Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [ ] an amended return/report
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558
- [ ] automatic extension
- [ ] the DFVC program
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
MERIT ENERGY COMPANY SAVINGS TRUST

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 09/01/1990

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
MERIT ENERGY COMPANY, LLC

13727 NOEL RD
SUITE 1200
DALLAS, TX 75240

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 75-2280562

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 972-701-8377

2d Business code (see instructions) 211110

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	08/10/2017	MELANIE LANE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	08/10/2017	TERRY GOTTBERG
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number)

Preparer's telephone number

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor	**3b** Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report:	**4b** EIN	
a Sponsor's name	**4c** PN	

5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	847
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	625
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	727
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	2
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	217
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	946
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	2
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	948
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	919
h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)		**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1)	[ ] Insurance	**(1)**	[ ] Insurance
(2)	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	**(2)**	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	[X] Trust	**(3)**	[X] Trust
(4)	[ ] General assets of the sponsor	**(4)**	[ ] General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** [ ] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [ ] **A** (Insurance Information) ___
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [ ] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2016 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2016 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2016** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A Name of plan
MERIT ENERGY COMPANY SAVINGS TRUST

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
MERIT ENERGY COMPANY, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
75-2280562

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions). . . . . [X] Yes [ ] No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

STRATEGIC ADVISORS, INC.

04-2654524

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	ADVISOR	25763	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	-17244	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes [ ] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received $1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
NORTHERN SM CAP VAL - NORTHERN TRU 36-2723087	0.40%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
OAKMARK FUND INV - BOSTON FINANCIA P.O. BOX 8480 BOSTON, MA 02266	0.35%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
OAKMARK SELECT INV - BOSTON FINANC P.O. BOX 8480 BOSTON, MA 02266	0.35%

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	**b** EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	**b** EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	**e** Telephone:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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A Name of plan
MERIT ENERGY COMPANY SAVINGS TRUST

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
MERIT ENERGY COMPANY, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
75-2280562

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	5329192	5878960
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	1612050	1963161
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	75364540	89821850
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	**1d(1)**	0	0
	(2) Employer real property	**1d(2)**	0	0
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	**1e**	0	0
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	**1f**	82305782	97663971
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	**1g**	0	0
h	Operating payables	**1h**	0	0
i	Acquisition indebtedness	**1i**	0	0
j	Other liabilities	**1j**	0	0
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	**1k**	0	0
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	**1l**	82305782	97663971

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

	Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	**Contributions:**			
	(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	**2a(1)(A)**	3578561	
	(B) Participants	**2a(1)(B)**	4931146	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	**2a(1)(C)**	4074584	
	(2) Noncash contributions	**2a(2)**	0	
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	**2a(3)**		12584291
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	**2b(1)(A)**	22617	
	(B) U.S. Government securities	**2b(1)(B)**	0	
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	**2b(1)(C)**	0	
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	**2b(1)(D)**	0	
	(E) Participant loans	**2b(1)(E)**	88428	
	(F) Other	**2b(1)(F)**	0	
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	**2b(1)(G)**		111045
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	**2b(2)(A)**	0	
	(B) Common stock	**2b(2)(B)**	0	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	**2b(2)(C)**	3210584	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	**2b(2)(D)**		3210584
	(3) Rents	**2b(3)**		0
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	**2b(4)(A)**	0	
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	**2b(4)(B)**	0	
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	**2b(4)(C)**		0
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	**2b(5)(A)**	0	
	(B) Other	**2b(5)(B)**	0	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	**2b(5)(C)**		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		3150942
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		19056862
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	3689991	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		3689991
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		95
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	0	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	25763	
(4) Other	2i(4)	-17176	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		8587
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		3698673
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		15358189
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☐ Unqualified **(2)** ☐ Qualified **(3)** ☒ Disclaimer **(4)** ☐ Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: HEIN AND ASSOCIATES LLP **(2)** EIN: 84-0749233

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. **(2)** ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b		X	

			Yes	No	Amount
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X	
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		3000000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X		
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X	
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X	
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	4n		X	
o	Defined Benefit Plan or Money Purchase Pension Plan Only: Were any distributions made during the plan year to an employee who attained age 62 and had not separated from service?	4o			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** **Amount:**

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (See ERISA section 4021.)? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year_____. (See instructions.)

Part V Trust Information

6a Name of trust	**6b** Trust's EIN

6c Name of trustee or custodian	**6d** Trustee's or custodian's telephone number

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2016

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A Name of plan
MERIT ENERGY COMPANY SAVINGS TRUST

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
MERIT ENERGY COMPANY, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
75-2280562

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1**

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 04-6568107

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section of 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 **a** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 **a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

20a Is the plan a 401(k) plan? If "No," skip b	☐ Yes ☐ No
20b How did the plan satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals under section 401(k)(3) for the plan year? Check all that apply:	☐ Design-based safe harbor ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☐ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A
21a What testing method was used to satisfy the coverage requirements under section 410(b) for the plan year? Check all that apply:	☐ Ratio percentage test ☐ Average benefit test ☐ N/A
21b Did the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination requirements of sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) for the plan year by combining this plan with any other plan under the permissive aggregation rules?	☐ Yes ☐ No

22a If the plan is a master and prototype plan (M&P) or volume submitter plan that received a favorable IRS opinion letter or advisory letter, enter the date of the letter _____/_____/_____ and the serial number _____.

22b If the plan is an individually-designed plan that received a favorable determination letter from the IRS, enter the date of the most recent determination letter _____/_____/_____.

MERIT ENERGY COMPANY SAVINGS TRUST

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i –
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

EIN: 75-2280562 Plan Number: 001
DECEMBER 31, 2016

	IDENTITY OF ISSUER, BORROWER, LESSOR OR SIMILAR PARTY	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT INCLUDING MATURITY DATE, RATE OF INTEREST, COLLATERAL, PAR OR MATURITY VALUE	COST	CURRENT VALUE
	Mutual Funds:			
	Oakmark Select Funds	Oakmark Select I	**	$ 1,133,647
	Oakmark Funds	Oakmark Fund I	**	3,270,336
	Northern Institutional Funds	Northern Small Cap Value	**	1,181,037
	Vanguard	Vanguard VMMR-Fed Mkt	**	5,878,960
	Vanguard	Vanguard Tot Intl Stk Ad	**	2,196,134
	Vanguard	Vanguard Small Cap Gr Idx Adm	**	2,689,245
	Artisan Funds	AF Wash Mutl Inv R6	**	1,927,232
	Artisan Funds	Artisan Mid Cap Value IS	**	2,447,774
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Spartan US Bond Index IS	**	6,917,830
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Spartan US Bond Index Inst	**	7,858,484
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Contrafund K	**	4,975,650
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Balanced K	**	1,699,158
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Low PR Stock K	**	3,147,409
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Diversified Intl K	**	4,739,999
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Growth Co K	**	7,236,310
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Mid Cap Stock K	**	5,052,988
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K Income	**	682,173
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2005	**	22,733
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2010	**	347,059
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2015	**	428,920
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2020	**	8,079,533
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2025	**	2,651,169
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2030	**	4,777,077
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2035	**	2,147,602
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2040	**	7,036,032
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2045	**	3,457,442
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2050	**	2,409,832
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2055	**	1,128,209
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2060	**	180,836
*	Merit Energy Company Savings Trust Plans Loan Fund	3.25%-5.50% interest and varying maturities	**	1,963,161
	Net Assets		**	$ 97,663,971

* Indicates each identified person/entity known to be a party-in-interest for the year ended December 31, 2016

** Historical cost information omitted as permitted for participant-directed transactions under an individual account plan

See accompanying independent auditor's report.



MERIT ENERGY COMPANY SAVINGS TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

MERIT ENERGY COMPANY SAVINGS TRUST

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Merit Energy Company Savings Trust Plan
Dallas, Texas

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of Merit Energy Company Savings Trust Plan (the "Plan"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on conducting the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Plan Administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 3, which was certified or provided by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the recordkeeper and trustee of the Plan, except for comparing this information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the Plan Administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's assets and executes transactions. The Plan Administrator has obtained certifications from the agent on behalf of the trustee as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and for the year ended December 31, 2016, that the information provided to the Plan Administrator by the agent on behalf of the trustee is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on these financial statements.

Other Matter

The supplemental Schedule of Assets as of or for the year ended December 31, 2016 is required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we do not express an opinion on the supplemental schedules.

Merit Energy Company Savings Trust Plan
Dallas, Texas

Report on Form and Content in Compliance with DOL Rules and Regulations

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified or provided by the agent of the trustee, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Helin & Associates LLP

Dallas, Texas
July 6, 2017

MERIT ENERGY COMPANY SAVINGS TRUST

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	DECEMBER 31,	
ASSETS:	2016	2015
Investments, at fair value:		
Mutual funds	$ 95,700,810	$ 80,693,732
Total investments at fair value	95,700,810	80,693,732
Notes receivable from participants	1,992,925	1,640,300
Total assets	97,693,735	82,334,032
LIABILITIES	-	-
Net assets available for benefits	$ 97,693,735	$ 82,334,032

See accompanying notes to these financial statements.

MERIT ENERGY COMPANY SAVINGS TRUST

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO:	
Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of mutual funds	$ 3,150,942
Interest on participant loans	89,847
Interest and dividend income	3,233,201
Net investment income	6,473,990
Contributions:	
Employer	3,578,561
Participants	4,931,146
Rollovers	4,074,584
Total contributions	12,584,291
Total additions	19,058,281
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO:	
Benefits paid and distributions to participants	(3,689,991)
Administrative expenses	(8,587)
Total deductions	(3,698,578)
NET CHANGE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	15,359,703
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:	
Beginning of year	82,334,032
End of year	$ 97,693,735

See accompanying notes to these financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following brief description of the Merit Energy Company Savings Trust (the "Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for more complete information.

General

The Plan, as amended and restated, is a defined contribution plan established by Merit Energy Company under the provisions of Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"), which includes a qualified deferred arrangement as described in Section 401(k) of the IRC, for the benefit of eligible employees of the Company who become entitled to participate in the Plan. Employees who are age 19 or older are eligible to participate in the 401(k) plan on the first day of employment. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). The Plan was restated effective July 1, 2015.

Administration

The Plan is administered by a committee (the "Retirement Committee") appointed by Merit Energy Company (the "Employer"). Administrative expenses are paid by the Employer except for those related to loans, which are paid by the respective participant. Fidelity Management Trust Company (the "Trustee") maintains custody of the Plan's assets. Effective December 1, 2016, the Plan elected to pay administrative expense from forfeitures.

Certified Assets

The Plan Administrator has obtained certifications from the trustees that the information provided to the Plan Administrator by the trustees related to investments is complete and accurate. Accordingly, as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the Plan Administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to all the investments and related investment income as of and for each of the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Contributions

Each eligible employee may elect to contribute to the Plan on a pre-tax basis up to 60% of such participant's compensation. Each participant's annual contribution shall not exceed the maximum amount allowed for deferral for U.S. federal income taxes, which was $18,000 for 2016. Participants over fifty years old may make additional catch-up contributions up to $6,000. Effective December 1, 2016, for all employees with deferral rates less than 6%, the Plan was amended to increase deferral rates by one percentage each year until the deferral rate reaches 6%.

The Employer makes contributions equal to 100% up to the first 6% of earnings contributed into the Plan on a pre-tax basis. However, the Employer reserves the right to temporarily or permanently discontinue its contributions at any time.

Vesting

Participating employees are vested 100% in their pre-tax contributions and in any Employer-matching contributions made on the participating employee's behalf at all times.

Withdrawals

A participant can make withdrawals from his or her 401(k) option contributions accounts (employee's contributions plus the Employer contributions, plus interest earned thereon) only in the following situations: purchase of his or her principal residence; payment of unreimbursed medical expenses incurred by him or her, his or her spouse or dependents, or to permit him or her, his or her spouse, or his or her dependents to obtain medical care; payment of tuition and "related expenses" (as defined under federal law) for the next 12 months of post-secondary education for him or her, his or her spouse, his or her children or dependents; payment to prevent eviction from his or her principal residence or foreclosure on the mortgage of his or her principal residence; or attainment of age 59½ years. The participant can only withdraw up to the amount of his or her pre-tax contributions (excluding any investment earnings received after December 31, 1988), any rollover contributions he or she may have made to the Plan (including any investment earnings), and any Employer-matching contributions and earnings thereon (excluding any matching contributions treated as pre-tax contributions) needed to meet his or her hardship. If the participant chooses, a hardship withdrawal can also include the amount needed to pay any applicable tax withholdings on the withdrawal.

Participant Accounts

Individual accounts are maintained to reflect each participant's allocated share of the Plan's income, the Plan's administrative expenses, the Employer's contributions, and the participant's contributions.

Investment Options

As directed by participants, the Plan purchases units of participation in 32 distinct investment portfolios administered by the Plan Trustee. Under the Plan, participants are allowed to transfer funds between any investment options.

Participant Loans

Participants can apply for a loan from their 401(k) account. The amount of any such loan cannot exceed the lesser of 50% of the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her 401(k) account, or $50,000 reduced by the excess of the highest outstanding loan balances during the past year over the outstanding balance of loans on the date on which such loan is made. For purposes of the $50,000 limitation, all outstanding loans to a participant are aggregated. Plan loans must be repaid within five years; however, if the loan is used to acquire the principal residence of the participant, the loan may be repaid over a period not to exceed 10 years. The interest rate charged on any loan is fixed and will be equal to the "local prevailing commercial interest rate." Effective July 1, 2016, participants may have only one loan outstanding at a time.

Recently Enacted Accounting Standards

In July 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued ASU No. 2015-12 ("ASU 2015-12"), which allows the Plan to measure, present, and disclose fully benefit-responsive investment contracts at contract value instead of fair value. Additionally, ASU 2015-12 allows the Plan to no longer disaggregate the net appreciation or depreciation of investments by general investment type. Further, ASU 2015-12 allows the Plan to no longer disclose individual investments that are greater than 5% of net assets. Finally, ASU 2015-12 allows the Plan to no longer disclose investments based on the nature, characteristics, and risks of the investment. Instead, plans have the ability to aggregate investments by general investment type. ASU 2015-12 is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2015, with early adoption allowed. The Plan elected to adopt ASU 2015-12 for the year ending December 31, 2015. The adoption of ASU 2015-12 did not have material impact to the Plan.

In May 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued ASU No. 2015-07, *Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820), Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent*) ("ASU 2015-07"). ASU 2015-07 removes the requirement to categorize within the fair value hierarchy all investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value ("NAV") per share practical expedient. ASU 2015-07 also removes the requirement to make certain disclosures for all investments that are eligible to be measured at fair value using the NAV per share practical expedient. Investments that calculate NAV per share (or its equivalent), but for which the practical expedient is not applied will continue to be included in the fair value hierarchy along with the related required disclosures. ASU 2015-07 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, and is to be applied retrospectively, with early adoption permitted. The Plan does not expect ASU 2015-07 to have a material effect on these financial statements.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting
The Plan's financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition
Investments of the Plan are stated at fair value. Securities traded in public markets are valued at their quoted market prices. The value of purchases and sales of securities are reflected on a trade-date basis. Changes in the market value of investments from one period to the next, combined with realized gains and losses based on differences between revalued costs and market value of investments on the trade date, are recognized as net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Payment of Benefits
Benefits are recorded when paid. Benefits due to participants who have elected to withdraw from the Plan but have not been paid are included in net assets available for benefits. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, there were no amounts allocated to withdrawing participants.

Estimates and Assumptions
The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan Administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of changes in net assets available for benefits during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED)

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, Fidelity Investments has certified the value of assets held at December 31, 2016 and 2015, and transactions entered into during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 that were used in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule. The Plan Administrator has obtained certifications from the Trustee that such information is complete and accurate.

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (UNAUDITED)

Fair value measurements establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under fair value measurements are described below:

- Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

- Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:
  - Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
  - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
  - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
  - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

  If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

- Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Mutual funds are valued at the net asset value ("NAV") of shares held by the Plan at year-end. There have been no other changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

The method described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation method is appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

All of the Plan's assets at December 31, 2016 and 2015 are in mutual funds and are classified as Level 1.

5. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Most of the Plan's assets are invested in portfolios sponsored and administered by Fidelity Investments at December 31, 2016 and 2015. Since Fidelity Investments is the Plan Trustee, all transactions with these parties qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

6. TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has determined and informed the Employer by a letter dated March 31, 2014, that the Plan is designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the IRC. Management has not received a volume submitter profit-sharing advisory letter specifically for the Plan amendments executed subsequent to March 31, 2014 but believes the Plan is in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the organization has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Department of Labor. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2016 there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however; there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The 2014, 2015, and 2016 tax years are open for income tax examinations.

7. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Employer has the right under the Plan agreement to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. Should the Plan terminate, all participants would remain fully vested and their respective accounts would be non-forfeitable.

8. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO SCHEDULE H OF FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of investments per the financial statements to Schedule H of Form 5500 at December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	$ 97,693,735	$ 82,334,032
Loans deemed to be distributed and have no post-default payment	(29,764)	(28,250)
Net assets per Schedule H of the Form 5500	$ 97,663,971	$ 82,305,782

9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

We have evaluated subsequent events through July 6, 2017, the date that these financial statements were available for issuance. There were no material subsequent events as of that date.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

MERIT ENERGY COMPANY SAVINGS TRUST

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

EIN: 75-2280562 Plan Number: 001
DECEMBER 31, 2016

	IDENTITY OF ISSUER, BORROWER, LESSOR OR SIMILAR PARTY	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT INCLUDING MATURITY DATE, RATE OF INTEREST, COLLATERAL, PAR OR MATURITY VALUE	COST	CURRENT VALUE
	Mutual Funds:			
	Oakmark Select Funds	Oakmark Select I	**	$ 1,133,647
	Oakmark Funds	Oakmark Fund I	**	3,270,336
	Northern Institutional Funds	Northern Small Cap Value	**	1,181,037
	Vanguard	Vanguard VMMR-Fed Mkt	**	5,878,960
	Vanguard	Vanguard Tot Intl Stk Ad	**	2,196,134
	Vanguard	Vanguard Small Cap Gr Idx Adm	**	2,689,245
	Artisan Funds	AF Wash Mutl Inv R6	**	1,927,232
	Artisan Funds	Artisan Mid Cap Value IS	**	2,447,774
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Spartan US Bond Index IS	**	6,917,830
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Spartan US Bond Index Inst	**	7,858,484
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Contrafund K	**	4,975,650
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Balanced K	**	1,699,158
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Low PR Stock K	**	3,147,409
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Diversified Intl K	**	4,739,999
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Growth Co K	**	7,236,310
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Mid Cap Stock K	**	5,052,988
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K Income	**	682,173
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2005	**	22,733
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2010	**	347,059
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2015	**	428,920
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2020	**	8,079,533
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2025	**	2,651,169
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2030	**	4,777,077
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2035	**	2,147,602
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2040	**	7,036,032
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2045	**	3,457,442
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2050	**	2,409,832
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2055	**	1,128,209
*	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Fidelity Freedom K 2060	**	180,836
*	Merit Energy Company Savings Trust Plans Loan Fund	3.25%-5.50% interest and varying maturities	**	1,963,161
	Net Assets		**	$ 97,663,971

* Indicates each identified person/entity known to be a party-in-interest for the year ended December 31, 2016

** Historical cost information omitted as permitted for participant-directed transactions under an individual account plan

See accompanying independent auditor's report.