



United States of America  
National Labor Relations Board  
**NOTICE OF ELECTION**



**INSTRUCTIONS TO EMPLOYEES VOTING BY U.S. MAIL**

**PURPOSE OF ELECTION:** This election is to determine the representative, if any, desired by the eligible employees for purposes of collective bargaining with their employer. (See VOTING UNIT in this Notice of Election for description of eligible employees.) A majority of the valid ballots cast will determine the results of the election. Only one valid representation election may be held in a 12-month period.

**SECRET BALLOT:** The election will be by secret ballot carried out through the U.S. mail under the supervision of the Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). A sample of the official ballot is shown on the next page of this Notice. Voters will be allowed to vote without interference, restraint, or coercion. Employees eligible to vote will receive in the mail *Instructions to Employees Voting by United States Mail*, a ballot, a blue envelope, and a yellow self-addressed envelope needing no postage.

**ELIGIBILITY RULES:** Employees eligible to vote are those described under the VOTING UNIT on the next page and include employees who did not work during the designated payroll period because they were ill or on vacation or temporarily laid off. Employees who have quit or been discharged for cause since the designated payroll period and who have not been rehired or reinstated prior to the date of this election are not eligible to vote.

**CHALLENGE OF VOTERS:** An agent of the Board or an authorized observer may question the eligibility of a voter. Such challenge must be made at the time the ballots are counted.

**AUTHORIZED OBSERVERS:** Each party may designate an equal number of observers, this number to be determined by the NLRB. These observers (a) act as checkers at the counting of ballots; (b) assist in identifying voters; (c) challenge voters and ballots; and (d) otherwise assist the NLRB.

**METHOD AND DATE OF ELECTION:** The election will be conducted by United States mail. The mail ballots will be mailed to employees employed in the appropriate collective-bargaining unit. At 4:15 p.m., on Friday, May 10, 2019, ballots will be mailed to voters from the National Labor Relations Board, Region 07, Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Room 300, Detroit, MI 48226. Voters must sign the outside of the envelope in which the ballot is returned. Any ballot received in an envelope that is not signed will be automatically void.

Those employees who believe that they are eligible to vote and did not receive a ballot in the mail by Friday, May 17, 2019, should communicate immediately with the National Labor Relations Board by either calling the Region 07 Office at (313)226-3200 or our national toll-free line at 1-844-762-NLRB (1-844-762-6572).

All ballots will be commingled and counted at the Region 07 Office, Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building, Room 300, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, on Friday, May 31, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. In order to be valid and counted, the returned ballots must be received in the Region 07 Office prior to the counting of the ballots.

WARNING: This is the only official notice of this election and must not be defaced by anyone. Any markings that you may see on any sample ballot or anywhere on this notice have been made by someone other than the National Labor Relations Board, and have not been put there by the National Labor Relations Board. The National Labor Relations Board is an agency of the United States Government, and does not endorse any choice in the election.



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**NELSON TREE SERVICE, LLC  
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**07-RC-239462**

**VOTING UNIT**

**EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE TO VOTE:**

**Those eligible to vote are: All full-time and regular part-time employees including all working crew forepersons, A tree trimmers, B tree trimmers, C tree trimmers, and grounds persons working for the Employer, on the Consumers Energy contracts in the State of Michigan; who were employed by the Employer during the payroll period ending Friday, April 13, 2019.**

**EMPLOYEES NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE:**

**Those not eligible to vote are: General forepersons, office clerical employees, professional employees, confidential employees, and guards and supervisors as defined in the Act, and all other employees.**



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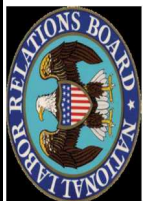
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**OFFICIAL SECRET BALLOT**

For certain employees of

**NELSON TREE SERVICE, LLC**  
**STATE OF MICHIGAN**



**Do you wish to be represented for purposes of collective bargaining by**

**LOCAL 876, INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF  
ELECTRICAL WORKERS (IBEW), AFL-CIO ?**

**MARK AN "X" IN THE SQUARE OF YOUR CHOICE**

<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
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Sample

**DO NOT SIGN THIS BALLOT. See enclosed instructions.**

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**RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES - FEDERAL LAW GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO:**

- Form, join, or assist a union
- Choose representatives to bargain with your employer on your behalf
- Act together with other employees for your benefit and protection
- Choose not to engage in any of these protected activities
- In a State where such agreements are permitted, the Union and Employer may enter into a lawful union-security agreement requiring employees to pay periodic dues and initiation fees. Nonmembers who inform the Union that they object to the use of their payments for nonrepresentational purposes may be required to pay only their share of the Union's costs of representational activities (such as collective bargaining, contract administration, and grievance adjustment).

**It is the responsibility of the National Labor Relations Board to protect employees in the exercise of these rights.**

The Board wants all eligible voters to be fully informed about their rights under Federal law and wants both Employers and Unions to know what is expected of them when it holds an election.

If agents of either Unions or Employers interfere with your right to a free, fair, and honest election the election can be set aside by the Board. When appropriate, the Board provides other remedies, such as reinstatement for employees fired for exercising their rights, including backpay from the party responsible for their discharge.

**The following are examples of conduct that interfere with the rights of employees and may result in setting aside of the election:**

- Threatening loss of jobs or benefits by an Employer or a Union
- Promising or granting promotions, pay raises, or other benefits, to influence an employee's vote by a party capable of carrying out such promises
- An Employer firing employees to discourage or encourage union activity or a Union causing them to be fired to encourage union activity
- Making campaign speeches to assembled groups of employees on company time where attendance is mandatory, within the 24-hour period before the mail ballots are dispatched
- Incitement by either an Employer or a Union of racial or religious prejudice by inflammatory appeals
- Threatening physical force or violence to employees by a Union or an Employer to influence their votes

**The National Labor Relations Board protects your right to a free choice.**

Improper conduct will not be permitted. All parties are expected to cooperate fully with this Agency in maintaining basic principles of a fair election as required by law.

Anyone with a question about the election may contact the NLRB Office at (313)226-3200 or visit the NLRB website [www.nlrb.gov](http://www.nlrb.gov) for assistance.