

NECA-IBEW Pension Trust Fund

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RETIREMENT DECLARATION

I, _____ (Print Name), understand that the NECA-IBEW Pension Trust Fund's governing documents (including the NECA-IBEW Pension Trust Fund's Plan Document and Summary Plan Description) require that I **retire** in order to receive a retirement distribution (unless I qualify for a distribution option that is unrelated to my retirement).

I further understand that the Internal Revenue Service also requires that I "retire" within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code in order to receive retirement benefits. In order to comply with the Internal Revenue Code and maintain its tax-exempt status under 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, I further understand that the NECA-IBEW Pension Trust Fund requires me to certify that my retirement is "*bona fide*."

Accordingly, I hereby certify and confirm that I have retired, and specifically and additionally certify and confirm that the following statements (per IRS rules and requirements) are true and correct:

- ✓ I have **withdrawn** from my occupation and have concluded my working career;
- ✓ I have **separated** from employment and service from my employer(s);
- ✓ I have **stopped** performing services for my employer(s) and have **not** simply had a reduction in the number of hours that I work;
- ✓ I **do not have an arrangement or understanding** with an employer(s) that contributes to the NECA-IBEW Pension Trust Fund that I will return to employment, and I am **not** on a leave of absence from a contributing employer; and
- ✓ I have **no expectation** of continued employment with a contributing employer or self-employment and confirm that I am **not** available for reemployment with any other contributing employer to the NECA-IBEW Pension Trust Fund.

SUBJECT TO PENALTIES OF PERJURY, THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFIES THAT THE STATEMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS SET FORTH HEREIN ARE TRUE, CORRECT, AND ACCURATE.

Participant (Signature)

Date: _____

NOTICE: Executing this Retirement Declaration does not preclude you from returning to work under any temporary waiver of the Pension Fund's Suspension of Benefits rules as long as you meet the conditions established by the Pension Fund pertaining to the temporary waiver.