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RETIREMENT TRANSITION FUND ENROLLMENT FORM (Note: Enrollment is optional)

Member Information:

Name:	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Initial</i>
Member Code: (if known)		SIN:	

Transfer – limit of one per calendar quarter

(Note: Initial transfer will open retirement transition account)

I would like to transfer \$ _____ .00

- from the balanced fund to the retirement transition fund
- from the retirement transition fund to the balanced fund

I have enclosed a cheque for \$20 to cover the processing fee, payable to ELCIC Group Services Inc.

Current Contribution Allocation – limit of one change per calendar year

I would like future pension contributions to be allocated as follows:

_____ % Balanced Fund

_____ % Retirement Transition Fund

Effective Date

Please make the above change(s) effective as at the month end of:

_____ Month _____ Year

Declaration and Authorization

I have carefully considered this decision and understand the investment risk in the above asset allocation and how it relates to my financial goals.

Employee's Signature _____

Date: _____

Day _____ Month _____ Year

This form must be received prior to month end selected otherwise the transfer will occur the following month end.

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Retirement Transition Fund Information

The Retirement Transition Fund, was established January 1, 2010 to accommodate members approaching retirement who have less tolerance for volatility in the short term prior to retirement. However, **there is no age restriction or term to retirement requirement to access this fund.**

Investment Portfolio

The dollar value in member accounts allocated to the Retirement Transition Fund will be invested with the objective of short term moderate returns with minimal volatility and specifically will be held in the PH&N Canadian Money Market Fund and the PH&N Short Term Bond & Mortgage Fund. Both of these funds have experienced only positive returns each year over that last 10 years, but the returns are lower in the long term compared with equity markets.

Enrollment

By completing the form on the reverse side, members may transfer either all or portions of their account balance from the Balanced Fund to the Retirement Transition Fund. Future transfers may be made between the accounts a maximum of once per calendar quarter.

Once a member has opened a Retirement Transition Account with this initial transfer, future contributions may be directed to either the Balanced Fund or the Retirement Transition Fund. Note however that current contribution allocations may only be changed once every calendar year.

Fees

There is a fee of \$20 for each time a fund transfer request is made.

Investment Return Calculations

The rate of return that will be allocated to each member account is based on the actual dollar weighted performance of each fund, net of expenses in which each member is invested. The dollar weighted rate of return formula takes into account:

- a. the length of time **a member's** money has been invested in the fund(s);
- b. the performance of the fund;
- c. The amount and timing of contributions that have been made.

Advice and planning

Pension Plan members are encouraged to seek financial advice and participate in financial or retirement planning, prior to making decisions regarding allocations of their account.

If a plan member transitions too early in their career the consequence could be a significantly lower account balance at time of retirement. This may delay retirement or affect your retirement standard of living.