



In April, we informed you that Central States Pension Fund submitted an application to the federal government for Special Financial Assistance (SFA) under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

At the time we submitted our application, we understood it was possible that the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) would direct the Fund to withdraw it and resubmit a revised version. As we previously notified you, it is not unusual for this to occur as most pension funds that submitted an SFA application have found it necessary to withdraw and resubmit.

**In response to guidance from the PBGC and to take advantage of favorable provisions of [the PBGC's "Final Rule" concerning SFA](#), we withdrew our original SFA application and submitted a revised version on August 12.**

The revised application applies PBGC-requested changes to certain assumptions. The revisions also apply favorable provisions contained in the PBGC's final rule concerning the SFA program, which became effective on August 8.

As a result of these combined changes, the amount of SFA requested by Central States in the revised application is one-half of one percent (0.5%) lower than the amount requested in the original application.

**The SFA is expected to allow Central States to remain solvent and continue paying all benefits through at least 2051, and likely longer.**

#### **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

The PBGC has up to 120 days to review the revised application (by December 10), but it is possible the PBGC will render its decision sooner than that. Based on the PBGC's extensive review of Central States' application to date, as well as the average time for the PBGC to approve and deliver payment on prior revised applications, we would expect to receive the approved special financial assistance in one lump sum before the end of 2022.

After submitting our original SFA application in April, we had anticipated receiving PBGC approval by August and payment by November. As is provided for in their rules, the PBGC will reimburse the Fund with interest payments so that the delay caused by refiling will

not have a material impact on the financial health of the Fund.

We will keep you updated about important developments with the SFA application, including by email, on our website at [VoicesForPensionSecurity.com](https://www.voicesforpensionsecurity.com), and on our recorded message hotline at 800-323-7640.