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.**

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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
- [X] special extension (enter description) HURRICANE IRMA

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
THE Q.E.P. CO., INC. 401(K) PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

1c Effective date of plan 03/01/1992

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)
Q.E.P. CO., INC.

1001 BROKEN SOUND PARKWAY NW
BOCA RATON, FL 33487

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
13-2983807

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
561-994-5550

2d Business code (see instructions)
327300

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.	10/26/2017	RIMMA P CASTRO
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	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**	571
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)**	517
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	532
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	1
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	61
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	594
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	594
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	353
h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	8
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:

2E 2J 2F 2G 2K 3D 3H 2T

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) [X]	Insurance	**(1)** [X]	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)** [X] 1 **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 A (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

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.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

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THE Q.E.P. CO., INC. 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
Q.E.P. CO., INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
13-2983807

Part I **Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions** Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
04-1590850	65935	MR 61140	594	01/01/2016	12/31/2016

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
8548	0

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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250 PEHLE AVE W #400
SADDLE BROOK, NJ 07663

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
8548			1

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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	0

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.	6d	

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity

(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee

(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT

b	Balance at the end of the previous year			7b	4242838
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	281540		
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)	0		
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	154269		
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)	875229		
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	63159		
	▶ LN INT, LN PRIN, LOAN DEFAULT, TRAN				
	(6)Total additions			7c(6)	1374197
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)			7d	5617035
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	531458		
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	2077		
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	0		
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	17048		
	▶ LN DISTRIB				
	(5) Total deductions			7e(5)	550583
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)			7f	5066452

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

a ☐ Health (other than dental or vision) **b** ☐ Dental **c** ☐ Vision **d** ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness) **f** ☐ Long-term disability **g** ☐ Supplemental unemployment **h** ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible) **j** ☐ HMO contract **k** ☐ PPO contract **l** ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	**9a(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	**9a(2)**			
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	**9a(3)**			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			**9a(4)**	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	**9b(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	**9b(2)**			
(3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**)			**9b(3)**	
(4) Claims charged			**9b(4)**	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	**9c(1)(A)**			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	**9c(1)(B)**			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	**9c(1)(C)**			
(D) Other expenses	**9c(1)(D)**			
(E) Taxes	**9c(1)(E)**			
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	**9c(1)(F)**			
(G) Other retention charges	**9c(1)(G)**			
(H) Total retention			**9c(1)(H)**	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line **9c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.			**10b**	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

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.**

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Q.E.P. CO., INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
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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

MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.

04-1590850

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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)

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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?
15 38 52 60 63 64 72	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	6194	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	1390	Yes [X] No [ ]

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

MMA SECURITIES LLC

22-3570392

(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?
53	SHAREHOLDER SERVICE PROVI	0	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	19464	Yes [ ] No [X]

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

ENVESTNET RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS, LLC

61-1732930

(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	INVESTMENT ADVISER	0	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	0	Yes [X] 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)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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			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
MMA SECURITIES LLC	53	19464

(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.
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO. 04-1590850	COMMISSIONS AND FEES

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	15 38	1390

(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.
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO. 04-1590850	PLAN RELATED EXPENSES

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	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.
EATON VANCE ATLANTA CAP SMID-CAP FD 04-2325690	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

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
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	72	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.
SELECT METWEST TOTAL RETURN BOND FD 04-2483041	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	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.
MFS GOVERNMENT SECURITIES FUND 04-3158862	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	72	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.
PREM U.S. GOVT MNY MKT FD BARINGS 04-3212059	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	72	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.
MM S&P 500 INDEX FDNORTHERN TRUST 04-3410047	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	72	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.
PREMIER HIGH YIELD FUND BARINGS 04-3520009	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	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.
FRANKLIN GROWTH FUND 13-2573775	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

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
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	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.
FRANKLIN SMALL CAP VALUE FUND 13-3151768	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	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.
OPPENHEIMER INTERNATIONAL GR FUND 13-3867060	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	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.
GOLDMAN SACHS MID CAP VALUE FUND 13-5108880	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

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
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	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.
AMERICAN FUNDS FNDMNTL INVSTRS FND 22-1557722	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	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.
JPMORGAN MID CAP GROWTH FUND 26-3613641	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	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.
JP MORGAN SMARTRETIREMENT 2015 FUND 33-1043149	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

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
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	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.
JP MORGAN SMARTRETIREMENT 2025 FUND 33-1043149	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	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.
JP MORGAN SMARTRETIREMENT 2035 FUND 33-1043149	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	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.
JP MORGAN SMARTRETIREMENT 2045 FUND 33-1043149	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

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
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	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.
JP MORGAN SMARTRETIREMENT 2055 FUND 33-1043149	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	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.
JP MORGAN SMARTRETIREMENT INCM FUND 33-1043149	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	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.
AMERICAN CENTURY MID CAP VALUE FUND 44-6006315	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

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
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	72	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.
MM S&P MID CAP INDEX FUND NRTN TR 45-5349772	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	72	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.
MM MSCI EAFE INTL INDX FD NRTN TR 45-5357167	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	72	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.
MM RSL 2000 SMCAP INDX FD NRTN TR 45-5366542	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

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
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	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.
AMER FUNDS WASH MUTUAL INVS FUND 66-0793788	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	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.
INVESCO SMALL CAP DISCOVERY FUND 76-0343427	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	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.
FRANKLIN INCOME FUND 94-3025603	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

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
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	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.
AMERICAN FNDS CAP WLD GR AND INC FD 95-1411037	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.	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.
INVESCO COMSTOCK FUND 95-2513084	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
ENVESTNET RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS, LLC	27	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.
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO. 04-1590850	BASIS POINTS * PLAN ASSETS

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:

Explanation:

a Name:	**b** EIN:
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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).

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

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2016

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

A Name of plan
THE Q.E.P. CO., INC. 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
Q.E.P. CO., INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
13-2983807

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		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	457471	492410
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	10738701	11081398
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	4242838	5066453
(15) Other	1c(15)		

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
	(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	15439010	16640261
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g		
h	Operating payables	1h		
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j	Other liabilities	1j	50035	54432
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	50035	54432
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	15388975	16585829

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)	150218	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	900373	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	134124	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		1184715
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	21516	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	154270	
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		175786
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	457625	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		457625
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
	(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)		
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
	(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)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		493734
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		2311860
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1108812	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		1108812
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	6194	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		6194
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1115006
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		1196854
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(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)** [X] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

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

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

(1) Name: BKD LLP **(2)** EIN: 44-0160260

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		1600000
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			
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
THE Q.E.P. CO., INC. 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
Q.E.P. CO., INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
13-2983807

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** 0

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): 04-1590850

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 _____

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): _____

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 _____/_____/_____.

The Q.E.P. Co., Inc. 401(k) Plan

EIN 13-2983807 PN 004

Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

December 31, 2016 and 2015

BKD LLP
CPAs & Advisors

The Q.E.P. Co., Inc. 401(k) Plan

December 31, 2016 and 2015

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Independent Auditor's Report

Plan Administrator
The Q.E.P. Co., Inc. 401(k) Plan
Boca Raton, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of The Q.E.P. Co., Inc. 401(k) Plan, which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, 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 our audits 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 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 9, which was certified by State Street Bank and Trust Company and Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, the custodians of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the custodians hold the Plan's investment assets and notes receivable from participants and execute transactions related to these assets. The plan administrator has obtained certifications from the custodians as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, that the information provided to the plan administrator by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company is complete and accurate and by State Street Bank and Trust Company is complete and accurate to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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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 – Supplemental Schedule

The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of 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 purpose 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 this supplemental schedule.

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 by the custodians, 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 Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974*.

BKD, LLP

Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois
October 19, 2017

Federal Employer Identification Number: 44-0160260

The Q.E.P. Co., Inc. 401(k) Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2016 and 2015

Assets

	2016	2015
Investments		
At fair value	$ 11,081,398	$ 10,738,701
At contract value	5,066,453	4,242,838
Total investments	16,147,851	14,981,539
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	492,410	457,471
Total assets	16,640,261	15,439,010

Liabilities

Excess contributions payable to participants	54,432	50,035
Net Assets Available for Benefits	$ 16,585,829	$ 15,388,975

The Q.E.P. Co., Inc. 401(k) Plan

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
Additions		
Investment income (loss)		
Interest and dividends	$ 611,895	$ 627,788
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	493,734	(789,520)
Total investment income (loss)	1,105,629	(161,732)
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	21,516	21,540
Contributions		
Participants	900,373	897,535
Employer	150,218	182,372
Rollovers	134,124	140,850
Total contributions	1,184,715	1,220,757
Total additions	2,311,860	1,080,565
Deductions		
Benefits paid directly to participants	1,108,812	1,365,335
Administrative expenses	6,194	13,303
Total deductions	1,115,006	1,378,638
Net Increase (Decrease)	1,196,854	(298,073)
Net Assets Available for Benefits, Beginning of Year	15,388,975	15,687,048
Net Assets Available for Benefits, End of Year	$ 16,585,829	$ 15,388,975

The Q.E.P. Co., Inc. 401(k) Plan
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2016 and 2015

Note 1: Description of the Plan

The following description of The Q.E.P. Co., Inc. 401(k) Plan (Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a participant-directed 401(k) plan covering all employees of The Q.E.P. Co., Inc. (Company) and its subsidiaries. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* (ERISA), as amended by subsequent legislation. Effective February 1, 2016, the plan was amended and restated to adopt the most recent prototype 401(k) defined contribution plan and trust sponsored by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (Mass Mutual). There were no changes to plan provisions.

Eligibility

All employees 18 years of age or older are eligible to participate in the Plan on the first day of the month following completion of three months of service for salary deferral contributions and employer discretionary match contributions and one year of service for discretionary profit sharing contributions.

Contributions

Participants may elect to contribute up to 100% of their pre-tax or after-tax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, subject to certain the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) limits. Participants who have attained age 50 by the end of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions as permitted under the IRC.

The Company may contribute a matching contribution equal to a percentage of the participant's elective contribution. Contributions from the Company are subject to certain limitations and are discretionary. For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Company elected to contribute 25% of each participant's elective contributions, up to 6% of the participant's compensation. The Company has elected not to make a profit sharing contribution for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Investment Options

Participants must direct their salary deferral contributions and the Company's match and profit sharing contribution into a variety of investment funds. Participants may change their investment options at any time.

The Q.E.P. Co., Inc. 401(k) Plan
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2016 and 2015

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of the Company's discretionary contributions, plan earnings and administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested for all participant contributions to the Plan. Company-match and profit sharing contributions vest ratably over a period of three years based on achieving 1,000 hours of service in a calendar year, over a period of three years. Additionally, years of services with acquired subsidiaries are recognized for plan vesting purposes.

Payment of Benefits

In the event of retirement, death, disability or termination of employment, a normal distribution in the form of a lump sum equal to the vested interest of the participant's account is distributed to the participant or the participant's beneficiary. For balances less than $1,000, the plan administrator will force distribution; for amounts between $1,000 and less than $5,000; the plan administrator will rollover the balance into a Mass Mutual IRA and amounts over $5,000 must be distributed no later than age 70½. Participants can also elect to have their distribution paid in substantially equal installments or establish an annuity directly with Mass Mutual to take annuity payments for a period not to exceed the participant's life expectancy or the life expectancy of their designated beneficiary.

Administrative Expenses

Loan processing fees are paid by the participant, and certain other administrative expenses are paid by the Plan. Certain investment fees are netted in the net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

Notes Receivable From Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts up to an amount equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The minimum loan amount a participant may borrow is $1,000. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a reasonable rate of interest determined by the Company. The note's principal and interest are to be paid ratably through bi-weekly payroll deductions. Interest rates range from 4.25% to 8.50% at December 31, 2016, which is commensurate with local prevailing rates at the time of the loans.

Forfeitures

The nonvested account of a participant shall be forfeited as of the date the participant has ceased to be an employee. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled $175 and

$24,248, respectively. Forfeitures are normally used first to reduce the Company-matching and/or profit sharing contributions and any excess is applied to the payment of the Plan's administrative expenses. During 2016 and 2015, forfeitures of $25,076 and $23,342, respectively, were utilized to reduce Company contributions and administrative expenses.

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual method of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of changes in net assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value). The Plan's investments in mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices.

The Plan's investment in a guaranteed interest contract is fully benefit-responsive and is valued at contract value. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus interest at the contract rate, less participant withdrawals and administration expenses.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on the trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

Notes Receivable From Participants

Notes receivable from participants are reported at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest, with no allowance for credit losses, as repayments of principal and interest are received through payroll deductions.

Excess Contributions Payable

Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by Internal Revenue Service are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions. The Plan distributed the 2016 and 2015 excess contributions of $54,432 and $50,035, respectively, to the applicable participants in 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Note 3: Party-in-Interest Transactions

Certain plan investments are shares of mutual funds and a guaranteed interest contract managed by Mass Mutual. Mass Mutual provides investment management services to the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Investment, managerial, legal and auditing fees for the Plan are paid by the Company. Administrative expenses paid by the Plan totaled $6,194 and $13,303 for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Additionally, certain employees of the Company provide administrative and trustee services to the Plan and are not reimbursed by the Plan for such services.

Note 4: Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants and the measurement date. Fair value measurements must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There is a hierarchy of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; and other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs supported by little or no market activity and are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

The asset'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. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

The fair value of mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices of shares held by the Plan at year end (Level 1 inputs).

The preceding method described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are 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.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2016 and 2015:

		Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using		
	Fair Value	Quoted Prices in Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
December 31, 2016				
Mutual funds	$ 11,081,398	$ 11,081,398	$ -	$ -
December 31, 2015				
Mutual funds	$ 10,738,701	$ 10,738,701	$ -	$ -

Note 5: Guaranteed Interest Contract

The Plan has entered into a benefit-responsive investment contract with Mass Mutual through the Mass Mutual Separate Account Guaranteed Investment Contract (SAGIC) Diversified Bond. The SAGIC maintains the contributions in a separate account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The contract is included in the financial statements at contract value as reported to the Plan by Mass Mutual. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. The guaranteed investment contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan.

The guaranteed interest contract is fully benefit-responsive; therefore, the contract value is the relevant measurement. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by MMRS, a division of Mass

Mutual, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses.

There are no reserves against the contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise.

Certain events limit ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (1) amendments to the plan documents (including complete or partial plan termination or merger with another plan); (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion equity wash provisions, bankruptcy of the plan administrator or other plan administrator events (such as, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan or (3) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The plan administrator does not believe that any events which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants are probable.

The guaranteed interest contract does not permit the insurance company to terminate the agreement unless the Plan is not compliance with the investment agreement.

Note 6: Income Tax Status

The Plan operates under a standardized adoption agreement in connection with a Volume Submitter Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan sponsored by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company. This prototype plan document has been filed with the appropriate agency and has obtained an opinion letter dated March 31, 2014, from the Internal Revenue Service stating that the prototype constitutes a qualified plan under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code and that the related trust was tax exempt as of the financial statement date.

Note 7: Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risks associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Note 8: Information Certified by the Custodians

The plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, State Street Bank and Trust Company and Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, the custodians of the Plan, have certified that the following data

included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedules is complete and accurate:

- Investments, at fair value, and notes receivable from participants, as shown in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2016 and 2015.
- Dividend and interest income, net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments and interest income from participants' notes receivable, as shown in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.
- The information included in the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2016.

The Plan's independent auditors did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

Note 9: Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

Note 10: Subsequent Events

Plan management has evaluated subsequent events through the date of the Independent Auditor's Report, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Supplemental Schedule

The Q.E.P. Co., Inc. 401(k) Plan

EIN 13-2983807 PN 004

Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 2016

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
		Mutual funds		
	American Funds	Fundamental Investors Fund	**	$ 772,050
	Franklin Templeton Investments	Growth Fund	**	1,111,113
	Franklin Templeton Investments	Income Fund	**	480,476
	American Century	American Century Mid Cp Val Fd	**	300,070
	American Funds	Washington Mutual Investors Fund	**	778,213
	Invesco	Small Cap Discovery Fund	**	705,175
*	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	International Index Fund	**	152,906
*	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	Russell 2000 Small Cap Index Fund	**	839,149
*	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	S&P 500 Index Fund	**	261,135
*	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	Mid Cap Index Fund	**	284,559
*	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	Premier High Yield Fund	**	273,909
	American Funds	Capital World Growth and Income Fund	**	688,490
*	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	Select PIMCO Total Return Fund	**	323,892
	JP Morgan	Diversified Mid Cap Growth Fund	**	44,727
	JP Morgan	Smart Retirement 2015 Fund	**	219,132
	JP Morgan	Smart Retirement 2025 Fund	**	1,440,719
	JP Morgan	Smart Retirement 2035 Fund	**	1,375,501
	JP Morgan	Smart Retirement 2045 Fund	**	623,475
	JP Morgan	Smart Retirement 2055 Fund	**	77,235
	JP Morgan	Smart Retirement Income Fund	**	37,265
	MFS	Government Securities Fund	**	180,681
	Oppenheimer	International Growth Fund	**	11,315
	Eaton Vance Atlanta	Mid Cap Fund	**	26,119
	Franklin Templeton Investments	Small Cap Value Fund	**	74,092
				11,081,398
		Guaranteed interest contract		
*	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	SAGIC Diversified Bond	**	5,066,453
		Notes receivable from participants		
*	Participant loans	4.25% - 8.50% interest	-0-	492,410
				$ 16,640,261

*Denotes a party-in-interest.

**Cost information not required for participant-directed investments.

A Name of Plan	B Three-digit plan Number
The Q.E.P. Co., Inc. 401(k) Plan	004
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	**D Employer Identification Number**
Q.E.P. Co., Inc.	132983807

Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar part	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest,collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	MassMutual	Guaranteed Interest Account	5,066,453	5,066,453
*	MassMutual Premier	Holding Account - MF-G	0	17
*	Franklin/Templeton	MF-1772	486,152	480,476
*	MassMutual Select	MF-AX	239,017	261,135
*	Franklin/Templeton	MF-CAS	932,418	1,111,113
*	Eaton Vance	MF-CBA	26,370	26,119
*	MassMutual Select	MF-CBR	858,494	839,149
*	MassMutual Select	MF-CBY	283,839	284,559
*	MassMutual Select	MF-CCE	175,073	152,906
*	JP Morgan	MF-CCX	77,369	77,235
*	American Century	MF-CDK	291,077	300,070
*	Oppenheimer	MF-D6	11,732	11,315
*	Goldman Sachs	MF-EW	0	0
*	JP Morgan	MF-IX	37,394	37,246
*	Invesco	MF-JD	0	0
*	MassMutual Premier	MF-JH	293,910	273,909
*	JP Morgan	MF-M6	221,182	219,132
*	JP Morgan	MF-P6	1,462,476	1,440,719
*	JP Morgan	MF-PM	49,246	44,727
*	JP Morgan	MF-R6	1,398,961	1,375,501
*	Invesco	MF-RD	803,738	705,175
*	Franklin/Templeton	MF-SF	71,262	74,092
*	JP Morgan	MF-U6	631,702	623,475
*	MFS Investment Management	MF-UG	184,979	180,681
*	American Funds	MF-VC	784,226	778,213
*	American Funds	MF-VO	724,492	772,050
*	American Funds	MF-VY	683,691	688,490
*	MassMutual Select	MF-WZA	338,682	323,892
	Participant Loans	4.250000 - 7.750000	0	492,410

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The Q.E.P. Co., Inc. 401(k) Plan	004
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	**D Employer Identification Number**
Q.E.P. Co., Inc.	132983807

Schedule C Formula Description and/or EIC Statement Description

Service Provider Name	Service Provider EIN	Service Provider Address	Formula / EIC Statement
American Century	446006315		MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by American Century with respect to American Century Mid Cap Value Fund (MF-CDK).
American Funds	221557722		MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by American Funds with respect to American Funds Fndmntl Invstrs Fnd (MF-VO).
American Funds	660793788		MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by American Funds with respect to Amer Funds Wash Mutual Invs Fund (MF-VC).
American Funds	951411037		MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by American Funds with respect to American Fnds Cap Wld Gr and Inc Fd (MF-VY).
Eaton Vance	042325690		MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by Eaton Vance with respect to Eaton Vance Atlanta Cap SMID-Cap Fd (MF-CBA).
Envestnet Retirement Solutions, LLC	611732930		MassMutual paid Envestnet Retirement Solutions LLC (ERS) an annual fee based on a tiered % of assets equal to .69 bps of the aggregate assets of all participating plans in the Fiduciary Assure® Program with respect to ERS's investment advisory svcs.
Franklin/Templeton	132573775		MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by Franklin/Templeton with respect to Franklin Growth Fund (MF-CAS).
Franklin/Templeton	133151768		MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by Franklin/Templeton with respect to Franklin Small Cap Value Fund (MF-SF).
Franklin/Templeton	943025603		MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by Franklin/Templeton with respect to Franklin Income Fund (MF-1772).
Goldman Sachs	135108880		MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by Goldman Sachs with respect to Goldman Sachs Mid Cap Value Fund (MF-EW).
Invesco	760343427		MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by Invesco with respect to Invesco Small Cap Discovery Fund (MF-RD).
Invesco	952513084		MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by Invesco with respect to Invesco Comstock Fund (MF-JD).
JP Morgan	263613641		MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by JP Morgan with respect to JPMorgan Mid Cap Growth Fund (MF-PM).
JP Morgan	331043149		MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by JP Morgan with respect to JP Morgan SmartRetirement 2015 Fund (MF-M6).
JP Morgan	331043149		MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by JP Morgan with respect to JP Morgan SmartRetirement 2025 Fund (MF-P6).
JP Morgan	331043149		MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by JP Morgan with respect to JP Morgan SmartRetirement 2035 Fund (MF-R6).
JP Morgan	331043149		MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by JP Morgan with respect to JP Morgan SmartRetirement 2045 Fund (MF-U6).
JP Morgan	331043149		MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by JP Morgan with respect to JP Morgan SmartRetirement 2055 Fund (MF-CCX).
JP Morgan	331043149		MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees

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Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	received by JP Morgan with respect to JP Morgan SmartRetirement Incm Fund (MF-IX).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to Amer Funds Wash Mutual Invs Fund (MF-VC).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to American Century Mid Cap Value Fund (MF-CDK).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to American Fnds Cap Wld Gr and Inc Fd (MF-VY).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to American Funds Fndmntl Invstrs Fnd (MF-VO).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to Eaton Vance Atlanta Cap SMID-Cap Fd (MF-CBA).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to Franklin Growth Fund (MF-CAS).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to Franklin Income Fund (MF-1772).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to Franklin Small Cap Value Fund (MF-SF).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to Goldman Sachs Mid Cap Value Fund (MF-EW).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to Invesco Comstock Fund (MF-JD).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to Invesco Small Cap Discovery Fund (MF-RD).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to JP Morgan SmartRetirement 2015 Fund (MF-M6).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to JP Morgan SmartRetirement 2025 Fund (MF-P6).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to JP Morgan SmartRetirement 2035 Fund (MF-R6).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to JP Morgan SmartRetirement 2045 Fund (MF-U6).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to JP Morgan SmartRetirement 2055 Fund (MF-CCX).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to JP Morgan SmartRetirement Incm Fund (MF-IX).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to JPMorgan Mid Cap Growth Fund (MF-PM).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to MFS Government Securities Fund (MF-UG).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to MM MSCI EAFE Intl Indx Fd (Nrtn Tr) (MF-CCE).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to MM Rsl 2000 SmCap Indx Fd (Nrtn Tr) (MF-CBR).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to MM S&P 500 Index Fd(Northern Trust) (MF-AX).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to MM S&P Mid Cap Index Fund (Nrtn Tr) (MF-CBY).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to Oppenheimer International Gr Fund (MF-D6).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the plan with the required written disclosure for 12b-1 Fees received by MassMutual with respect to Select MetWest Total Return Bond Fd (MF-WZA).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for float revenue received by MassMutual.
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by MassMutual with respect to MM MSCI EAFE Intl Indx Fd (Nrtn Tr) (MF-CCE).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by MassMutual with respect to MM Rsl 2000 SmCap Indx Fd (Nrtn Tr) (MF-CBR).

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Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by MassMutual with respect to Prem U.S. Govt Mny Mkt Fd (Barings) (MF-G).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by MassMutual with respect to Premier High Yield Fund (Barings) (MF-JH).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by MassMutual with respect to Select MetWest Total Return Bond Fd (MF-WZA).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Administrative Fees of (10 basis points * plan assets) with respect to Prem U.S. Govt Mny Mkt Fd (Barings) (MF-G).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Administrative Fees of (15 basis points * plan assets) with respect to Premier High Yield Fund (Barings) (MF-JH).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Administrative Fees of (20 basis points * plan assets) with respect to MM MSCI EAFE Intl Indx Fd (Nrtn Tr) (MF-CCE).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Administrative Fees of (20 basis points * plan assets) with respect to MM Rsl 2000 SmCap Indx Fd (Nrtn Tr) (MF-CBR).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Administrative Fees of (20 basis points * plan assets) with respect to MM S&P Mid Cap Index Fund (Nrtn Tr) (MF-CBY).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Administrative Fees of (20 basis points * plan assets) with respect to Select MetWest Total Return Bond Fd (MF-WZA).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Administrative Fees of (25 basis points * plan assets) with respect to MM S&P 500 Index Fd(Northern Trust) (MF-AX).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Sub-TA Fees of (15 basis points * plan assets) with respect to Amer Funds Wash Mutual Invs Fund (MF-VC).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Sub-TA Fees of (15 basis points * plan assets) with respect to American Fnds Cap Wld Gr and Inc Fd (MF-VY).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Sub-TA Fees of (15 basis points * plan assets) with respect to American Funds Fndmntl Invstrs Fnd (MF-VO).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Sub-TA Fees of (25 basis points * plan assets) with respect to Eaton Vance Atlanta Cap SMID-Cap Fd (MF-CBA).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Sub-TA Fees of (25 basis points * plan assets) with respect to Franklin Growth Fund (MF-CAS).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Sub-TA Fees of (25 basis points * plan assets) with respect to Franklin Income Fund (MF-1772).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Sub-TA Fees of (25 basis points * plan assets) with respect to Franklin Small Cap Value Fund (MF-SF).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Sub-TA Fees of (25 basis points * plan assets) with respect to JP Morgan SmartRetirement 2015 Fund (MF-M6).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Sub-TA Fees of (25 basis points * plan assets) with respect to JP Morgan SmartRetirement 2025 Fund (MF-P6).
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Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Sub-TA Fees of (25 basis points * plan assets) with respect to JP Morgan SmartRetirement 2055 Fund (MF-CCX).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Sub-TA Fees of (25 basis points * plan assets) with respect to JP Morgan SmartRetirement Incm Fund (MF-IX).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Sub-TA Fees of (25 basis points * plan assets) with respect to JPMorgan Mid Cap Growth Fund (MF-PM).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Sub-TA Fees of (25 basis points * plan assets) with respect to MFS Government Securities Fund (MF-UG).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Sub-TA Fees of (30 basis points * plan assets) with respect to Goldman Sachs Mid Cap Value Fund (MF-EW).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Sub-TA Fees of (30 basis points * plan assets) with

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Company		respect to Invesco Comstock Fund (MF-JD).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Sub-TA Fees of (30 basis points * plan assets) with respect to Invesco Small Cap Discovery Fund (MF-RD).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Sub-TA Fees of (30 basis points * plan assets) with respect to Oppenheimer International Gr Fund (MF-D6).
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	041590850	MassMutual received estimated Sub-TA Fees of (35 basis points * plan assets) with respect to American Century Mid Cap Value Fund (MF-CDK).
Mesirow Financial Investment Management Inc.	363429599	MassMutual paid Mesirow an annual flat fee plus a tiered % of assets in total equal to .40 bps of the aggregate assets of all participating plans in the Fiduciary Assure® Program with respect to Mesirow's investment advisory services.
MFS Investment Management	043158862	MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by MFS Investment Management with respect to MFS Government Securities Fund (MF-UG).
Oppenheimer	133867060	MassMutual provided the Plan with the required written disclosure for Management Fees received by Oppenheimer with respect to Oppenheimer International Gr Fund (MF-D6).

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Schedule C Soft Dollar Compensation
Eligible Indirect Compensation Statement

Mutual fund investments of the plan (whether direct or indirect through a separate investment account) may have soft dollar arrangements pursuant to which the investment advisor or sub-advisor to the mutual fund (and/or its affiliates) may direct trades to certain brokers in exchange for research and other services, other than just trade execution. For plans investing directly or indirectly in the MassMutual Premier or Select Funds, MassMutual provided the required written disclosure regarding soft dollar compensation on the Schedule C Formula Description and/or EIC Statement Description Attachment. For all other mutual funds, MassMutual provided the required written disclosure in the Statement of Additional Information ("SAI").

For additional information on soft dollar compensation, refer to the section of the mutual fund's SAI that discusses brokerage allocation and other practices.

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