

## **ELECTRICITY SUPPLY PENSION SCHEME NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SCHEME MEMBERS**

Notice is hereby given that the twenty-sixth Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Scheme will be held in the auditorium at Freshfields' offices at 65 Fleet Street London EC4Y 1HS on Wednesday 15 October 2008 commencing at 1.30 pm.

### **AGENDA**

- 1 Introduction and welcome.
- 2 Confirm the Minutes of the twenty-fifth Annual General Meeting held 10 October 2007.
- 3 Receive the report of the Chair of Electricity Pensions Trustee Limited (EPTL) in respect of the year ended 31 March 2008.
- 4 Receive a presentation on the Statement of Accounts by the Head of Finance of Electricity Pensions Services Limited (EPSL).
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- 6 Receive a presentation on investment matters by EPTL's investment adviser.
- 7 Receive a presentation by the Chief Executive on changes in the roles of the Scheme Trustee and Group Trustees within the Scheme.
- 8 Consider matters arising out of the presentations.
- 9 Receive the Statement of Accounts and Auditors' report thereon, for the year ended 31 March 2008 and the Report by the Scheme Trustee for that year.
- 10 Consider the resolution proposed by Mr David Laws and seconded by Mr Jack Andrews attached to this Agenda (see also Notes on the following page).
- 11 Consider any other competent business.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2008

J Miller  
Acting Secretary of the Scheme

## NOTES TO THE AGENDA

- 1 The Annual General Meeting of the Members of the ESPS is held for the purpose of receiving the Scheme Trustee's Report and Accounts and for the conduct of any general business of the Scheme. The Directors of EPTL, Officers of the Scheme and Scheme advisers also attend. Members' spouses are welcome but may not participate in any vote which takes place.
- 2 Members' resolutions voted on and carried at the Scheme AGM do not have power conferred upon them, and cannot instruct EPTL, Group Trustees, Employers, or others involved in the running of the Scheme.
- 3 Members are reminded that most matters relating to their pensions and the Scheme's investments are the responsibility of their Group Trustees rather than of the Scheme Trustee, EPTL. The Scheme Trustee cannot comment on individual or Group-specific matters.
- 4 A Member may appoint the Chair or another member attending the meeting as his or her proxy for voting on resolutions. Resolutions are normally decided on a show of hands, but proxy votes are reported whether or not a formal poll is taken at the meeting. Members can obtain proxy forms from their Group Administrator.
- 5 Members are reminded that a vote by proxy form is cast in the knowledge that the Member will not hear the discussion about the resolution.
- 6 Completed proxy forms should be delivered to the Acting Secretary of the Scheme at Electricity Pensions Services Limited, 52-54 Park Street, London SE1 1UN by 1.30 pm on 13 October 2008.

### **Resolution to be proposed by Mr David Laws and seconded by Mr Jack Andrews**

Members are concerned at an increasing trend for employers to transfer their pension liabilities to insurance companies and other, potentially less secure, corporate institutions. One instance of using an insurer is currently being progressed in the EA Services Group of the ESPS.

The security of our members' pensions is currently protected by Clause 41 of the ESPS Resolution and Scheme Rules which prevents any employer from reducing benefits or increasing contributions without a two thirds majority vote in favour by the members affected.

As some of the recent practices of "selling" pension liabilities were not envisaged at the time when our rules were established and because the future security of members' benefit income can be (depending on the specific transaction) decreased by such decisions, we ask that a new Clause 41(2)(g) be inserted to require the successful passage of a resolution by at least a two thirds majority of those affected before any ESPS employer or trustees initiate any such buy-outs in future.

### **Secretary's Note**

The attention of members is drawn to the notes to the Scheme AGM Agenda.

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If the above resolution is carried at the Scheme AGM, it will be notified to Electricity Pensions Limited which may or may not decide to take any action in response to it.

