



Statement of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board

July 16, 2013

Following a lengthy investigation, Dr. Peter Ajemian recently pleaded guilty to providing false evidence to support applications filed by Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) employees for disability annuities payable under the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA).

In light of Dr. Ajemian's plea and admission that he provided false evidence to support disability applications, on June 27, 2013, the three-member Board of the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) adopted Board Order 13-33. This order terminates applications filed by disability annuitants who submitted medical evidence from Dr. Ajemian at the time they filed their applications under the RRA. These annuitants are also recipients of a private pension from the LIRR, previously available to LIRR employees age 50 or older with at least 20 years of service.

In accordance with this action, the Board has also determined that monthly payments to these annuitants must be terminated.

Under the order, individuals who believe they remain entitled to benefits under the RRA are allowed to file a new application for benefits. The decision to award a new disability annuity will be based upon current medical evidence. Letters are currently being released to annuitants whose benefits will be terminated under Board Order 13-33. Those receiving a letter and wishing to file a new application for benefits should contact the RRB by calling toll-free, 1-877-772-5772, to schedule an application interview.

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