsequent years will be \$2.522 billion. Future annual contributions do not include ERISA 4235 funding only contributions and withdrawal liability payments.
  - The assumptions and methods used in this analysis are the same as those specified in the January 1, 2022 Actuarial Valuation.
  - The actuarial certification is based on: 1) the proposed Multiemployer Plan Funding Guidance provided by the IRS on March 18, 2008, 2) the December 2007 Practice Note issued by the Multiemployer Plans Subcommittee of the Pension Committee of the American Academy of Actuaries, 3) the "Preservation of Access to Care for Medicare Beneficiaries and Pension Relief Act of 2010" (PRA 2010), and 4) IRS Notice 2010-83, 5) the "Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014" (MPRA), and 6) action taken by the Board of Trustees prior to the mailing of this certification.
- Section 6 of the January 1, 2022 actuarial valuation includes a risk assessment, disclosure, and key plan maturity metrics applicable to these calculations.
- The valuation results were developed using models intended for valuations that use standard actuarial techniques.

## **Actuarial Certification Under PPA for Plan Year Beginning January 1, 2023**

# IRC Section 432(b) Funding Measurements

## **Projection of Credit Balance (millions)**

Plan Year Beginning	Contribution	Credit Balance at End of Year
1/1/2022	\$2,522	\$ 6,062
1/1/2023	2,522	6,367
1/1/2024	2,522	7,163
1/1/2025	2,522	7,936
1/1/2026	2,522	8,657
1/1/2027	2,522	9,217
1/1/2028	2,522	9,807
1/1/2029	2,522	10,429
1/1/2030	2,522	11,085
1/1/2031	2,522	11,769
1/1/2032	2,522	12,490

An accumulated funding deficiency is not projected to occur at the end of the 2023 plan year nor at the end of the next-following nine plan years.

## **Funded Percentage**

The funded percentage as of January 1, 2023 is projected to be 99.1%.

## **Solvency Tests**

The Plan is projected to pass the "solvency tests" to determine whether the Plan is critical as required under IRC Section 432(b)(2) for the current Plan Year and the next following five Plan Years (refer to attached appendix).

#### Conclusion

The Plan is not in "endangered", "seriously endangered", "critical", or "critical and declining" status for the Plan Year beginning January 1, 2023 as those terms are defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 432. Furthermore, the Plan is not projected to be in "critical" status in any of the succeeding five plan years.

## Actuarial Certification Under PPA for Plan Year Beginning January 1, 2023

# Summary of Zone Status Definitions under PPA as Amended by MPRA

# Critical ("Red Zone") Status - IRC Section 432(b)(2) and 432(b)(4)

Any one of four "solvency" tests under IRC Section 432(b)(2):

- Test 1 Less than 65% funded <u>and</u> market value of assets plus contributions for current year plus next following 6 plan years is less than present value of projected benefit payments and administrative costs over that 7-year period or
- Test 2 Projected funding deficiency in current year or next following 3 plan years (4 plan years if 65% funded or less)<sup>1</sup> or
- Test 3 Present value of vested benefits (actives) is less than present value of benefits (inactives), <u>and</u> present value of projected contributions is less than the unit credit normal cost plus interest on the unfunded present value of accrued benefits <u>and</u> projected funding deficiency in current or next 4 plan years or
- Test 4 Market assets plus projected contributions over current year plus next 4 plan years is less than the present value of benefit payments plus administrative costs over same 5 year period.

Within 30 days after the date of this certification, a plan that is <u>not</u> in critical status but is projected to be in critical status in any of the succeeding 5 plan years *may* elect under IRC Section 432(b)(4) to be in critical status effective for the current plan year.

## Critical and Declining ("Deep Red Zone") Status – IRC Section 432(b)(6)

In critical status and either:

- Projected insolvency in current year or any of the 14 following plan years or
- Projected insolvency in current year or any of the 19 following plan years if:
  - Ratio of ratio of inactive participants to active participants exceeds 2 to 1 or
  - Less than 80% funded

## Endangered ("Yellow Zone") Status – IRC Section 432(b)(1)

Not in critical status and either:

- Less than 80% funded or
- Projected funding deficiency in current plan year or next following 6 plan years<sup>2</sup>

## Seriously Endangered ("Orange Zone") Status - IRC Section 432(b)(1)

Not in critical status and both:

- Less than 80% funded <u>and</u>
- Projected funding deficiency in current plan year or next following 6 plan years<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Not taking into account an extension of amortization periods under IRC Section 431(d), if any

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Taking into account an extension of amortization periods under IRC Section 431(d), if any