Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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

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

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2020 and ending 12/31/2020

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.)
- ☒ 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:
- ☒ Form 5558
- ☐ automatic extension
- ☐ the DFVC program
- ☐ special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
MERIT ENERGY COMPANY SAVINGS TRUST

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 09/01/1990

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

13727 NOEL RD
SUITE 1200
DALLAS, TX 75240

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 75-2280562

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

2d Business code (see instructions) 211110

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/22/2021	MELANIE LANE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/22/2021	TERRY GOTTBERG
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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 or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:

a Sponsor's name

c Plan Name

4b EIN

4d PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	1000
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)**	732
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	762
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	1
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	268
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	1031
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	2
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**	**6f**	1033
g	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	1023
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	0
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

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

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [ ] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [ ] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(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)** [ ] 0 **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 2020 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2020 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2020** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2020 and ending 12/31/2020

A Name of plan	**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶
MERIT ENERGY COMPANY SAVINGS TRUST	001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
MERIT ENERGY COMPANY, LLC	75-2280562

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

STRATEGIC ADVISORS, INC.

04-2654524

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	ADVISOR	39051	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	-38642	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

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

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
OAKMARK FUND INV - DST ASSET MANAG 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.35%

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
OAKMARK SELECT INV - DST ASSET MAN 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.35%

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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Part III	**Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)** (complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

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b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

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A Name of plan
MERIT ENERGY COMPANY SAVINGS TRUST

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

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

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
75-2280562

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	6819528	7065626
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	2041486	2320378
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	133625114	165890313
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

			(a) Beginning of Year	**(b)** End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	**1d(1)**	0	0
	(2) Employer real property	**1d(2)**	0	0
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	**1e**	0	0
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	**1f**	142486128	175276317
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	**1g**	0	0
h	Operating payables	**1h**	0	0
i	Acquisition indebtedness	**1i**	0	0
j	Other liabilities	**1j**	0	0
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	**1k**	0	0
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	**1l**	142486128	175276317

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.

			(a) Amount	**(b)** Total
	Income			
a	**Contributions:**			
	(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	**2a(1)(A)**	6996132	
	(B) Participants	**2a(1)(B)**	7689202	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	**2a(1)(C)**	2259675	
	(2) Noncash contributions	**2a(2)**	0	
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	**2a(3)**		16945009
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	**2b(1)(A)**	31175	
	(B) U.S. Government securities	**2b(1)(B)**	0	
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	**2b(1)(C)**	0	
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	**2b(1)(D)**	0	
	(E) Participant loans	**2b(1)(E)**	146041	
	(F) Other	**2b(1)(F)**	0	
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	**2b(1)(G)**		177216
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	**2b(2)(A)**	0	
	(B) Common stock	**2b(2)(B)**	0	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	**2b(2)(C)**	5139524	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	**2b(2)(D)**		5139524
	(3) Rents	**2b(3)**		0
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	**2b(4)(A)**	0	
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	**2b(4)(B)**	0	
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	**2b(4)(C)**		0
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	**2b(5)(A)**	0	
	(B) Other	**2b(5)(B)**	0	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	**2b(5)(C)**		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		24527483
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		46789232
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	13998634	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		13998634
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: **(1)** Professional fees	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	0	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	39051	
(4) Other	2i(4)	-38642	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		409
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		13999043
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		32790189
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

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) [ ] Unmodified **(2)** [ ] Qualified **(3)** [X] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) [X] DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 **(2)** [ ] DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) **(3)** [ ] neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

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

(1) Name: MOSS ADAMS LLP **(2)** EIN: 91-0189318

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	

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

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

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 Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

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

2020

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2020 and ending 12/31/2020

A Name of plan
MERIT ENERGY COMPANY SAVINGS TRUST

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

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

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
75-2280562

Part I Distributions

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

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

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

EIN(s): 04-6568107

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

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

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 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 deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	**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):

20 **PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation_____



REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MERIT ENERGY COMPANY SAVINGS TRUST

December 31, 2020 and 2019

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Report of Independent Auditors

The Retirement Committee
Merit Energy Company Savings Trust

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of Merit Energy Company Savings Trust (the Plan), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on conducting the 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 (DOL) *Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure* under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the Plan Administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 3, which was certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing this information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the Plan Administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's assets and executes transactions. The Plan Administrator has obtained certifications from the agent on behalf of the trustee as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and for the year ended December 31, 2020, that the information provided to the Plan Administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

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

Other Matter – Supplement Schedule of Assets

The supplemental schedule of assets as of the year ended December 31, 2020 is required by the DOL's *Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure* under ERISA and is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we do not express an opinion on the supplemental 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 agent of the trustee, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the DOL's *Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure* under ERISA.

Moss Adams LLP

Dallas, Texas
July 19, 2021

Merit Energy Company Savings Trust
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value		
Mutual funds	$ 7,065,626	$ 6,819,528
Money market accounts	165,890,313	133,625,114
Total investments	172,955,939	140,444,642
RECEIVABLES		
Notes receivable from participants	2,357,097	2,108,387
	2,357,097	2,108,387
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 175,313,036	$ 142,553,029

See accompanying notes.

Merit Energy Company Savings Trust
Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Year Ended December 31, 2020
INVESTMENT INCOME	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$ 24,527,482
Interest and dividend income	5,170,699
Other Income	38,642
Net investment income	29,736,823
INTEREST INCOME ON NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS	148,031
CONTRIBUTIONS	
Participant	7,689,202
Employer	6,996,132
Rollovers	2,259,675
Total contributions	16,945,009
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO	
Benefits paid to participants	14,030,806
Administrative expenses	39,050
Total deductions	14,069,856
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	32,760,007
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	
Beginning of year	142,553,029
End of year	$ 175,313,036

See accompanying notes.

Note 1 – Description of Plan

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

General

The Plan, as amended and restated, is a defined contribution plan established by Merit Energy Company (the Employer) under the provisions of Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), which includes a qualified deferred arrangement as described in Section 401(k) of the IRC, for the benefit of eligible employees of the Employer who become entitled to participate in the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). The Plan was restated effective December 1, 2019.

The Plan is administered by a committee (the Retirement Committee) appointed by the Employer. Administrative expenses are paid by the Employer except for those related to loans, which are paid by the respective participant. Fidelity Management Trust Company (the Trustee, Fidelity) maintains custody of the Plan's assets. Effective December 1, 2016, the Plan elected to pay administrative expenses from forfeitures. Effective December 1, 2017, a portion of revenue sharing were allocated to participant accounts.

Eligibility

Employees who are age 19 or older are eligible to participate in the Plan on the first day of employment. Employees who make deferral contributions are eligible for employer matching contributions when they start participating in the Plan.

Contributions

Employee – Each eligible employee may elect to contribute to the Plan on a pre-tax basis up to 60% of such participant's compensation. Each participant's annual contribution shall not exceed the maximum amount allowed for deferral for U.S. federal income taxes, which was $19,500 for 2020. Participants over 50 years old may make additional catch-up contributions up to $6,500. The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 6% of eligible compensation and their contributions invested in a designated fund until elected otherwise by the participant. For all employees with deferral rates less than 6%, their deferral rates are automatically increased by one percent each year until the deferral rate reaches 6%.

Employer – The Employer makes contributions equal to 100% up to the first 10% of earnings contributed into the Plan on a pre-tax basis. However, the Employer reserves the right to temporarily or permanently discontinue its contributions at any time.

Contributions are subject to regulatory limitations.

Note 1 – Description of Plan (continued)

Vesting
Participating employees are vested 100% in their pre-tax contributions and in any Employer-matching contributions plus related earnings at all times.

Payment of Benefits
On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or annual installments over a 10-year period. For termination of service for other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution.

Participant Accounts
Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and the Employer matching contributions. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. Participants direct the investment of their account into various investment options offered by the Plan.

Investment Options
As directed by participants, the Plan purchases units of participation in 30 distinct investment portfolios administered by the Plan Trustee, Fidelity. Under the Plan, participants are allowed to transfer funds between any investment options.

Participant Loans
Participants can apply for a loan from their 401(k) account. The amount of any such loan cannot exceed the lesser of 50% of the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her 401(k) account, or $50,000 reduced by the excess of the highest outstanding loan balances during the past year over the outstanding balance of loans on the date on which such loan is made. For purposes of the $50,000 limitation, all outstanding loans to a participant are aggregated. Plan loans must be repaid within five years; however, if the loan is used to acquire the principal residence of the participant, the loan may be repaid over a period not to exceed 10 years. Principal and interest are paid ratable through payroll deductions. All outstanding loan balances will become due and payable in their entirety upon the occurrence of a distributable event stated in the Plan document. The interest rate charged on any loan is fixed and will be equal to the "local prevailing commercial interest rate." Outstanding loans at December 31, 2020 carry interest rates varying between 3.25% and 7.50% with various maturities through October 27, 2030.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The Plan's financial statements are prepared in accordance with principles generally accepted in the United States of America, using the accrual method of accounting.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments of the Plan are stated at fair value. Securities traded in public markets are valued at their quoted market prices. The Plan's Trustee, Fidelity, certifies the fair value of all investments. If available, quoted market prices are used to value investments.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (the exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

The value of purchases and sales of securities are reflected on a trade-date basis. Changes in the market value of investments from one period to the next, combined with realized gains and losses based on differences between revalued costs and market value of investments on the trade date, are recognized as net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Estimates and Assumptions

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

Note 3 – Information Certified by the Trustee

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's *Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure* under ERISA. Accordingly, Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of:

- Investments and notes receivable from participants reflected on the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2020 and 2019.

- Net appreciation in fair value of investments, dividends, and interest, and interest income on notes receivable from participants reflected on the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2020.

- Investments reflected on the schedule of assets (held at end of year).

Note 4 – Fair Value Measurements

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

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

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

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

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

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There have been no changes in the techniques used at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Mutual Funds and Money Market Funds – Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

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

Note 4 – Fair Value Measurements (continued)

The following tables disclose the fair value hierarchy of the Plan's assets by level as of December 31, 2020 and 2019:

	Fair Value Measurement at December 31, 2020			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	$ 7,065,626	$ -	$ -	$ 7,065,626
Money market fund	165,890,313	-	-	165,890,313
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	$ 172,955,939	$ -	$ -	$ 172,955,939

	Fair Value Measurement at December 31, 2019			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	$ 6,819,528	$ -	$ -	$ 6,819,528
Money market fund	133,625,114	-	-	133,625,114
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	$ 140,444,642	$ -	$ -	$ 140,444,642

Note 5 – Party-in-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments are managed by the Trustee, Fidelity. Fidelity is the trustee of the Plan and, therefore, transactions with these entities qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management services to the Trustee, Fidelity were $39,000 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

The Trustee, Fidelity, receives revenue from mutual fund service providers for services they provide to the funds. This revenue is allocated to the accounts of the participants. During 2020, participants received $39,050 allocated to their accounts from revenue sharing.

Note 6 – Tax Status

The Plan document is a volume submitter defined contribution plan that received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service on March 31, 2014, which stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since the date of the opinion letter, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

Note 6 – Tax Status (continued)

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset), if the organization has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the DOL. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2020, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however; there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 7 – Risk and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market volatility, and credit risks. It is reasonably possible, given the level of risk associated with investment securities, that changes in the values of the investments in the near term could materially affect a participant's account balance and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

In 2019, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a public health emergency. The Company responded to the coronavirus outbreak by enabling almost all of its employees to work remotely, banning all non-essential travel and placing a temporary hold on most in-person meetings. The full extent of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the accompanying financial statements and the Plan's net assets available for benefits is currently unknown and will depend on many factors that are not within the Company's control, including, but not limited to, the duration and scope of the pandemic; governmental, business, and individuals' actions that have been and continue to be taken in response to the pandemic; general economic uncertainty in key global markets and financial market volatility; global economic conditions and levels of economic growth; and the pace of recovery when the COVID-19 pandemic subsides.

Note 8 – Plan Termination

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

Note 9 – Reconciliation of Financial Statements to the Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to net assets reported on Form 5500 at December 31, 2020 and 2019:

	2020	2019
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	$ 175,313,036	$ 142,553,029
Deemed loans deducted on Form 5500	(36,718)	(66,901)
Net assets per Form 5500	$ 175,276,318	$ 142,486,128

The following is a reconciliation of the change in net assets per the financial statements to net income reported on Form 5500 at December 31, 2020:

	2020
Change in net assets per the financial statements	$ 32,760,007
Prior year deemed loans deducted on Form 5500	66,901
Current year deemed loans deducted on Form 5500	(36,718)
Net income per Form 5500	$ 32,790,190

Note 10 – Subsequent Events

We have evaluated subsequent events through July 19, 2021, the date that these financial statements were available for issuance. There were no material subsequent events as of the date.

Supplemental Schedule

Required by the Department of Labor

Merit Energy Company Savings Trust
Schedule H, Line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
EIN: 75-2280562
Plan number: 001
December 31, 2020

	Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or	Cost	Current Value
	Oakmark Select I	Mutual fund	**	$ 1,025,525.62
	Oakmark Fund I	Mutual fund	**	3,630,008.28
	Northern Small Cap Value	Mutual fund	**	706,830.03
	Vanguard Small Cap Gr Idx Adm	Mutual fund	**	6,684,571.65
	AF Wash Mutl Inv R6	Mutual fund	**	3,005,354.22
	Artisan Mid Cap Value IS	Mutual fund	**	1,773,537.40
*	Fidelity US Bond Index	Mutual fund	**	9,755,845.41
*	Fidelity 500 Index Inst	Mutual fund	**	19,241,892.37
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*	Fidelity Balanced K	Mutual fund	**	2,782,553.43
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*	Fidelity Mid Cap Stock K	Mutual fund	**	7,608,618.67
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*	Fidelity Freedom 2005 K	Mutual fund	**	50,304.55
*	Fidelity Freedom 2010 K	Mutual fund	**	284,362.26
*	Fidelity Freedom 2015 K	Mutual fund	**	387,217.08
*	Fidelity Freedom 2020 K	Mutual fund	**	5,969,355.89
*	Fidelity Freedom 2025 K	Mutual fund	**	4,445,298.90
*	Fidelity Freedom 2030 K	Mutual fund	**	9,156,308.04
*	Fidelity Freedom 2035 K	Mutual fund	**	5,619,667.11
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*	Fidelity Freedom 2050 K	Mutual fund	**	6,320,250.53
*	Fidelity Freedom 2055 K	Mutual fund	**	5,440,516.97
*	Fidelity Freedom 2060 K	Mutual fund	**	1,439,476.49
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COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE RETIREMENT COMMITTEE
AND COMMUNICATION OF
INTERNAL CONTROL RELATED MATTERS

MERIT ENERGY COMPANY SAVINGS TRUST

December 31, 2020

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Communications with the Retirement Committee

To the Retirement Committee
Merit Energy Company Savings Trust

We have completed a Department of Labor (DOL) limited scope audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedule of Merit Energy Company Savings Trust (the Plan) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020. As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 3 to those financial statements. Because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we are unable to, and have not, expressed an opinion on those financial statements and supplemental schedule(s) taken as a whole. However, our limited scope audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Matters required to be communicated include the following:

- Our responsibility under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America
- Other information in documents containing audited financial statements
- Planned scope and timing of the audit
- Significant audit findings
  - Qualitative aspects of accounting practices
  - Significant accounting estimates
  - Financial statement disclosures
  - Significant difficulties encountered in performing the audit
  - Corrected and uncorrected misstatements
  - Disagreements with management
  - Management representations
  - Management consultation with other independent accountants
  - Other significant audit findings or issues
  - Communication of internal control related matters

Our Responsibility Under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America

Our responsibility is to plan and perform the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and to design the audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. We considered the Plan's internal control solely for the purposes of determining our audit procedures and not to provide assurance concerning such internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. As part of the scope limitation discussed in the first paragraph, we did not consider internal control relating to the information summarized in Note 3 to those financial statements.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the financial statement audit that, in our professional judgment, are relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

You should understand that our audit is not specifically designed for and should not be relied upon to disclose matters affecting plan qualifications or compliance with the ERISA and Internal Revenue Code requirements.

Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

The AICPA's Audit and Accounting Guide for Employee Benefit Plans requires that, before an auditor's report on the Plan's financial statements can be included with a filed Form 5500 (including any related schedules), the auditor must review the Form 5500 and consider whether there are any material inconsistencies between the other information in the form and the audited financial statements (including the related schedules) or any material misstatement of fact.

Our responsibility for other information in the Form 5500 does not extend beyond the financial information identified in our report. We do not have an obligation to perform any procedures to corroborate other information contained in the form, except as described above. However, we have read the information contained in the Form 5500 and nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information or its manner of presentation is materially inconsistent with the information or manner of its presentation in the financial statements.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in the engagement letter and planning discussions.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Plan are described in Note 2 to the financial statements.

No new accounting policies were adopted, and there were no changes in the application of existing accounting policies during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by the Plan during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transactions occurred.

Significant Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates may be an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates may be particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

We did not note any significant accounting estimates in the financial statements. Significant accounting estimates are not commonly inherent in a defined contribution plan with investments that are readily marketable.

Financial Statement Disclosures

The disclosures in the financial statements are consistent, clear, and understandable. Certain financial statement disclosures may be particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users.

We did not note any disclosures in the financial statements that we consider sensitive to potential users.

Significant Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all factual and judgmental misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management.

We did not note any uncorrected misstatements in the course of the engagement.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated July 19, 2021.

Management Consultation with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Plan's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Significant Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Plan's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship, and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Communication of Internal Control Related Matters

Our responsibility under auditing standards with respect to internal control is described above. Had the scope of our audit not been limited as described on page 1, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Plan's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, Retirement Committee, others within the organization, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We were pleased to serve and be associated with the Plan as the independent auditors for 2020. We provide the above information to assist you in performing your oversight responsibilities.

Moss Adams LLP

Dallas, Texas
July 19, 2021