## Form 5500-SF

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

## Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed 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-SF.

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Part I	Annual Report lo	dentification Information							
For calen	dar plan year 2016 or fisc	cal plan year beginning 01/01/2	016 and ending 12	2/31/2016					
A This re	eturn/report is for:	a single-employer plan  a one-participant plan	a multiple-employer plan (not multiemployer) (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)  a foreign plan						
<b>B</b> This re	turn/report is	the first return/report an amended return/report	the final return/report a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)						
C Check	box if filing under:	Form 5558 special extension (enter descr	. ,	DFVC program					
Part II	Basic Plan Infor	mation—enter all requested inf	formation						
1a Name THE MERZ	e of plan Z AGENCY, INC. 401(K) F	PLAN		<b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001				
				1c Effective date 01/0	of plan 01/2002				
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)				2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 91-1189740					
THE MERZ	AGENCY, INC.			2c Sponsor's telephone number 425-453-1264					
3055 - 112TH AVE NE SUITE 102 BELLEVUE, WA 98004				2d Business code (see instructions) 524210					
3a Plan	administrator's name and	l address 🗵 Same as Plan Spon	nsor.	3b Administrator's  3c Administrator's	s EIN s telephone number				
		plan sponsor has changed since to ber from the last return/report.	the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the	4b EIN					
<b>a</b> Spon	sor's name			4c PN					
<b>5a</b> Total	I number of participants a	t the beginning of the plan year		5a	5				
<b>b</b> Total number of participants at the end of the plan year			5b	6					
C Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)			5c						
d(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year		5d(1)	5						
d(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year			5d(2)	5					
<b>e</b> Num	nber of participants that tended to the control of	erminated employment during the	plan year with accrued benefits that were less	5e	(				
Caution:	A penalty for the late or	r incomplete filing of this return	n/report will be assessed unless reasonable ca						
SB or Sch	nalties of perjury and othe nedule MB completed and strue, correct, and comple	d signed by an enrolled actuary, a	ctions, I declare that I have examined this return/reas well as the electronic version of this return/repor	eport, including, if app rt, and to the best of n	icable, a Schedule ny knowledge and				

09/19/2017 ROBERT MERZ Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. SIGN **HERE** Signature of plan administrator Date Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator **SIGN HERE** Signature of employer/plan sponsor Dat<u>e</u> Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number ) Preparer's telephone number CAROL COLBY 847-776-2125 119 E PALATINE ROAD, SUITE 104

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under 29 CFR 2520,104-467 (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.)		Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligib		,						X Yes	No No		
C If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)?	D	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,							X Yes	No			
7 Plan Assets and Liabilities	С						_			Not dete	ermined		
a Total plan assets	Pa	rt III   Financial Information						•					
a Total plan assets	7	Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning	of Year				(b) End o	of Year			
C Net plan statistics sessets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	а	Total plan assets	7a								)		
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year a Contributions received or receivable from: (1) Employers	b	Total plan liabilities	7b		0		0						
a Contributions received or receivable from: (i) Employers. (ii) Employers. (iii) Employers. (iiii) Employers. (iiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiii	С	Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	1	1405388			1521240					
(1) Employers	8	Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		(a) Amount			(b) Total						
(2) Participants	а				6199								
(3) Others (including rollovers)													
b Other income (loss)					10100								
C Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			99553								
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)						-				115852	2		
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions).  8			80						110002				
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)			8d		0								
g Other expenses	е	Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions).	8e		0								
Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	f	Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f		0								
Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	g	Other expenses	8g		0								
Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	<u>h</u>	Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h										
Part IV Plan Characteristics  9a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:    E	<u>i</u>	Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i						115852				
9a	j	Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j										
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:    Part V   Compliance Questions	Pai	Part IV Plan Characteristics											
Part V Compliance Questions  10 During the plan year:  a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program)	9a		feature co	odes from the List of Pl	an Cha	racteri	stic Co	des in	the instr	uctions:			
10 During the plan year:  a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program)  b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)  c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?  d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?  e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)  f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?  g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)  h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)  10 If 100 was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the	b	If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare f	eature cod	des from the List of Pla	n Chara	acteris	tic Coc	les in t	he instru	ctions:			
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d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	b	<b>b</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions					X						
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2520.101-3.)	g	<b>g</b> Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)					X						
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	i				10i								

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Part	VI	Pension Funding Compliance							
11	Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and line 11a below)							es No	
11a Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40					11a				
12 Is this a defined contribution plan subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Code or section ERISA?								es X No	
		Yes," complete line 12a or lines 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e below, as applicable.) vaiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see inst	ruotior	20.000	d ontor t	ho data	of the letter	ruling	
	gran	ting the waiver	onth _	15, and	_ Day		Year _		
		ompleted line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 5500), and skip to line 1			406				
<u> </u>	Enter	the minimum required contribution for this plan year			12b				
С	Enter	the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year			12c				
d		ract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the leastive amount)			12d			_	
<u>e</u>	Will	the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline?				Yes	No	N/A	
Part '	VII	Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets							
13a	Has	a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year?				Yes	s X No	)	
	If "Y	es," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year			13a				
b		e all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brouging of the PBGC?					Yes X	No	
С		uring this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identifich assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)	y the p	plan(s)	) to				
1	3c(1)	Name of plan(s):		13c(2)	EIN(s)		13c(3)	PN(s)	
Part	VIII	Trust Information							
14a Name of trust					14b <sup>-</sup>	l <b>b</b> Trust's EIN			
14c Name of trustee or custodian						4d Trustee's or custodian's telephone number			
Part	: IX	IRS Compliance Questions							
15a	Is the	plan a 401(k) plan? If "No," skip b		Yes		[	No		
401(k)(3) for the plan year? Check all that apply:			·	ign-based "Prior year" Al harbor test			ar" ADP		
			"Curre	rent year" N/A P test					
				entage	ge Average N/A benefit test N/A				
<b>16b</b> 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?				☐ No					
17a 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/									
17b 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/									
18 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?				Ye	s No				
19	Was	any plan participant a 5% owner who had attained at least age 70 $^{1\!\!/}_{2}$ during the prior plan year?			Ye	s [	No		