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

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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.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

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

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

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

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
COX & COMPANY, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2003

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)
COX & COMPANY, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

1664 OLD COUNTRY ROAD
PLAINVIEW, NY 11803

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
13-5618975

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
212-366-0200

2d Business code (see instructions)
336410

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.	09/19/2024	DOMINICK NOCERA
	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 [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

4b EIN

c Plan Name

4d PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	466
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)**	270
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	258
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	76
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	105
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	439
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	8
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	447
g(1)	Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(1)**	454
g(2)	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	447
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	16
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:

2P 2I 2Q 3I

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
- **(4)** [ ] **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- **(5)** [ ] **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [ ] **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- **(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 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)	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.**	**2023** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
COX & COMPANY, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
13-5618975

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).. . . . . ☐ 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)

(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)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of 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: MARCUM LLP
b EIN: 11-1986323
c Position: PLAN AUDITOR
d Address: 10 MELVILLE PARK RD
MELVILLE, NY 11747
e Telephone: 631-414-4000

Explanation: LOWER FEES.

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

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

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Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	1468289	1372826
(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)	145223	54293
(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)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	43052616	56231341
	(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	44666128	57658460
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g		
h	Operating payables	1h		
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i	664140	564725
j	Other liabilities	1j		
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	664140	564725
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	44001988	57093735

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)	127574	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	1372826	
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		1500400
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	5068	
	(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)		
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		5068
	(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)		0
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	15145039	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		15145039

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		16650507
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	3530601	
(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)		3530601
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		28159
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(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)		0
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		3558760
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		13091747
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) [X] 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)** [X] 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: GRASSI & CO., CPAS P.C. **(2)** EIN: 11-3266576

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.)	4a		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b		X	
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		1000000
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			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? [ ] Yes [X] 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
COX & COMPANY, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
COX & COMPANY, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
13-5618975

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): 20-1171923

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 (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):

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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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) 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

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 ___/___/_____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number_____.

COX & COMPANY, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2023

COX & COMPANY, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To The Board of Trustees
Cox & Company, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Plainview, New York

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Cox & Company, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Cox & Company, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan as of December 31, 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit 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 Cox & Company, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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.

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 Cox & Company, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership 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.

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Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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 Cox & Company, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership 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 Cox & Company, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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 Schedules Required by ERISA

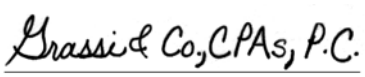
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) at December 31, 2023 and supplemental schedule of reportable transactions for the year ended December 31, 2023 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are 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 has been subjected to the 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.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedules is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Auditors' Report on the 2022 Financial Statements

The 2022 financial statements of Cox & Company, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan were audited by predecessor auditors. The predecessor auditors performed their audit in accordance with ERISA. Their report dated September 11, 2023, indicated that in their opinion the amounts and disclosures in the 2022 financial statements were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



GRASSI & Co., CPAs, P.C.

Jericho, New York
September 16, 2024

COX & COMPANY, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023			2022		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
ASSETS:						
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 54,293	$ -	$ 54,293	$ 145,223	$ -	$ 145,223
Employer contribution receivable	1,372,826	-	1,372,826	1,468,289	-	1,468,289
Investment in Company Stock, at fair value	51,834,231	4,397,110	56,231,341	39,198,069	3,854,547	43,052,616
Total Assets	53,261,350	4,397,110	57,658,460	40,811,581	3,854,547	44,666,128
LIABILITIES:						
Loan payable	-	564,725	564,725	-	664,140	664,140
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 53,261,350	$ 3,832,385	$ 57,093,735	$ 40,811,581	$ 3,190,407	$ 44,001,988

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

COX & COMPANY, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
ADDITIONS TO PLAN ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:			
Investment income:			
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$ 13,724,194	$ 1,420,845	$ 15,145,039
Dividend income	5,068	-	5,068
Total Investment Income	13,729,262	1,420,845	15,150,107
Contributions:			
Employer contributions	1,372,826	127,574	1,500,400
Share release at fair market value	878,282	-	878,282
Total Contributions	2,251,108	127,574	2,378,682
Total Additions	15,980,370	1,548,419	17,528,789
DEDUCTIONS FROM PLAN ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:			
Distributions to participants	3,530,601	-	3,530,601
Interest expense	-	28,159	28,159
Share release at fair market value	-	878,282	878,282
Total Deductions	3,530,601	906,441	4,437,042
NET INCREASE	12,449,769	641,978	13,091,747
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:			
Beginning of year	40,811,581	3,190,407	44,001,988
End of year	$ 53,261,350	$ 3,832,385	$ 57,093,735

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Note 1 - Plan Description

The following brief description of Cox & Company, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

Cox & Company, Inc. (the "Company" or "Sponsor") established the Plan effective as of January 1, 2003 and amended and restated it on January 1, 2015, December 1, 2021 and January 1, 2022. The Plan operates and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). The Plan is designed to invest primarily in the stock of the Company ("Company Stock"). The Plan is administered by the Board of Directors of the Company, which appointed True Integrity Fiduciary Service ("TI Trust" or the "Trustee") to be an independent directed trustee to administer the Plan trust.

On December 29, 2003, the Company purchased 665,000 shares of the Company's common stock from stockholders for $6,222,500 using the proceeds of a loan from the Company, which had obtained financing from a third party. That loan was paid in full in 2018. On November 26, 2008, 250,000 shares of the Company common stock were purchased from the Company for $1,967,500 using the proceeds of a loan from the Company, which had obtained financing from a third party, and also represents the remaining outstanding shares of the Company's common stock. The shares are held in a trust established under the Plan.

The borrowing is collateralized by the unallocated shares of common stock and is guaranteed by the Company. The lender has no rights against shares of the common stock once they are allocated to participants in accordance with terms of the Plan. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the year ended December 31, 2023, present separately the assets and liabilities and changed therein pertaining to:

a. the accounts of employees with rights in allocated common stock (allocated), and
b. common stock not yet allocated to employees (unallocated).

Eligibility

Employees of the Company along with its wholly-owned subsidiary P.T.I. Holdings, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Prime Technology, LLC, are generally eligible to participate in the Plan if they are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement excluding participation or are not leased employees. Employees are eligible as of the Plan entry date coinciding with their date of hire or, if their hire date is not an entry date, then on the next entry date. The Plan entry dates are January 1 and July 1.

P.T.I. Holdings, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Prime Technology, LLC were acquired by the Company in February 2021 whereby all domestic employees were eligible to participate in the Plan at that time. Vesting will recognize Prime Technology, LLC employees' prior years of service at Prime Technology, LLC.

Note 1 - Plan Description (cont'd.)

Contributions

The Company is taxed as an S Corporation. Any S Corporation distributions paid by the Company on cumulative Released Shares, at the discretion of the Plan Trustee, can be used to repay Acquisition Loans, can be added to the Participant Account balances, or can be distributed to the participants. S Corporation distributions paid by the Company on unreleased shares are to be used to pay down the Acquisition Loans or added to Participant Accounts.

The Company, under the Plan, is required annually to make contributions to the Plan equal to the debt service for that year due under the Acquisition Loans less any Company distributions the Plan received in that year on Plan shares it owns and the Plan elected to use to pay down Acquisition Loans. These contributions can be made in cash or forgiveness of indebtedness. In addition, the Company can make discretionary contributions in cash or Company Stock.

On March 31, 2024, the Company elected to make a contribution to the Plan for the plan year ended December 31, 2023 of 19,481 shares of Company Stock. This was recorded as a receivable to the Plan. All shares were allocated to eligible participants in the Plan. The Company funded the Plan using existing Company treasury shares. The fair market value of the contribution was $1,372,826 as of December 31, 2023 using the fair market value per share of $70.47 for 2023. These contributed shares are considered non-leveraged.

On March 31, 2023, the Company elected to make a contribution to the Plan for the plan year ended December 31, 2022 of 28,516 shares of Company Stock. This was recorded as a receivable to the Plan. All shares were allocated to eligible participants in the Plan. The Company funded the Plan using existing Company treasury shares. The fair market value of the contribution was $1,468,289 as of December 31, 2022 using the fair market value per share of $51.49 for 2022. These contributed shares are considered non-leveraged.

Employee contributions are not permitted.

Payment of Benefits

No distributions from the Plan will be made until a participant retires, becomes disabled, dies (in which case, payment shall be made to his or her beneficiary or, if none, his or her legal representatives), or otherwise terminates employment with the Company and its participating subsidiaries. The distributions are made in cash in the amount of the participant's vested account balance.

Under the provisions of the Plan, the Company is obligated to repurchase participant shares which have been distributed under the terms of the Plan as long as the shares are not publicly traded or subject to trading limitations. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company repurchased 66,704 shares from participants.

Note 1 - Plan Description (cont'd.)

Voting Rights

The Plan's Trustee, using its discretion as to what is in the best collective interest of the Plan participants, generally votes all shares of the Company Stock held by the Plan with respect to all corporate matters which Company shareholders are entitled to vote. However, each participant is entitled to direct the Trustee as to the voting of shares in his or her account with respect to approval or disapproval of any corporate merger or consolidation, recapitalization, reclassification, liquidation, dissolution and sale of substantially all assets of the Company. On all other matters, the Trustee is entitled to vote all shares of Company Stock held in participant Plan accounts and all shares of Company Stock in the Unallocated Stock Suspense Account.

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right to amend or terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their participant account balances. Upon termination of the Plan, the Plan Administrator directs the Trustee to pay all liabilities and expenses of the Plan and to sell shares of financed common stock held as collateral to the extent it determines such sale to be necessary in order to repay the loan. Subsequently, the interest of each participant in the trust fund will be distributed to such participant or his or her beneficiary at the time prescribed by the Plan Terms and the Internal Revenue Code.

Risk and Uncertainties

The Plan's investments consist of only the Company's common stock, which is exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks, as well as valuation assumptions based on earnings, cash flows and other such techniques. Due to the level of risk associated with the investment in the common stock and uncertainties in estimates and assumptions, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of the common stock will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Participant Accounts

The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. Each participant's account is credited as of the last day of each Plan year with an allocation of shares of the Company's common stock released by the Trustee from the unallocated account and forfeitures of terminated participant's nonvested accounts. Only those participants who are eligible employees of the Company as of the last day of the Plan year will receive an allocation. Allocations are based on a participant's eligible compensation, relative to total eligible compensation.

Note 1 - Plan Description (cont'd.)

Vesting

For vesting purposes, a participant receiving credit for 1,000 hours of service in a Plan year earns a year of service. Hours of service include hours the participant is paid for by the Company during the Plan year or entitled to be paid directly or indirectly for vacation, illness, disability, lay-off, jury duty, temporary military service, union-authorized lost time or leave of absence. If a participant's employment with the Company ends for any reason other than retirement, permanent disability or death, he or she will vest in the balances in his or her account based on total years of service with the Company. Participants vest at the following rate:

Completed Year of Service	Vesting %
Less than 2 years	0%
Two but less than three	20%
Three but less than four	40%
Four but less than five	60%
Five but less than six	80%
Six or more	100%

Put Option

Under federal income tax regulations, the employer stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradable on an established market, or is subject to trading limitations, includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of its stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The put price is representative of the fair market value of the stock. The Company can pay for the purchase with interest over a period of five years, depending on the size of the participant account balance. The purpose of the put option is to ensure that the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash.

Diversification

Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement so that they may have the opportunity to move part of the value of their investment in Company Stock into investments which are more diversified. Participants who are at least age 55 with at least ten years of participation in the Plan may elect to diversify a portion of their account. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a six-year period. In each of the first five years, a participant may diversify up to 25% of the number of shares allocated to his or her account, less any shares previously diversified. In the sixth year, the percentage changes to 50%. On December 30, 2019, the Plan was amended to change the Plan Diversification minimum to age 50 years old.

Forfeitures

After a five-year break in service, the non-vested balance in a participant's account is forfeited. A break in service occurs when a participant receives credit for less than 501 hours of service in a Plan Year. Forfeited amounts are considered Company contributions for allocation purposes. Forfeitures allocated to participants during the year ended December 31, 2023, totaled $149,564. Forfeited non-vested accounts available to be allocated to participant accounts in future years as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, were $149,564 and $195,777, respectively.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Plan considers securities purchased with initial maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Allocations

The financial statements of the Plan present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to (a) the accounts of employees with rights in allocated stock ("allocated") and (b) stock not yet allocated to employees ("unallocated"), including shares that are committed to be released. Shares are released from collateral and become allocated generally in the period in which debt service is actually paid.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The shares of the Company's common stock are valued at estimated fair value. The valuation is performed as of the close of the business on December 31 of each Plan Year or other valuation date determined by the Trustee. See Note 4 for a discussion of fair value measurement.

Dividend income is accrued on the ex-dividend date.

Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains on investments in Company Stock held during the year.

Administrative Expenses

As provided in the Plan agreement, administrative expenses may be paid either by the Plan or by the Company. The Company has historically paid the operating expenses for the Plan.

Note 3 - Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated December 22, 2022, that the Plan is qualified and the trust established under the Plan is tax-exempt under the appropriate sections of the Code. The Plan has not been amended since receiving the determination letter.

The Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code. Therefore, they believe that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax-exempt at the financial statement date.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate uncertain tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax benefit only if it is more likely than not that the tax position would be sustained upon examination by the IRS.

The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that at 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 periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes that the Plan is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

Note 4 - Administration of Plan Assets

The Plan's assets, which consist principally of the Company's common stock, are held by TI Trust, the Trustee of the Plan. Company contributions are held and managed by the Trustee, which invests cash received and interest and dividend income, and makes distributions to participants.

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company or its affiliates. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. Administrative expenses for the Trustee's fees are paid directly by the Company.

Note 5 - Concentration of Credit Risk

The Plan maintains cash balances in a financial institution. Such balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") for up to $250,000. From time to time, the Plan's balances may exceed this limit.

The Plan's assets available for benefits at December 31, 2023 and 2022 include $56,231,341 and $43,052,616, respectively, in the Company's stock at fair value. If the Company were to become insolvent, the value of these assets could be reduced significantly and have a material effect on the Plan and the participants' account values. The Plan makes no assurance of the future value of the Plan assets.

Note 6 - Investments

The Plan's investments, which are nonparticipant-directed at December 31, 2023 and 2022, are presented in the following tables:

	December 31, 2023		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Company Stock:			
Number of shares	735,550	62,397	797,947
Cost	$ 10,380,878	$ 423,675	$ 10,804,553
Fair value	$ 51,834,231	$ 4,397,110	$ 56,231,341

	December 31, 2022		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Company Stock:			
Number of shares	761,275	74,860	836,135
Cost	$ 7,999,657	$ 508,299	$ 8,507,956
Fair value	$ 39,198,069	$ 3,854,547	$ 43,052,616

During 2023, the Plan's investment in the Company Stock appreciated by a value of $15,145,039.

Note 7 - Fair Value Measurement

Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurement,* provides the 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 FASB ASC Topic 820 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.

Note 7 - Fair Value Measurement (cont'd.)

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

a. quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
b. quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
c. inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
d. 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.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Company Stock: valued using an independent appraisal of fair value. This appraisal was based upon the discounted cash-flow technique consistent with prior years. The appraiser took into account historical and projected cash flow and net income, return on assets, return on equity, market comparables and the estimated fair value of the Company's assets and liabilities. It has been determined that the Company Stock be shown as Level 3 in the fair value tables.

Plan management has concluded that a market participant would also recognize a discount for lack of marketability. Plan management accumulates the data for the appraiser from the financial statements of the Company. The appraiser prepares a preliminary report which Plan management, along with the Trustee, reviews in detail, discusses and approves.

The preceding methods 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.

Note 7 - Fair Value Measurement (cont'd.)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value at December 31, 2023 and 2022. For the year ended December 31, 2023, there were no significant transfers between Level 1 and 2 and no transfers in or out of Level 3.

	Assets at Fair Value at December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investment in Company Stock	$ -	$ -	$ 56,231,341	$ 56,231,341
Total assets at fair value	$ -	$ -	$ 56,231,341	$ 56,231,341

	Assets at Fair Value at December 31, 2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investment in Company Stock	$ -	$ -	$ 43,052,616	$ 43,052,616
Total assets at fair value	$ -	$ -	$ 43,052,616	$ 43,052,616

The following table presents the changes in the Plan's Level 3 assets for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	Investment in Company Stock
Balance, January 1, 2023	$ 43,052,616
Sales in connection with stock distributions	(3,434,603)
Prior year receivable paid in current year	1,468,289
Unrealized gains relating to assets still held at the reporting date	15,145,039
Balance, December 31, 2023	$ 56,231,341
The amount of total gains for the period included in changes in net assets attributable to the change in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets still held at the reporting date.	$ 15,145,039

Gains and losses (realized and unrealized) included in changes in net assets for the period above are reported in net appreciation in fair value of investments in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Note 7 - Fair Value Measurement (cont'd.)

The quantitative information used by the appraiser at December 31, 2023 and 2022 for Level 3 fair value measurements is illustrated in the following tables.

	Fair Value as of December 31, 2023	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Range (Weighted Average)
Price per Share	$70.47	Discounted Cash Flow	Weighted average cost of capital	13.00% - 15.00%

	Fair Value as of December 31, 2022	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Range (Weighted Average)
Price per Share	$51.49	Discounted Cash Flow	Weighted average cost of capital	13.00% - 15.00%

Note 8 - Loan Payable

In 2008, the Plan entered into a $1,697,500 term loan agreement with the Sponsor. The loan required payments in annual installments of $127,574 including interest at 4.24% through December 30, 2028. The proceeds of the loan were used to purchase Company Stock. Unallocated shares are collateral for the loan. Shares are released from collateral and allocated to participants as payments of principal and interest are made. The number of shares released in any year is the number of shares held as collateral, times the ratio of the current years' payments divided by the total of the current year's payments, plus all future years' payments. This resulted in 12,463 shares being released and allocated for the Plan year ended December 31, 2023.

Aggregate maturities of the loan payable are as follows:

Years Ending December 31:	
2024	$ 103,564
2025	108,021
2026	112,601
2027	117,375
2028	123,164
	$ 564,725

Note 9 - Related Party and Party-In-Interest Transactions

The Plan invests in Company Stock. These are related party and party-in-interest transactions. As described in Note 1, the Company pays all Plan expenses. The Plan has a number of service providers. Such providers are parties-in-interest under ERISA.

Note 10 - Subsequent Events

The Plan administrator has evaluated all events or transactions that occurred after December 31, 2023 through September 16, 2024, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued. During this period, there were no material subsequent events requiring disclosure.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

Schedule H - Part IV - Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
Attachment - Form 5500
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COX & COMPANY, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
AT DECEMBER 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Investment in Company Stock, at Fair Value:			
*	Cox & Company, Inc.	797,947 shares of common stock	$ 10,804,553	$ 56,231,341
	Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
	Federated Hermes Treasury Obligations	Money Market - Mutual Fund	54,293	54,293
			$ 10,858,846	$ 56,285,634

* Party-in-interest

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SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

(a) Identity of Party Involved	(b) Description of Asset	(c) Purchase Price	(d) Selling Price	(e) Cost of Asset	(f) Net Gain
Cox & Company, Inc.	Common stock	$ 1,372,826	$ -	$ 1,372,826	$ -
Cox & Company, Inc.	Common stock	$ -	$ 3,434,603	$ 544,519	$ 2,890,085

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