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Dear David:

Attached is the Fund's actuarial certification as of July 1, 2019, which we filed with the IRS on your behalf on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Please note that this certification includes the estimated impact of the new contribution rate structure for the each of the Employer Associations that have adopted the new format. **The funded percentage shown is 99.4% and the funding standard account credit balance is projected to grow in every year of the projection.**

In response to your inquiry on the impact of the new CBA structure on the Plan's status, because the pension accruals are earned based on the level of contributions per active, the liabilities that the Plan is accruing each year self-correct to align with anticipated and unanticipated declines in contributions, whether due to lower hours or fewer contribution dollars per hour of work. Therefore, a reduction in the hourly contribution rates for apprentices and non-certified journeyman does not jeopardize the projected financial security of the Plan.

**The plan is well funded, and our projections show that even after taking into account the lower projected contributions, the funded levels are expected to continue to grow.**

Furthermore, we lowered our assumed rate of investment return with the last valuation, which means that the Plan is now less susceptible to investment risk than it had been previously. **The Pension Fund is very well positioned relative to its peers.**

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis T. Kearney".

Dennis T. Kearney