

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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ 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)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan VERMONT GAS SYSTEMS, INC. 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
1c	Effective date of plan 07/01/1985
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) VERMONT GAS SYSTEMS, INC. 85 SWIFT STREET BURLINGTON, VT 05403
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 03-0228680
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 802-863-4511
2d	Business code (see instructions) 221210

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.	07/30/2024	JILL PFENNING
	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

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ 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	5 190
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 a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 139 6a(2) 144 6b 2 6c 51 6d 197 6e 0 6f 197 6g(1) 190 6g(2) 197 6h 9
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 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D 3H

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) ☒ 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) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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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) ☒ **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
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☐ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- (4) ☒ **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 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 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) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider 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.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan VERMONT GAS SYSTEMS, INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 VERMONT GAS SYSTEMS, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 03-0228680

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.

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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).....

No

Yes

X
- 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)

MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY

69 SWIFT STREET, 4TH FLOOR
BURLINGTON, VT 05402-1095

(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?
28 50 51	NONE	79931	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

ONEAMERICA RETIREMENT SERVICES, LLC

46-5378846

(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 37 38 50 64	NONE	36077	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

MATRIX TRUST COMPANY

75-3182674

(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?
19 21 25 62	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	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
MATRIX TRUST COMPANY	19 21 25 62	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.	
ONEAMERICA RETIREMENT SERVICES, LLC 46-5378846	ONEAMERICA HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH MATRIX TO PAY \$750 ANNUAL TRUST & CUSTODY FEE PLUS 2 BASIS POINTS ON MARKET VALUE ANNUALIZED MONTHLY	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(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.	
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury 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.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 VERMONT GAS SYSTEMS, INC.		
		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 03-0228680

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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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	16084	24
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	16877	29852
(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)	49317	52065
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	2893507	2029415
(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)	22474319	27693456
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(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	25450104	29804812
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	25450104	29804812

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)	1085867	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1419390	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	27872	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B), (C), and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		2533129
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)	3151	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	820080	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		823231
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B), and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(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)		
(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)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		54226
(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)		3359571
c Other income	2c		26396
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		6796553

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	2325837	
(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)		2325837
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	36077	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	79931	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		116008
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		2441845

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		4354708
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) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ 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) ☒ 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: MCSOLEY MCCOY & CO

(2) EIN: 03-0327374

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG 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. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		5000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
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?		☒	
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?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
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.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
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.			

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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan VERMONT GAS SYSTEMS, INC. 401(K) PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 VERMONT GAS SYSTEMS, INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 03-0228680
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): 75-3182674		
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		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (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): _____

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): _____

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): _____

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): _____

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): _____

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) 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) 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)	14a 14b 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
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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) and (b): a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____% b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
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: _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☒ Yes ☐ No 21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2). ☐ Design-based safe harbor method ☒ "Prior year" ADP test ☐ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A 22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>08 / 19 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q704137A</u> .	
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VERMONT GAS SYSTEMS, INC. 401(k) PLAN

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule
(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

December 31, 2023 and 2022

VERMONT GAS SYSTEMS, INC. 401(k) PLAN
Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule
December 31, 2023 and 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Audit Committee of
Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. 401(k) Plan
South Burlington, Vermont

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) [ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit]. The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, 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, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section—

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. 401(k) Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management 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, and for 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments; administering the Plan; and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such

procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. 401(k) Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion—

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

McSoley McCoy & Co.

South Burlington, Vermont

July 15, 2024

VT Reg. No. 92-349

VERMONT GAS SYSTEMS, INC. 401(K) PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets:		
Investments at fair value	\$ 27,693,456	\$ 22,474,319
Investments at contract value	<u>2,029,415</u>	<u>2,893,507</u>
Total investments	<u>29,722,871</u>	<u>25,367,826</u>
Cash	<u>24</u>	<u>16,084</u>
Receivables:		
Participant notes receivable	52,065	49,317
Employer contributions	<u>29,852</u>	<u>16,877</u>
Total receivables	<u>81,917</u>	<u>66,194</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 29,804,812</u>	<u>\$ 25,450,104</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

VERMONT GAS SYSTEMS, INC. 401(K) PLAN
Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment income (loss):		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 3,413,797	\$ (6,866,452)
Interest and dividend income	<u>849,627</u>	<u>881,828</u>
Total investment income (loss)	<u>4,263,424</u>	<u>(5,984,624)</u>
Contributions:		
Employee	1,419,390	1,277,214
Employer	1,085,867	880,784
Rollover	<u>27,872</u>	<u>105,148</u>
Total contributions	<u>2,533,129</u>	<u>2,263,146</u>
Total additions, net	<u>6,796,553</u>	<u>(3,721,478)</u>
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefit payments	2,325,837	3,120,717
Administrative expenses	<u>116,008</u>	<u>135,675</u>
Total deductions	<u>2,441,845</u>	<u>3,256,392</u>
Net increase (decrease) in net assets available for benefits	4,354,708	(6,977,870)
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of the year	<u>25,450,104</u>	<u>32,427,974</u>
Ending of the year	<u>\$ 29,804,812</u>	<u>\$ 25,450,104</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

VERMONT GAS SYSTEMS, INC. 401(k) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2023 and 2022

(1) Description of Plan

The following description of the Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. (the “Company”) 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Adoption Agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

(a) General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all full-time employees of the Company who are age eighteen or older. The Plan is sponsored and administered by the Company. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

(b) Contributions

Participants may elect to contribute up to 85% of pretax annual compensation to the Plan, subject to Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) limitations. 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, with a default deferral rate set at 5% of eligible compensation. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. The Company may make a discretionary matching contribution each year based on contributions made by participants. During 2023 and 2022, the Company made a matching contribution in the amount of 60% of the first 5% of base compensation, that a participant contributes to the Plan. The Plan also provides for employer contributions on behalf of all eligible participants hired, or rehired, on or after August 1, 2008. During 2023 and 2022, this employer “enhanced” contribution was equal to 4.5% of base pay.

(c) Participant Accounts

Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contributions, allocations of the Company’s contribution and Plan earnings. 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.

(d) Vesting

Participants are immediately vested with respect to their contributions plus earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company’s matching and enhanced contribution portion of their accounts plus earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service. Participants vest 20% per year of credited service and are 100% vested after five years of credited service.

(e) Participant Notes Receivable

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan transactions are treated as a transfer to (from) the investment fund from (to) the participant loans fund. Loan terms range from 1 - 5 years unless the proceeds are used for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant’s account and bear interest at a rate based upon the BMO Harris Bank, N.A. prime rate plus 1% at the time of a loan request.

VERMONT GAS SYSTEMS, INC. 401(k) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Description of Plan (continued)

(f) Investment Options

Participants direct their contributions to a selection of mutual funds and a common collective trust held by Matrix Trust Company.

(g) Distributions

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant or their beneficiary may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in their account, or annual installments over a set number of years. For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in their account as a lump-sum distribution.

Participants who have attained the age of 59-1/2 may make in-service withdrawals. Participants may receive hardship withdrawals for reasons of financial hardship.

(h) Forfeited Accounts

Forfeitures represent amounts which could not be paid to terminated participants due to failure to meet vesting requirements. Forfeited nonvested accounts can be allocated to the remaining participant accounts as an additional employer matching contribution, reduce enhanced employer contributions, or pay Plan expenses. Forfeitures used in 2023 and 2022 were \$74,636 and \$0, respectively. Unused forfeitures at December 31, 2023 and 2022 were \$87,283 and \$122,720, respectively.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

(b) 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 net assets available for benefits and changes therein during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(c) Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investment contracts held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

(d) 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 risk 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 such changes could materially affect the participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

(e) Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are reported at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan Document.

(f) Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

(g) Cash Equivalents

The Plan considers cash equivalents to be short-term, highly liquid investments, with maturities of less than three months at the time of purchase. These cash equivalents are carried at cost, which approximates market value.

(h) Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses are paid directly by the Plan or the Company. Investment fees are paid by the Plan, the Company or allocated to participants' accounts. Loan and distribution fees are paid by the participants. All other administrative expenses are paid by the Company.

(i) Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through July 15, 2024, the date at which the financial statements were available to be used.

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(3) Information Certified by the Plan's Trustee

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Matrix Trust Company has certified as being complete and accurate the investments on the statements of net assets available for benefits as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the investment activity reflected in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits, and the investment information included in the supplemental schedule of assets held as of December 31, 2023. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the plan administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified as complete and accurate by the Plan's trustee.

(4) Fair Value Measurements

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America establish a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a 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 are described as follows:

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 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.

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Fair Value Measurements (continued)

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

Mutual funds: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded. These investments are classified as Level 1 and total \$27,693,456 and \$22,474,319 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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.

(5) Investment Contract

The Plan has entered into a fully benefit-responsive investment contract with OneAmerica. Because the investment contract is fully benefit-responsive, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to the guaranteed investment contract.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include (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 of equity wash provisions (3) bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other Plan sponsor events that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. Furthermore, certain events would allow the issuer to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Examples of such events include (a) an uncured breach of the Plan's investment guidelines, (b) a material amendment to the contract without the issuer's consent, (c) violation of a material obligation under the contract, (d) a material misrepresentation. The plan administrator does not believe that any events that would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with plan participants are probable of occurring.

The investment contract does not permit the insurance company to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

(6) Income Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Plan by a letter dated August 30, 2011, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Additionally, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and remains tax-exempt.

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Income Tax Status (continued)

The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

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 Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authorities. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023, 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 period in progress. The plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

(7) Related Party Transactions

The Plan has a number of service providers. Such parties are considered parties-in-interest under ERISA.

(8) Withdrawing Participants

All participants who have withdrawn from the Plan and requested their benefits have been paid as of December 31, 2023.

(9) Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intention 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.

Additionally, the Company may amend the Plan at any time without the consent of any participant or any beneficiary, provided that no amendment deprives any participant of the participant's non-forfeitable accrued benefit.

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Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at the End of the Year)
December 31, 2023

Plan Sponsor: Vermont Gas Systems, Inc.
EIN: 03-0228680
Plan number: 002

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	Cost	Fair Value	
American Balanced Fund	32,690.973 shares	\$	1,039,247	
American Funds Mutual Fund	12,322.911 shares		628,592	
American Funds Strategic Bond Fund	79,879.872 shares		742,883	
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	2,902.512 shares		1,277,076	
Principal Midcap Fund Institutional Class	24,333.523 shares		931,974	
ClearBridge International Growth Fund	16,353.573 shares		996,423	
DFA Emerging Markets Fund	8,672.981 shares		238,767	
JHancock Opportunistic Fixed Income Fund	8,840.484 shares		106,263	
JP Morgan Mid Cap Value Fund	11,121.358 shares		392,139	
Virtus Ceredex Large Cap Value Equity Fund	0.038 shares		-	
Massachusetts Investors Growth Stock Fund	95,770.748 shares		3,937,135	
MFS Massachusetts Investors Trust	33,385.522 shares		1,129,766	
Invesco Developing Markets Fund Class A	0.026 shares		1	
Invesco Small Cap Equity Fund	52,951.400 shares		760,912	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2010	46,975.339 shares		757,712	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2015	1,126.206 shares		19,112	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2020	6,216.094 shares		115,184	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2025	98,944.760 shares		2,039,252	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2030	55,617.645 shares		1,257,515	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2035	58,730.027 shares		1,448,282	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2040	65,736.233 shares		1,736,751	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2045	54,123.818 shares		1,490,570	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2050	69,120.960 shares		1,931,240	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2055	78,344.392 shares		1,767,449	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2060	43,173.879 shares		754,679	
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2065	21,171.419 shares		264,854	
TIAA-CREF Institutional Soc Choice	1,508.684 shares		38,849	
Vanguard Inter Term Bond Index Adm	3,727.867 shares		38,621	
Vanguard Target Retirement 2020	0.008 shares		-	
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025	0.013 shares		-	
Vanguard Target Retirement 2030	0.016 shares		1	
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035	0.015 shares		-	
Vanguard Target Retirement 2040	0.026 shares		1	
Vanguard Target Retirement 2045	0.008 shares		-	
Vanguard Target Retirement 2050	0.015 shares		1	
Vanguard Target Retirement 2055	0.012 shares		1	
Vanguard Target Retirement 2060	0.013 shares		1	
Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund	0.030 shares		-	
Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund	8,219.479 shares		255,872	
Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund	2,298.904 shares		234,925	
Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund	834.818 shares		240,486	
American Washington Mutual Investors	19,825.248 shares		1,120,920	
Total mutual funds				27,693,456
* OneAmerica Stable Value Fund	units			2,029,415
Total investments				<u>\$ 29,722,871</u>
* Participant loans (interest rates 4.25% - 8.75%)		-		<u>\$ 52,065</u>
* Party-in-interest				

Assets Held at End of Year
Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. 401(K) Plan RSP

Schedule H Part IV 4i
EIN: 030228680 PN: 002
As of December 31, 2023

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
		DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value		
IDENTITY OF ISSUE, BORROWER, LESSOR OR SIMILAR PARTY			COST	CURRENT VALUE
ASSETS				
Participant Loans				
	Master Participant Loan	Loan Interest Rates 4.25% - 8.75%	**	52,065.03
	Total	Participant Loans		52,065.03
Value of Interest in Common / Collective Trusts				
*	OneAmerica Stable Value Z	OneAmerica Stable Value Z	**	2,029,414.83
	Total	Value of Interest in Common / Collective Trusts		2,029,414.83
Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies				
	Amer Funds Amer Bal R3	Amer Funds Amer Bal R3	**	1,039,246.03
	Amer Funds Washington R3	Amer Funds Washington R3	**	1,120,919.52
	American Funds American Mutual R6	American Funds American Mutual R6	**	628,591.69
	American Funds Strategic Bond R-5	American Funds Strategic Bond R-5	**	742,882.81
	ClearBridge International Growth Fund Class I	ClearBridge International Growth Fund	**	996,423.20
	DFA Emerging Markets I	DFA Emerging Markets I	**	238,767.17
	Invesco Developing Markets Fund A	Invesco Developing Markets Fund A	**	1.02
	Invesco Small Cap Equity Fund Y	Invesco Small Cap Equity Fund Y	**	760,911.62
	JHancock Opportunistic Fixed Inc R6	JHancock Opportunistic Fixed Inc R6	**	106,262.62
	JPMorgan Mid Cap Value I	JPMorgan Mid Cap Value I	**	392,139.08
	Massachusetts Investors Growth Stock Fund R6	Massachusetts Investors Growth Stock	**	3,937,135.45
	MFS Ma Inv Trust-R3	MFS Ma Inv Trust-R3	**	1,129,766.06
	Principal MidCap Institutional	Principal MidCap Institutional	**	931,973.93
	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2015 Instl	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2015 Instl	**	19,111.72
	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2020 Instl	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2020 Instl	**	115,184.22
	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2025 Instl	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2025 Instl	**	2,039,251.50
	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2030 Instl	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2030 Instl	**	1,257,514.95
	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2035 Instl	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2035 Instl	**	1,448,282.47
	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2040 Instl	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2040 Instl	**	1,736,751.28
	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2045 Instl	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2045 Instl	**	1,490,569.95
	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2050 Instl	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2050 Instl	**	1,931,239.62
	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2055 Instl	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2055 Instl	**	1,767,449.48
	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2060 Instl	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2060 Instl	**	754,679.40
	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2065 Instl	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2065 Instl	**	264,854.45
	TIAA Cref Instl Mut Fds Soc Choice Equ	TIAA Cref Instl Mut Fds Soc Choice Eq	**	38,848.61
	TIAA Cref Lifecycle Targe 2010 Instl	TIAA Cref Lifecycle Targe 2010 Instl	**	757,712.22
	Vanguard 500 Index Admiral	Vanguard 500 Index Admiral	**	1,277,076.25
	Vanguard Interm-Term Bond Index Adm	Vanguard Interm-Term Bond Index Adm	**	38,620.70
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Admiral	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Admiral	**	240,486.02
	Vanguard Small Cap Index Adm	Vanguard Small Cap Index Adm	**	234,925.00
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Inv	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Inv	**	0.21
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Inv	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Inv	**	0.24
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Inv	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Inv	**	0.57
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Inv	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Inv	**	0.33
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Inv	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Inv	**	1.02
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Inv	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Inv	**	0.21
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Inv	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Inv	**	0.67

Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Inv	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Inv	**	0.60
Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Inv	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Inv	**	0.59
Vanguard Target Retirement Income Inv	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Inv	**	0.39
Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index Admiral	Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index Admir	**	255,872.38
Virtus Ceredex Large-Cap Value Equity Fund CL A	Virtus Ceredex Large-Cap Value Equity	**	0.41
Total	Value of Interest in Registered Investment Companies		27,693,455.69

* A party-in-interest as defined by ERISA

** Cost omitted for participant directed accounts