

**AMERICAN CENTRAL BANCORPORATION  
401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

**SAFE HARBOR NOTIFICATION TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES**

This is an annual notice and only applies to the Plan Year beginning on January 1, 2023.

This notice covers the following points:

- How much you can contribute to the Plan;
- What other amounts the Employer will contribute to the Plan for you; and
- When your Plan account will be vested (that is, not lost when you leave your job), and when you can receive a distribution of your Plan account.

You can find out more information about the Plan in the Plan's Summary Plan Description (SPD). You can obtain a copy of the SPD from the Administrator.

**I. Employee deferral contributions**

You are allowed to defer a portion of your compensation to the Plan. These amounts are referred to as deferrals and are held in an account for you. When you are permitted to take a distribution from the Plan, you will be entitled to all of your deferrals, as adjusted for any gains or losses. The type of compensation that may be deferred under the Plan is explained in the Section of the Summary Plan Description entitled "What compensation is used to determine my Plan benefits?" (this is in the Article entitled "COMPENSATION AND ACCOUNT BALANCE").

You may elect to defer an amount from your compensation each year instead of receiving that amount in cash. You may defer a percentage of your compensation. Such election will also apply to irregular pay (e.g., bonuses).

Your total deferrals in any taxable year may not exceed a dollar limit which is set by law. The dollar limit may increase each year for cost-of-living adjustments. The Administrator will notify you of the maximum percentage you may defer. The amount you elect to defer, and any earnings on that amount, will not be subject to income tax until it is actually distributed to you. However, the amount you defer is counted as compensation for Social Security taxes. The maximum dollar amount you may defer for 2023 is \$22,500.

If you are at least age 50 or will attain age 50 during a calendar year, then you may elect to defer additional amounts (called "catch-up contributions") to the Plan. These are additional amounts that you may defer, up to an annual limit imposed by law, regardless of any other limits imposed by the Plan. The catch-up contribution limit for 2023 is \$7,500.

**II. Employer safe harbor contribution election**

To help you make an informed decision on the level of your own salary deferral contributions, if any, your Employer must inform you about the contributions it will make to the Plan. Your Employer has elected to make the contribution described below.

**Safe harbor matching contribution.** In order to maintain "safe harbor" status, your Employer will make a safe harbor matching contribution equal to 100% of your salary deferrals that do not exceed 3% of your compensation plus 50% of your salary deferrals between 3% and 5% of your compensation. This safe harbor matching contribution is 100% vested.

For purposes of calculating the safe harbor matching contribution, your compensation and deferrals will be determined on an annual basis. For example, if you defer 6% of compensation for six months and then change your deferral to 0% for the remaining six months of the year, then you will have deferred 3% for the purposes of determining your matching contribution.

**III. Other Employer contributions**

In addition to the above, other contributions may be made to the Plan. You should review the Article of the SPD entitled "EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS" for details regarding these other contributions.

**IV. Suspension or reduction of safe harbor matching contribution.**

The Employer retains the right to reduce or suspend the safe harbor matching contribution under the Plan. If the Employer chooses to do so, you will receive a supplemental notice explaining the reduction or suspension of the safe harbor matching contribution at least 30 days before the change is effective. The Employer will contribute any safe harbor matching contribution you have earned up to that point. At this time, the Employer has no such intention to suspend or reduce the safe harbor matching contribution.

## V. Vesting

The following is a general explanation of the vesting provisions of the Plan. More details can be found in the Article of the SPD entitled "VESTING."

**100% vested contributions.** You are always 100% vested (which means that you are entitled to all of the amounts) in your accounts attributable to the following contributions:

- salary deferrals including "catch-up contributions"
- safe harbor contributions
- Employer profit sharing contributions

## VI. Distribution provisions

The Plan and law impose restrictions on when you may receive a distribution from the Plan. Below is general information on when distributions may be made under the Plan. See the SPD for more details, including details on how benefits are paid. Also, at the time you are entitled to receive a distribution, the Administrator will provide you with a notice explaining the rules regarding the taxation of the distribution.

You may elect to have your vested account balance distributed to you as soon as administratively feasible following your termination of employment. However, if the value of your vested account balance does not exceed \$5,000, then a distribution will be made to you regardless of whether you consent to receive it.

You may also withdraw money from the Plan from certain accounts if you have reached age 59.5 or if you have an immediate or heavy financial need. However, there are various rules and requirements that you must meet before any withdrawal is permitted. See the Article in the SPD entitled "DISTRIBUTIONS PRIOR TO TERMINATION" for more details.

## VII. Administrative procedures for affirmative elections

The amount you elect to defer will be deducted from your pay in accordance with a procedure established by the Administrator. The procedure will require that you enter into a written salary deferral agreement after you satisfy the Plan's eligibility requirements. You may elect to defer your salary as of your Entry Date or on the first day of the Plan Year or the first day of the 7th month of the Plan Year thereafter. Such election will become effective as soon as administratively feasible. Your election will generally remain in effect unless and until you change it.

You are permitted to revoke your salary deferral election any time during the Plan Year. You may make any other modification on the first day of the Plan Year and the first day of the seventh month of the Plan Year or in accordance with any other procedure that your Employer provides. Any modification will become effective as soon as administratively feasible after received by the Administrator.

In addition to any other election periods provided above, you may make or modify a salary deferral election during the 30-day period immediately preceding the Plan Year for which this notice is being provided. For the Plan Year you become eligible to make deferrals, you may complete a salary deferral agreement during a 30-day period that includes the date you become eligible.

If you decide to start or change your salary deferral, you must complete the salary deferral agreement and return it to the Administrator.

## VIII. Investments

**Right to direct investment/default investment.** You have the right to direct the investment of all of your accounts in any of the investment choices explained in the investment information materials provided to you.

We encourage you to make an investment election to ensure that amounts in the Plan are invested in accordance with your long-term investment and retirement plans.

## IX. Employer's right to terminate Plan

Pursuant to the terms of the Plan, your Employer has the right, at any time, to terminate the Plan. Termination of the Plan will result in the discontinuance of all contributions to the Plan (including the safe harbor 401(k) contribution) with respect to any compensation you receive after the effective date of the termination. Termination of the Plan will not affect your right to receive any contributions you have accrued as of the effective date of the termination.

## X. Additional information

**This notice is not a substitute for the Summary Plan Description.** The provisions of the Plan are very complex and you should always look at the Summary Plan Description if you have any questions about the Plan. If, after reading the Summary Plan Description, you still have questions, contact the Administrator.

You may contact the Administrator at:

Contact: The Committee appointed by the Employer

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Springfield, Illinois 62711

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