## FEE REDUCTION PROPOSAL

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## Committee Work

- Reviewed Plan budget accounts and revenue sources
- Identified options for implementing fee reductions and addressing existing trust accounts surplus
- Developed proposal which would provide broad-based fee reduction while addressing participant equity issues


## REVENUE SOURCES

## Great-West Administrative Fee

Great-West


Payroll ("Fifty Cent") Fee

## REVENUE SOURCES

## Great-West Administrative Fee*

Old Contract
Owed Annually to Great-West:
\$37.65 per participant

+ \$382,000 (flat fee)
$=\$ 1,766,842$
New Contract
Owed Annually to Great-West: \$39.75 per participant

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=\$ 1,462,085
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Reduction - 17\%

## REVENUE SOURCES

## Great-West Administrative Fee*

Annual Revenue Collected
0.11\% x Plan Assets

Less Owed Under New Contract - $\$ \mathbf{\$ 1 , 4 , 6 2 , 0 8 5}$
Excess Revenue = \$1,358,023

## REVENUE SOURCES

## Payroll ("Fifty Cent") Fee

Annual Revenue Collected
0.50 Per Participant Contribution $=\$ 344,760$

## BUDGET REVENUE \& EXPENSES

Since excess revenue was already being generated, surplus would grow sharply absent a fee reduction...

## Total Plan Surplus

Projected Surplus w/o Fee Reduction
\$3,234,376
\$4,000,000
\$3,500,000
\$3,000,000
\$2,500,000
\$2,000,000
\$1,500,000
\$1,000,000
\$500,000
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## EQUITY ISSUES

Equity Issue \#1: Large Account Holders Pay Majority of Plan Expenses


## Revenue Paid

\$2,270,647
85\%


## EQUITY ISSUES

Equity Issue \#2: Contributing Participants Pay Payroll Fee Retired Participants \& Non-
Contributing Employees Do Not Pay


Revenue Paid


## FEE REDUCTION PROPOSAL KEY FEATURES

- Eliminate Payroll ("Fifty-Cent") Fee
- Cap Fees at $\$ 100$ \& $\$ 100 \mathrm{k}$
- Reduce Asset Based Fee to 10 basis points
- Target surplus at $\$ 1.25$ - $\$ 1.50$ million


## FEE REDUCTION PROPOSAL KEY RESULTS

|  |  |  | Year 1 |  | Year 2 |  | Year 3 |  | Year 4 |  | Year 5 |
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| Estimated Interest Earnings |  | \$ | 80,000 | \$ | 80,000 | \$ | 80,000 | \$ | 80,000 | \$ | 80,000 |
| Estimated Total Revenue |  | \$ | 1,890,560 | \$ | 1,980,845 | \$ | 2,077,261 | \$ | 2,180,278 | \$ | 2,290,401 |
| Estimated Expenses |  | \$ | $(2,160,945)$ | \$ | $(2,177,920)$ | \$ | $(2,196,006)$ | \$ | $(2,305,231)$ |  | $(2,325,622)$ |
| Difference |  | \$ | $(270,386)$ | \$ | $(197,076)$ | \$ | $(118,745)$ | \$ | $(124,953)$ | \$ | $(35,221)$ |
| Estimated Surplus Balance |  | \$ | 2,049,350 | \$ | 1,852,275 | \$ | 1,733,529 | \$ | 1,608,576 | \$ | 1,573,356 |

## ASSUMPTIONS USED

- Plan assets grow at $8 \%$ annual rate
- Expenses rise at $3 \%$ annual rate
- Participation grows at $2 \%$ annual rate


## ASSET GROWTH ASSUMPTION

Plan assets may decline, but Committee concluded that Board should not be overly conservative on this - even including the second worst bear market in U.S. history, Plan assets have only fallen twice in the past 23 years:

## DCP Assets Since Inception



## ASSET GROWTH ASSUMPTION

Average growth rate in Plan has been 15\% since 1990 - and 8\% since 2000 (including the three bear market years):


## FEE MODELING

- Spreadsheet modeling allowed for playing with worstcase assumptions
- Committee/staff could not develop realistic assumption which would completely eliminate surplus
- Conversely, if Plan assets grow above $8 \%$, surplus would not be reduced absent further fee reductions
- Committee believes current proposal is reasonable, well-considered \& conservative
- Committee believes that going forward fee analysis should be conducted annually to see if additional adjustments are necessary

