

<div>Form 5500</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</div> <div>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).</div> <div>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</div>	<div>OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div>
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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: <div><div>☐ a multiemployer plan</div><div>☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)</div><div>☒ a single-employer plan</div><div>☐ a DFE (specify) _____</div><div>☐ the first return/report</div><div>☐ the final return/report</div><div>☒ an amended return/report</div><div>☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)</div></div>
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: <div><div>☒ Form 5558</div><div>☐ automatic extension</div><div>☐ the DFVC program</div><div>☒ special extension (enter description) HURRICANE HELENE</div></div>
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 AXIA INC. RETIREMENT PLAN	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
		1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1960
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) POREX CORPORATION 500 BOHANNON ROAD FAIRBURN, GA 30213	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1304561 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 770-964-1421 2d Business code (see instructions) 326100

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/16/2024	JENNIFER BECKNER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/16/2024	JENNIFER BECKNER
	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 <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>
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	5 788
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	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> 6a(1) 0 6a(2) 0 6b 381 6c 313 6d 694 6e 85 6f 779 6g(1) 6g(2) 6h 0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

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

1A 1I

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 2
- (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 _____

<div>SCHEDULE A</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Insurance Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> <div>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</div>	<div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A Name of plan AXIA INC. RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 POREX CORPORATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1304561

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
13-5581829	65978	20900N		01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end **4** 21177**5** Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end **5****6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier **6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
Specify nature of costs ▶**e** Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶**b** Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 29699**c** Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year **7c(1)**
(2) Dividends and credits **7c(2)**
(3) Interest credited during the year **7c(3)** 3315
(4) Transferred from separate account **7c(4)**
(5) Other (specify below) **7c(5)**(6) Total additions **7c(6)** 3315**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 33014**e** Deductions:(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year **7e(1)** 11837(2) Administration charge made by carrier **7e(2)**(3) Transferred to separate account **7e(3)**(4) Other (specify below) **7e(4)**(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 11837**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) **7f** 21177

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

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A Name of plan AXIA INC. RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 POREX CORPORATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1304561	

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier
EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
06-1050034	93629	017353	779	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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

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

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

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

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

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	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	21018067

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier**6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....**6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.**6d**

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶**b** Balance at the end of the previous year**7b**

0

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year**7c(1)**

(2) Dividends and credits

7c(2)

(3) Interest credited during the year

7c(3)

(4) Transferred from separate account.....

7c(4)

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

▶

(6) Total additions.....

7c(6)

0

d Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)**7d**

0

e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year

7e(1)

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2)

(3) Transferred to separate account.....

7e(3)

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

▶

(5) Total deductions.....

7e(5)

0

f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)**7f**

0

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

<div>SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.</div>	<div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
▶ Round off amounts to nearest dollar.	
▶ Caution: A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.	
A Name of plan AXIA INC. RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF POREX CORPORATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1304561
E Type of plan: ☒ Single ☐ Multiple-A ☐ Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: ☐ 100 or fewer ☐ 101-500 ☒ More than 500

Part I	Basic Information			
1	Enter the valuation date: Month 01 Day 01 Year 2023			
2	Assets:			
a	Market value	2a	20089942	
b	Actuarial value	2b	22098936	
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a	For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	453	15500422	15500422
b	For terminated vested participants	335	6687518	6687518
c	For active participants	0	0	0
d	Total	788	22187940	22187940
4	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) ☐			
a	Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a		
b	Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b		
5	Effective interest rate	5	5.16 %	
6	Target normal cost			
a	Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	0	
b	Expected plan-related expenses	6b	460000	
c	Target normal cost	6c	460000	

Statement by Enrolled Actuary
To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

<div>SIGN HERE</div>	<div>Signature of actuary</div> <div>DARLENE T. BUXTON</div> <div>Type or print name of actuary</div> <div>EMPOWER</div> <div>Firm name</div> <div>P. O. BOX 2975 280 TRUMBULL STREET HARTFORD, CT 06103-2975</div> <div>Address of the firm</div>	<div>10/02/2024</div> <div>Date</div> <div>23-06222</div> <div>Most recent enrollment number</div> <div>303-737-6235</div> <div>Telephone number (including area code)</div>
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Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances		
	(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7 Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8 Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9 Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10 Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>-18.38</u> %	0	0
11 Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		0
b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.33</u> %		0
b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		0
d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12 Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13 Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages		
14 Funding target attainment percentage	14	99.59 %
15 Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	99.59 %
16 Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	113.14 %
17 If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls					
18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:					
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
09/09/2024	509990				
Totals ►			18(b)	509990	18(c) 0

19 Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years.	19a	0
b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	468409
20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:		
a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:		
Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year		
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd

Part V	Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost
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21 Discount rate:			
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.00 %	3rd segment: 5.74 %
			☐ N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code).....			21b 4
22 Weighted average retirement age			22 62
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) ☐ Prescribed - combined ☒ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute			

Part VI	Miscellaneous Items
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24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.		☒ Yes ☐ No
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.		☐ Yes ☒ No
26 Demographic and benefit information		
a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.		☐ Yes ☒ No
b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ...		☐ Yes ☐ No
27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.....		27

Part VII	Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years
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28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	28	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a).....	29	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)	30	0

Part VIII	Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year
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31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):			
a Target normal cost (line 6c).....		31a	460000
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a		31b	0
32 Amortization installments:		Outstanding Balance	Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment		89004	8151
b Waiver amortization installment		0	0
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount		33	
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)....		34	468151
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35).....		36	468151
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c).....		37	468409
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)		38a	258
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances		38b	0
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)		39	0
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years		40	0

Part IX	Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)
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41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. ☐ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☐ 2021

<div>SCHEDULE C</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Service Provider Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div>	OMB No. 1210-0110
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan AXIA INC. RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 POREX CORPORATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1304561	

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).. ☒ 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)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13	NONE	37165	Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

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:	
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<div>SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div>	<div>DFE/Participating Plan Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div>	<div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

<div>A Name of plan AXIA INC. RETIREMENT PLAN</div>	<div>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</div>	<div>001</div>
<div>C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 POREX CORPORATION</div>	<div>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1304561</div>	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRUDENTIAL SHORT-TERM			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 06-1050034-041	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 322146	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DRYDEN S&P 500 INDEX			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 06-1050034-123	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1920622	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LARGE CAP GROWTH/JENNISON			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 06-1050034-408	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1749984	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LARGE CAP VALUE/LSV ASSET MGMT			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 06-1050034-318	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1706007	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID CAP GROWTH I (IVY)			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 06-1050034-409	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 640014	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID CAP VALUE/ROBECO FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 06-1050034-440	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 654353	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP GROWTH/TIMESSQUARE			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 06-1050034-132	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 865932	

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP VALUE/KENNEDY CAPIT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 06-1050034-257	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 915013
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: EMRGMRKTEQ / QMA		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 06-1050034-030	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 842529
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INTERNATIONAL GROWTH/ARTISAN		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 06-1050034-259	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1270127
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INTERNATIONAL VALUE I FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 06-1050034-080	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1287599
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIVATE PLACEMENT SA-30		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 06-1050034-042	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1021313
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRU LONG CORPORATE BOND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 06-1050034-714	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1095060
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRUDENTIAL TOTAL RETURN BONDSA		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 06-1050034-814	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5609620
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: REAL ESTATE/COHEN & STEERS FD		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 06-1050034-305	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1117748
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 code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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
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A Name of plan AXIA INC. RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 POREX CORPORATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1304561

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		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		509990
(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)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	20089942	21018067
(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)	29699	21177
(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	20119641	21549234
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	20119641	21549234

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)	509990	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B), (C), and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		509990
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)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		0
(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)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		3089545
(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		-29699
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		3569836

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1678666	
(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)		1678666
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)	37165	
(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)	424412	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		461577
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		2140243

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		1429593
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: **HANCOCK ASKEW & CO., LLP**

(2) EIN: **58-0662558**

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?	☒		500000
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 517367.

<div>SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Retirement Plan Information</div> <div>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).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div>	<div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

<div>A Name of plan AXIA INC. RETIREMENT PLAN</div>	<div>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001</div>
<div>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 POREX CORPORATION</div>	<div>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1304561</div>

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

<div>1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>0</div>
<div>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): 22-1211670</div> <div>Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.</div>		
<div>3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>0</div>

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.)
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<div>4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?</div> <div>If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.</div>	<div>☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A</div>
<div>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.</div>	
<div>6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)</div>	<div>6a</div>
<div>b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year</div>	<div>6b</div>
<div>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)</div>	<div>6c</div>
<div>If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.</div>	
<div>7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?</div>	<div>☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A</div>
<div>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?</div>	<div>☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A</div>

Part III	Amendments
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<div>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.</div>	<div>☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☒ No</div>
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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.
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<div>10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?</div>	<div>☐ Yes ☐ No</div>
<div>11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?</div>	<div>☐ Yes ☐ No</div>
<div>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.)</div>	<div>☐ Yes ☐ No</div>
<div>12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?</div>	<div>☐ Yes ☐ No</div>

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 b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15a 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 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	16a 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 ____/____/____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number _____.	

AXIA INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

**Financial Statements
and**

Independent Auditor's Report

As of and for the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

AXIA Inc. Retirement Plan

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Pension Committee and Participants
AXIA Inc. Retirement Plan
Fairburn, Georgia

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the AXIA Inc. Retirement Plan (formerly AXIA Incorporated Salaried Employees' Retirement 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). 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 (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). 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 (qualified institution), provided that the investment information is prepared and certified to by the qualified institution in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the years then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and the procedures performed as described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report:

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, 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 (GAAP); and
- the certified investment information in the accompanying financial statements agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by qualified institutions that management determined meet 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 (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. 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 the financial statements in accordance with GAAP, 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 the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

Management is responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments. Management is also responsible for 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.

Auditor's 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 auditor's 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 GAAS 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 GAAS, 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 the 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 the 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 GAAP.

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 GAAP.

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.

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules, Schedule H, Line 4i - schedule of assets (held at end of year) and Schedule H, Line 4j - 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 DOL'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 schedules, 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 GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules 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 schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the certified investment information in the supplemental schedules agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by qualified institutions that management determined meet the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Hancock Askew & Co., LLP

Peachtree Corners, Georgia
October 15, 2024

Plan Provisions

Earnings

Earnings mean Total Compensation received from the Employer including severance pay, value of stock options, stock appreciation rights, insurance benefits, reimbursed moving expenses and other similar benefits. In any year in which a full time employee does not work the number of hours that constitute a normal full-time work schedule, earnings is annualized.

Final Average Earnings

Average Monthly Earnings is 1/12 of the Average Earnings for the five highest consecutive years within the past fifteen years.

Final Average Earnings 1/12 of the Average Earnings for the three consecutive years, ending with the plan year of terminations. Earnings are limited to the Social Security taxable Wage base.

As of March 31, 2003, the plan was amended to freeze salary increases; however, any participant who is active as of December 31, 2003, and who is age 60, or age 50 with 5 years of service as of that date will receive credit for future salary increases.

Service

Last period of employment starting with (a) initial employment after January 1, 1976, (b) date as specified in prior plan if hired before January 1, 1976, (c) re-employment after termination prior to January 1, 1976, (d) reemployment after break in service after January 1, 1976, whichever is later, and ending upon the break in service date.

For employees hired after January 1, 1986

1. Service, which is used for benefit eligibility purposes, does not include any plan year in which an employee works less than 1000 hours. Years of service prior to the plan year in which an employee attains age 18 on or after January 1, 1985 or the employee attained age 22 before January 1, 1985 are excluded.
2. Credited Service which is used for benefit computation purposes, does not include years of service before participation and is adjusted for years on which the employee works less than the full-time work schedule. Credited service for an employee of Fischboin Company Division will not begin prior to July 1, 1979. Credited service for an employee of the Marco Paper Products Company includes service after August 20, 1971. Credited service for an employee of Nostaway Division of the Beaver Dam, Kentucky location includes service after July 31, 1988. Credited service for an employee of Jensen Tools, Inc. includes services after January 2, 1974.

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Form 5500 2023 Schedule SB, Part V – Summary of Plan Provisions

	<p>3. Credited Service for Benefit computation was frozen as of March 31, 2003.</p> <p>Maximum credited service is 30</p>
Employer Contributions	In such amounts and times determined by the company.
Employee Contributions	None
Normal Form of Benefit	50% Joint and Survivor Annuity for married participants and a Single Life annuity for single participants.
Normal Retirement Date	The first day of the month coinciding with or next following the participant's 65th birthday.
Accrued Benefit Formula	<p>Employees shall receive a benefit equal to (a.) minus (b.) as follows;</p> <p>a. 2% of average monthly salary multiplied by years of credited service</p> <p>b. The lesser of (i), (ii) and (iii) as follows: (i) 1.667% of Social Security multiplied by credited service; (ii) .65% of the smaller of Final Average Compensation or Covered Compensation multiplied by credited service; and (iii) 1% of average monthly compensation multiplied by credited service.</p> <p>Credited Service is limited to 30 years for all participants</p> <p>Social Security is determined using the Social Security Law in effect at the time of termination and assuming earnings continue at the same rate until the later of age 55 or age at termination.</p> <p>Covered Compensation is the average of the Social Security Wage bases in the 35 years ending in the year the employee is eligible for full social security retirement benefits assuming level future wage bases after termination.</p>
Normal Retirement Benefit	Accrued Benefit payable at age 65.
Early Retirement Eligibility	Age 55 and 10 years of Service.

Early Retirement Benefit

Normal retirement benefit Multiplied by an early retirement factor based on the table below.

Early Retirement and Maximum Offset allowance factors.

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Early Retirement Benefit (Cont')

Social Security Supplement – an employee with credited service prior to January 1, 1994, retiring under the early retirement provisions, is eligible for a temporary supplemental benefit payable until age 65 equal to the amount determined in (b.) 'Under the Accrued Benefit Formula', with average monthly salary, Final Average Earnings, Covered Compensation, Social Security and Credited Service all determined as of December 31, 1993. If the participant was a super highly compensated employee as of December 31, 1988, the amount determined in (b.) is calculated as of December 31, 1988.

Deferred Vested Benefit

Eligible after 5 years of Service

Accrued Monthly Benefit payable at age 65. If a participant eligible for early retirement decides to commence early, the early retirement benefit will be equal to the accrued benefit multiplied by the early retirement factor below based on age.

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Disability Retirement Benefit

Eligible after 10 years of Service

Accrued Monthly Benefit determined as with the normal retirement benefit but using credited service which includes period during which the participant is disabled.

Vesting Schedule

100% vested after 5 years

Preretirement Spouse Benefit

If a participant who has completed five years of service dies prior to his/her benefit commencement date, such participant, if he/she was married to his spouse for the entire year prior to his/her death, is eligible for a surviving spouse pension equal to the amount to which the surviving spouse would have been entitled if the participant's commencement date had been the day before his death, or age 55 if later, and his pension had been determined as described above, and had been payable in the form of a 50% Joint and Survivor Annuity.

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Plan Provisions for Participants from Axia Tool Company Pension Plan for Hourly Paid Employees

Earnings	None – All Participants are inactive
Service	None – All Participants are inactive
Employer Contributions	In such amounts and times determined by the company.
Employee Contributions	None
Normal Form of Benefit	50% Joint and Survivor Annuity for married participants and a Single Life annuity for single participants.
Normal Retirement Date	The first day of the month coinciding with or next following the participant's 65th birthday.
Accrued Benefit	Benefits accrued as of April 3, 1992. There are no Active participants. All participants are inactive.
Normal Retirement Benefit	Accrued Benefit payable at age 65.
Early Retirement Eligibility	Age 55 and 15 years of Service.
Early Retirement Benefit	Actuarial equivalent of the normal retirement benefit
Deferred Vested Benefit	<p>Eligible after 5 years of Service – All participants became fully vested on April 3, 1992.</p> <p>All employees who completed 15 years of service may elect to receive an actuarially reduced benefit after reaching age 55.</p>
Preretirement Spouse Benefit	<p>Each married participant and former employee who is entitled to a deferred vested benefit is automatically covered by the Pre-retirement Survivor Annuity Coverage unless such coverage is waived with a signed spousal consent. If coverage is not waived and the employee dies, the spouse is entitled to a surviving spouse pension equal to the amount to which the surviving spouse would have been entitled if the participant's commencement date had been the day before his death, or age 55 if later, and his accrued pension had been payable in the form of a 50% Joint and Survivor Annuity.</p> <p>The Pension is reduced 7/10th of 1% for each full year prior to age 65 that the coverage is in effect. This reduction is also taken into account when computing the spouse's benefit.</p>

Actuarial methods

Under the actuarial methods described below, if all current assumptions remain constant and are realized, funding at least the minimum required contribution each year will eventually accumulate sufficient plan assets to cover the funding target. Future widening of the interest rate stabilization corridor may extend the time period for the plan to become fully funded.

Cost method

Costs have been computed in accordance with the unit credit actuarial cost method and reflect the actuarial assumptions described under “Actuarial assumptions” of this report as provided under the applicable regulations of the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

Target normal cost

The target normal cost is the present value of benefits expected to accrue during the plan year plus an estimate of the expenses to be paid from plan assets during the plan year.

Funding target and funding shortfall

The funding target is the present value of benefits accrued as of the beginning of the plan year and the funding shortfall is the excess of the funding target over the actuarial value of assets (reduced by the credit balance). The initial funding shortfall is amortized over 15 years.

In subsequent years, the funding shortfall less the present value of prior year amortization installments is amortized over 15 years, and added to any prior year amortization installments.

Segment rates are adjusted as necessary to fall within the specified corridor of the corresponding 25-year average of segment rates for the period ending September 30 of the calendar year preceding the first day of the plan year. The specified corridor is:

<u>Plan year</u>	<u>Corridor</u>
Through 2030	95% - 105%
2031	90% - 110%
2032	85% - 115%
2033	80% - 120%
2034	75% - 125%
2035 and later	70% - 130%

In the event the 25-year average of either the first, second, or third segment rate falls below 5%, the 25-year average of such rate will be deemed to be 5%.

The adjustments to fall within the specified corridor of the 25-year average of segment rates apply for determining the minimum required contribution and related funded percentages. They do not apply for determining the maximum tax deductible contribution or certain other situations.

Sponsor elections

Discount rate: Segment rates, with a 4-month lookback

Mortality table: Prescribed IRS static mortality table – separate

At-risk determination

The at-risk funding target is determined by assuming that participants eligible to retire in the current plan year and next 10 plan years retire at the earliest possible date, but not before the end of the plan year. All participants are assumed to elect the optional form resulting in the highest possible present value.

A load is added to the at-risk funding target and at-risk target normal cost when a plan is at-risk in at least two years during the preceding four years. The load increases the at-risk funding target by 4% of the not at-risk funding target plus \$700 per participant, and increases the at-risk target normal cost by 4% of the not at-risk target normal cost.

The funding target and target normal cost are calculated by multiplying the not at-risk values by 100% minus the phase-in percentage, plus the at-risk values multiplied by the phase-in percentage.

Credit balance

The credit balance consists of the carryover balance from excess contributions prior to the Pension Protection Act (PPA) of 2006, plus the prefunding balance from elected excess contributions after the PPA. Balances accumulate with interest and are reduced for amounts applied towards the minimum required contribution, voluntary waivers by the plan sponsor, and compelled waivers to avoid benefit restrictions. The actuarial value of assets is reduced by the credit balance to determine certain funded percentages and to determine the funding shortfall.

Asset valuation method

The actuarial value of assets is determined using an annual average of the adjusted fair market value of assets with the earliest determination 24 months prior to the valuation date. The fair market value of assets in prior years is adjusted for contributions, benefit payments, expenses and expected earnings (not to exceed the third segment rate).

This is equivalent to the fair market value of assets, plus two-thirds of the (gain)/loss from the prior year, plus one-third of the (gain)/loss from the second preceding year. The (gain)/loss in each year is the difference between the expected and actual returns on the fair market value of assets.

The actuarial value of assets is adjusted to be no less than 90% or no more than 110% of the fair market value of assets, as required by IRC Section 430(g)(3)(B)(iii).

Since the expected earnings assumption cannot exceed the third segment rate, over time, the method may produce an actuarial value of assets slightly below the fair market value of assets.

The actuarial value of assets for determining the maximum tax deductible contribution reflects interest rate stabilization rates for discounting contributions and limiting expected earnings.

Actuarial assumptions

Funding Assumptions:

The discount rate and mortality assumptions are prescribed assumptions set by law. All other assumptions are non-prescribed assumptions set by the actuary which reflect estimates of future experience, are appropriate for the purpose of the measurement, consider relevant plan characteristics, and contain no significant bias unless otherwise noted. Relevant historical information, such as credible plan experience and experience from representative populations, was considered in the selection of the non-prescribed assumptions with a significant effect on the measurement. Factors that may affect future experience and the views of experts were also considered.

An annual review of actuarial assumptions is completed and there has been no consistent pattern of material gains or losses occurring for any non-prescribed assumptions.

The investment return is based on the plan's asset allocation and reflects a weighted average of expected returns by asset class based on benchmarks provided by the sponsor's actuarial advisor, Empower.

ASC 960 Assumptions:

All assumptions are set by the plan sponsor and they align with the Funding Assumptions except for the mortality assumption. Note that the discount rate for ASC 960 aligns with the Investment Return assumption used in the ERISA Funding measurement.

The mortality assumption reflects experience from representative populations, based on the Pri-2012 Private Retirement Plans Mortality Table Report issued by the Society of Actuaries (SOA) in October 2019 and the Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2021 Report issued by the SOA in October 2021.

Below are the actuarial assumptions as of January 1, 2023:

Discount Rate:	<u>With Interest</u> <u>Rate Stabilization</u>	<u>Without Interest</u> <u>Rate Stabilization</u>	<u>ASC 960</u>
Effective Rate	5.16%	3.12%	6.50%
First Segment – First 5 Years	4.75%	1.41%	N/A
Second Segment – Next 15 Years	5.00%	3.09%	N/A
Third Segment – After 20 Years	5.74%	3.58%	N/A

Investment Return: 6.50% per annum, compounded annually.

Estimated Expenses: An estimate of the administrative expenses expected to be paid from plan assets. For 2023 this amount is \$460,000.

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Mortality:	<i>Funding:</i> The IRS 2023 Static Mortality Table. <i>Accounting:</i> Pri-2012 Total Dataset with Scale MP-2021.
Termination:	N/A
Disability:	N/A
Retirement Rates:	Terminated Vested Participants are assumed to retire at age 65.
Survivor's Benefit:	N/A

Shortfall amortization

The prior year amortization values and the development of the amortization for the current plan year are shown below.

Prior year amortization amounts

<u>Plan year</u>	<u>Installment</u>	<u>Years remaining</u>	<u>Present value</u>
2022		n/a	
2021		n/a	
2020		n/a	
2019		n/a	
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Total	\$0		\$0

Current year amortization

1. Exemption from current year amortization	No
2. Funding shortfall to be amortized	\$89,004
3. Present value of prior year amortization installments	0
4. Current year amortization base [2 – 3]	89,004
5. Current year amortization installment	\$8,151

Net shortfall amortization installment

6. Current year amortization installment	\$8,151
7. Sum of prior year amortization installments	\$0
8. Net shortfall amortization installment [6 + 7, not less than \$0]	\$8,151

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Schedule SB, Line 22 - Description of Weighted Average Retirement Age

The plan assumes that 100% of participants will retire at age 65.

Changes since last year's valuation

Changes in pension plan provisions

No changes in the pension plan provisions were recognized with this actuarial valuation.

Legislated changes

There were no legislative changes recognized with this actuarial valuation.

Changes in actuarial assumptions

The following changes in the prescribed minimum funding actuarial assumptions were effective on January 1, 2023:

- The discount rate assumption (segment rates) was updated to 2023 in accordance with requirements of IRC Section 430(h) and IRS regulations.
- The mortality table was updated from the IRS 2022 Static Mortality Table to the IRS 2023 Static Mortality Table

The expense assumption was changed from \$190,000 to \$460,000.

Changes in actuarial methods

No changes in actuarial methods were recognized with this actuarial valuation.

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

▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan AXIA INC. RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF POREX CORPORATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1304561
E Type of plan: ☒ Single ☐ Multiple-A ☐ Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: ☐ 100 or fewer ☐ 101-500 ☒ More than 500

Part I	Basic Information
1 Enter the valuation date: Month <u>1</u> Day <u>1</u> Year <u>2023</u>	
2 Assets:	
a Market value	2a 20,089,942
b Actuarial value	2b 22,098,936
3 Funding target/participant count breakdown	
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment.....	(1) Number of participants 453 (2) Vested Funding Target 15,500,422 (3) Total Funding Target 15,500,422
b For terminated vested participants.....	335 6,687,518 6,687,518
c For active participants	0 0 0
d Total.....	788 22,187,940 22,187,940
4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... ☐	
a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor.....	4b
5 Effective interest rate	5 5.16 %
6 Target normal cost.....	
a Present value of current plan year accruals.....	6a 0
b Expected plan-related expenses	6b 460,000
c Target normal cost	6c 460,000

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE	Darlene T. Buxton <i>DTB</i>	10/2/2024
	Signature of actuary	Date
Darlene T. Buxton	Type or print name of actuary	23-06222
		Most recent enrollment number
Empower	Firm name	(303) 737-6235
		Telephone number (including area code)
P. O. Box 2975 280 TRUMBULL STREET HARTFORD	CT 06103-2975	
	Address of the firm	

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions ☐

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Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

	(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7 Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8 Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9 Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10 Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>-18.38</u> %	0	0
11 Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		0
b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.33</u> %		0
b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		0
d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12 Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13 Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages

14 Funding target attainment percentage	14	99.59%
15 Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	99.59%
16 Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	113.14%
17 If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
09/09/2024	509,990				
Totals ▶			18(b)	509,990	18(c)
					0

19 Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:

a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0
b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	468,409

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? ☐ Yes ☐ No

c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:			
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.00 %	3rd segment: 5.74 %
			☐ N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code)			21b 4
22 Weighted average retirement age			22
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) ☐ Prescribed - combined ☒ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute			

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.		☒ Yes ☐ No
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.		☐ Yes ☒ No
26 Demographic and benefit information		
a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.		☐ Yes ☒ No
b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ...		☐ Yes ☒ No
27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.		27

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	28	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)	29	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)	30	0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):			
a Target normal cost (line 6c)		31a	460,000
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a		31b	0
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment	
a Net shortfall amortization installment	89,004	8,151	
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0	
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount		33	
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)		34	468,151
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)		36	468,151
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)		37	468,409
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)		38a	258
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances		38b	0
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)		39	0
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years		40	0

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. ☐ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☒ 2021
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Plan Provisions

Earnings

Earnings mean Total Compensation received from the Employer including severance pay, value of stock options, stock appreciation rights, insurance benefits, reimbursed moving expenses and other similar benefits. In any year in which a full time employee does not work the number of hours that constitute a normal full-time work schedule, earnings is annualized.

Final Average Earnings

Average Monthly Earnings is 1/12 of the Average Earnings for the five highest consecutive years within the past fifteen years.

Final Average Earnings 1/12 of the Average Earnings for the three consecutive years, ending with the plan year of terminations. Earnings are limited to the Social Security taxable Wage base.

As of March 31, 2003, the plan was amended to freeze salary increases; however, any participant who is active as of December 31, 2003, and who is age 60, or age 50 with 5 years of service as of that date will receive credit for future salary increases.

Service

Last period of employment starting with (a) initial employment after January 1, 1976, (b) date as specified in prior plan if hired before January 1, 1976, (c) re-employment after termination prior to January 1, 1976, (d) reemployment after break in service after January 1, 1976, whichever is later, and ending upon the break in service date.

For employees hired after January 1, 1986

1. Service, which is used for benefit eligibility purposes, does not include any plan year in which an employee works less than 1000 hours. Years of service prior to the plan year in which an employee attains age 18 on or after January 1, 1985 or the employee attained age 22 before January 1, 1985 are excluded.
2. Credited Service which is used for benefit computation purposes, does not include years of service before participation and is adjusted for years on which the employee works less than the full-time work schedule. Credited service for an employee of Fischboin Company Division will not begin prior to July 1, 1979. Credited service for an employee of the Marco Paper Products Company includes service after August 20, 1971. Credited service for an employee of Nostaway Division of the Beaver Dam, Kentucky location includes service after July 31, 1988. Credited service for an employee of Jensen Tools, Inc. includes services after January 2, 1974.

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3. Credited Service for Benefit computation was frozen as of March 31, 2003.

Maximum credited service is 30

Employer Contributions

In such amounts and times determined by the company.

Employee Contributions

None

Normal Form of Benefit

50% Joint and Survivor Annuity for married participants and a Single Life annuity for single participants.

Normal Retirement Date

The first day of the month coinciding with or next following the participant's 65th birthday.

Accrued Benefit Formula

Employees shall receive a benefit equal to (a.) minus (b.) as follows;

- a. 2% of average monthly salary multiplied by years of credited service
- b. The lesser of (i), (ii) and (iii) as follows: (i) 1.667% of Social Security multiplied by credited service; (ii) .65% of the smaller of Final Average Compensation or Covered Compensation multiplied by credited service; and (iii) 1% of average monthly compensation multiplied by credited service.

Credited Service is limited to 30 years for all participants

Social Security is determined using the Social Security Law in effect at the time of termination and assuming earnings continue at the same rate until the later of age 55 or age at termination.

Covered Compensation is the average of the Social Security Wage bases in the 35 years ending in the year the employee is eligible for full social security retirement benefits assuming level future wage bases after termination.

Normal Retirement Benefit

Accrued Benefit payable at age 65.

Early Retirement Eligibility

Age 55 and 10 years of Service.

Early Retirement Benefit

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Changes since last year's valuation

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No changes in the pension plan provisions were recognized with this actuarial valuation.

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- The discount rate assumption (segment rates) was updated to 2023 in accordance with requirements of IRC Section 430(h) and IRS regulations.
- The mortality table was updated from the IRS 2022 Static Mortality Table to the IRS 2023 Static Mortality Table

The expense assumption was changed from \$190,000 to \$460,000.

Changes in actuarial methods

No changes in actuarial methods were recognized with this actuarial valuation.

Shortfall amortization

The prior year amortization values and the development of the amortization for the current plan year are shown below.

Prior year amortization amounts

<u>Plan year</u>	<u>Installment</u>	<u>Years remaining</u>	<u>Present value</u>
2022		n/a	
2021		n/a	
2020		n/a	
2019		n/a	
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Total	\$0		\$0

Current year amortization

1. Exemption from current year amortization	No
2. Funding shortfall to be amortized	\$89,004
3. Present value of prior year amortization installments	0
4. Current year amortization base [2 – 3]	89,004
5. Current year amortization installment	\$8,151

Net shortfall amortization installment

6. Current year amortization installment	\$8,151
7. Sum of prior year amortization installments	\$0
8. Net shortfall amortization installment [6 + 7, not less than \$0]	\$8,151

Actuarial methods

Under the actuarial methods described below, if all current assumptions remain constant and are realized, funding at least the minimum required contribution each year will eventually accumulate sufficient plan assets to cover the funding target. Future widening of the interest rate stabilization corridor may extend the time period for the plan to become fully funded.

Cost method

Costs have been computed in accordance with the unit credit actuarial cost method and reflect the actuarial assumptions described under “Actuarial assumptions” of this report as provided under the applicable regulations of the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

Target normal cost

The target normal cost is the present value of benefits expected to accrue during the plan year plus an estimate of the expenses to be paid from plan assets during the plan year.

Funding target and funding shortfall

The funding target is the present value of benefits accrued as of the beginning of the plan year and the funding shortfall is the excess of the funding target over the actuarial value of assets (reduced by the credit balance). The initial funding shortfall is amortized over 15 years.

In subsequent years, the funding shortfall less the present value of prior year amortization installments is amortized over 15 years, and added to any prior year amortization installments.

Segment rates are adjusted as necessary to fall within the specified corridor of the corresponding 25-year average of segment rates for the period ending September 30 of the calendar year preceding the first day of the plan year. The specified corridor is:

<u>Plan year</u>	<u>Corridor</u>
Through 2030	95% - 105%
2031	90% - 110%
2032	85% - 115%
2033	80% - 120%
2034	75% - 125%
2035 and later	70% - 130%

In the event the 25-year average of either the first, second, or third segment rate falls below 5%, the 25-year average of such rate will be deemed to be 5%.

The adjustments to fall within the specified corridor of the 25-year average of segment rates apply for determining the minimum required contribution and related funded percentages. They do not apply for determining the maximum tax deductible contribution or certain other situations.

Sponsor elections

Discount rate: Segment rates, with a 4-month lookback

Mortality table: Prescribed IRS static mortality table – separate

At-risk determination

The at-risk funding target is determined by assuming that participants eligible to retire in the current plan year and next 10 plan years retire at the earliest possible date, but not before the end of the plan year. All participants are assumed to elect the optional form resulting in the highest possible present value.

A load is added to the at-risk funding target and at-risk target normal cost when a plan is at-risk in at least two years during the preceding four years. The load increases the at-risk funding target by 4% of the not at-risk funding target plus \$700 per participant, and increases the at-risk target normal cost by 4% of the not at-risk target normal cost.

The funding target and target normal cost are calculated by multiplying the not at-risk values by 100% minus the phase-in percentage, plus the at-risk values multiplied by the phase-in percentage.

Credit balance

The credit balance consists of the carryover balance from excess contributions prior to the Pension Protection Act (PPA) of 2006, plus the prefunding balance from elected excess contributions after the PPA. Balances accumulate with interest and are reduced for amounts applied towards the minimum required contribution, voluntary waivers by the plan sponsor, and compelled waivers to avoid benefit restrictions. The actuarial value of assets is reduced by the credit balance to determine certain funded percentages and to determine the funding shortfall.

Asset valuation method

The actuarial value of assets is determined using an annual average of the adjusted fair market value of assets with the earliest determination 24 months prior to the valuation date. The fair market value of assets in prior years is adjusted for contributions, benefit payments, expenses and expected earnings (not to exceed the third segment rate).

This is equivalent to the fair market value of assets, plus two-thirds of the (gain)/loss from the prior year, plus one-third of the (gain)/loss from the second preceding year. The (gain)/loss in each year is the difference between the expected and actual returns on the fair market value of assets.

The actuarial value of assets is adjusted to be no less than 90% or no more than 110% of the fair market value of assets, as required by IRC Section 430(g)(3)(B)(iii).

Since the expected earnings assumption cannot exceed the third segment rate, over time, the method may produce an actuarial value of assets slightly below the fair market value of assets.

The actuarial value of assets for determining the maximum tax deductible contribution reflects interest rate stabilization rates for discounting contributions and limiting expected earnings.

Actuarial assumptions

Funding Assumptions:

The discount rate and mortality assumptions are prescribed assumptions set by law. All other assumptions are non-prescribed assumptions set by the actuary which reflect estimates of future experience, are appropriate for the purpose of the measurement, consider relevant plan characteristics, and contain no significant bias unless otherwise noted. Relevant historical information, such as credible plan experience and experience from representative populations, was considered in the selection of the non-prescribed assumptions with a significant effect on the measurement. Factors that may affect future experience and the views of experts were also considered.

An annual review of actuarial assumptions is completed and there has been no consistent pattern of material gains or losses occurring for any non-prescribed assumptions.

The investment return is based on the plan's asset allocation and reflects a weighted average of expected returns by asset class based on benchmarks provided by the sponsor's actuarial advisor, Empower.

ASC 960 Assumptions:

All assumptions are set by the plan sponsor and they align with the Funding Assumptions except for the mortality assumption. Note that the discount rate for ASC 960 aligns with the Investment Return assumption used in the ERISA Funding measurement.

The mortality assumption reflects experience from representative populations, based on the Pri-2012 Private Retirement Plans Mortality Table Report issued by the Society of Actuaries (SOA) in October 2019 and the Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2021 Report issued by the SOA in October 2021.

Below are the actuarial assumptions as of January 1, 2023:

Discount Rate:	<u>With Interest</u> <u>Rate Stabilization</u>	<u>Without Interest</u> <u>Rate Stabilization</u>	<u>ASC 960</u>
Effective Rate	5.16%	3.12%	6.50%
First Segment – First 5 Years	4.75%	1.41%	N/A
Second Segment – Next 15 Years	5.00%	3.09%	N/A
Third Segment – After 20 Years	5.74%	3.58%	N/A

Investment Return: 6.50% per annum, compounded annually.

Estimated Expenses: An estimate of the administrative expenses expected to be paid from plan assets. For 2023 this amount is \$460,000.

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Mortality:	<i>Funding:</i> The IRS 2023 Static Mortality Table. <i>Accounting:</i> Pri-2012 Total Dataset with Scale MP-2021.
Termination:	N/A
Disability:	N/A
Retirement Rates:	Terminated Vested Participants are assumed to retire at age 65.
Survivor's Benefit:	N/A

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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>December 31,</i>	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Investments		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 21,039,244	\$ 20,119,641
Receivables		
Employer contributions receivable	<u>509,990</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 21,549,234</u>	<u>\$ 20,119,641</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>Year ended December 31,</i>	2023	2022
ADDITIONS TO (DEDUCTIONS FROM) NET ASSETS		
Employer contributions	\$ 509,990	\$ -
Investment income (loss)		
Interest and dividends	543,192	473,546
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	<u>2,516,654</u>	<u>(5,219,164)</u>
Total investment income (loss)	<u>3,059,846</u>	<u>(4,745,618)</u>
Total additions to (deductions from) net assets	3,569,836	(4,745,618)
OTHER DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS		
Benefits paid directly to participants	(1,678,666)	(1,700,343)
Administrative expenses	<u>(461,577)</u>	<u>(184,870)</u>
Total other deductions net assets	<u>(2,140,243)</u>	<u>(1,885,213)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in net assets available for benefits	1,429,593	(6,630,831)
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	<u>20,119,641</u>	<u>26,750,472</u>
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	<u>\$ 21,549,234</u>	<u>\$ 20,119,641</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

AXIA Inc. Retirement Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Description of the Plan

The AXIA Inc. Retirement Plan (known prior to January 1, 2022 as the AXIA Incorporated Salaried Employees' Retirement Plan) (the Plan) is a defined benefit pension plan and trust that is designed to provide retirement income to all non-collective bargaining unit employees of AXIA Incorporated. Other employers included in the Plan are: Ames Taping Tool Systems, Co., Ames Taping Tool Systems, Inc., TapeTech Tool Company, Inc., Nestaway (spun-off August 31, 2005), Fischbein Company (spun-off August 31, 2005), Mid America Machine, Corp. (spun-off August 31, 2005), Nestaway Division, Clinton, North Carolina (spun-off August 31, 2005), Nestaway Division, McKenzie, Tennessee (spun-off August 31, 2005), Flexible Materials Handling (spun-off August 31, 2005), and AXIA Tool Co.

The Pension Committee, along with the trustees, control and manage the operation and administration of the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

Effective April 1, 2022, Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (Empower) acquired the retirement business of Prudential Financial, Inc. Pursuant to this transaction, business written and administered by Prudential Financial, Inc. was reinsured by Empower. Accordingly, the certified information, as described in Note 4, was certified by Empower as of December 31, 2023, and the year then ended.

The following description of the Plan provides only general information. More detailed information concerning the Plan may be found by consulting the Plan document, which is available from the Plan administrator.

Eligibility

Participation in the Plan was automatic for eligible employees who had attained the age of 21 and completed 1 year of service as of March 31, 2003 (freeze date), when the Plan was closed to new entrants.

Pension Benefits

The amount of retirement benefits to be received depends upon the Participants' years of credited service and date of termination. Credited service did not include any Plan year in which the Participant worked less than 1,000 hours. Credited service also did not include years of service before participation in the Plan. Credited service, which is limited to 30 years, and salary increases were frozen as of March 31, 2003.

The amount of the benefit payment may be actuarially adjusted, depending upon the annuity payment method chosen by the Participant from the options available under the Plan. Normal retirement benefits start at age 65. The Plan contains provisions for early retirement benefits, total and permanent disability benefits, death benefits, surviving spouse benefits, refund benefits, and deferred vested benefits, all of which may affect the calculation of the amount of the Participant's benefit payments.

If the total actuarial value of a Participant's retirement or deferred vested benefit is \$5,000 or less, the Pension Committee may direct the benefit payment to be paid in a lump-sum amount.

Vesting

All Participants have a 100% vested right to receive retirement income benefits.

1. Description of the Plan (cont.)

Funding Policy

Contributions to provide benefits under the Plan are made solely by the Company. The Company's funding policy is to make cash contributions to the Plan in accordance with the funding requirements established by ERISA and at a rate deemed necessary to maintain the Plan on an actuarially sound basis. The amounts of the contributions are based upon the computations of the Plan's independent actuary (see Note 3) and have been designed to provide sufficient funds to pay benefits as they become payable under the Plan. All funding requirements of ERISA have been met for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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 (GAAP).

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Plan's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein: disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities: and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at the date of the financial statements, and changes therein. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income (Loss) Recognition

The investments of the Plan are reported at fair value. Fair value is the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (the exit price). See Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurement.

Purchases and sales are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest is recorded when earned and dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments to Participants are recorded upon distribution.

Administrative Expenses

The Plan's expenses are paid either by the Plan or the Company, as provided by the Plan document. Expenses that are paid directly by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Certain expenses incurred in connection with the general administration of the Plan that are paid by the Plan are recorded as deductions in the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits. In addition, certain investment related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) of fair value of investments presented in the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

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3. Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits

Accumulated plan benefits are those estimated future periodic payments, including lump-sum distributions, which are attributable under the Plan's provisions to services rendered by the Participants to the valuation date. Accumulated plan benefits include benefits expected to be paid to (a) retired or terminated Participants or their beneficiaries, and (b) present Participants or their beneficiaries.

Benefits payable under all circumstances - retirement, death, disability, and termination of employment - are included to the extent they are deemed attributable to Participant service rendered to the valuation date (or freeze date).

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is determined by an independent actuary and represents the amount which results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan benefits to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, disability, withdrawal or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment.

The significant actuarial assumptions used in determining accumulated plan benefits as of January 1 were as follows:

	2023	2022
Actuarial cost method	- Unit Credit	- Unit Credit
Discount rate	- 6.5%	- 6.5%
Mortality (funding)	- IRS 2023 Static Mortality Table	- IRS 2022 Static Mortality Table
Retirement	- Retirement age of 65	- Retirement age of 65

The following is a summary of the actuarial assumptions and methods used to determine the present value of accumulated plan benefits which have been changed since the last valuation:

- The mortality improvement scale (for accounting) is the Pri-2012 Total Dataset Mortality Table with Scale MP-2021, with no changes since the last valuation.
- The expense assumption was changed from \$190,000 to \$460,000.

These assumptions are based on the Plan continuing; were the Plan to be terminated, different actuarial assumptions and other factors might be applicable in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits.

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits as of the beginning of the Plan year is comprised of the following:

	2023	2022
Vested benefits		
Participants currently receiving payments	\$ 13,954,673	\$ 13,871,243
Other vested benefits	5,834,064	6,314,590
Total vested benefits	19,788,737	20,185,833
Non-vested benefits	-	-
Total actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits	\$ 19,788,737	\$ 20,185,833

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3. Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits (cont.)

Changes in the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits are as follows:

	2023	2022
Beginning of year	\$ 20,185,833	\$ 18,935,734
Benefits accumulated	45,559	180,700
Interest due to decrease in discount period	1,257,688	1,181,607
Assumption changes	-	51,190
Plan merger	-	1,376,704
Benefits paid	(1,700,343)	(1,540,102)
End of year	\$ 19,788,737	\$ 20,185,833

4. Certified Information

The Plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (MetLife) have provided certifications that the financial statements as of December 31, 2022, and for the year then ended, provided to the Plan is complete and accurate. Additionally, Empower and MetLife have provided certifications that the financial information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedules as of December 31, 2023, and for the year then ended, provided to the Plan is complete and accurate. The information as to investment assets and transactions therein, and investment income (loss) included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedules as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the years then ended, are covered by such certifications.

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

5. Fair Value Measurement

GAAP establishes 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 in which little or no market data exists (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under GAAP are described below:

Basis of Fair Value Measurement

Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities;

Level 2 - Quoted prices in markets that are not considered to be active or financial instruments for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly;

Level 3 - Prices or valuations that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable.

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5. Fair Value Measurement (cont.)

Basis of Fair Value Measurement (cont.)

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.

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

Pooled Separate Accounts - valued at net asset value (NAV) as the practical expedient based on the last reported sales price of the underlying investments held and the number of units held by the Plan at year-end.

Guaranteed Interest Contract with MetLife - valued at fair value by the insurance company by discounting the related cash flows based on current yields of similar instruments with comparable durations considering the credit-worthiness of the issuer.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

<i>December 31, 2023</i>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Guaranteed interest contract with MetLife	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,177	\$ 21,177
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,177	21,177
Pooled separate accounts measured at NAV*				21,018,067
Total investments at fair value			\$	21,039,244
<i>December 31, 2022</i>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Guaranteed interest contract with MetLife	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,699	\$ 29,699
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,699	29,699
Pooled separate accounts measured at NAV*				20,089,942
Total investments at fair value			\$	20,119,641

* Certain investments that are measured at fair value using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been categorized in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value to the amounts presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

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

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5. Fair Value Measurement (cont.)

Changes in fair value of Level 3 assets and related gains and losses:

The following table sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's Level 3 assets for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Fair Value at December 31, 2023	Fair Value at December 31, 2022
Guaranteed investment contract		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 29,699	\$ 39,787
Interest	3,315	4,514
Withdrawals	(11,837)	(14,602)
Balance, end of year	\$ 21,177	\$ 29,699

Quantitative information about significant unobservable inputs used in Level 3 fair value measurements:

	Fair Value at December 31, 2023	Fair Value at December 31, 2022	Principal Valuation Technique	Significant Unobservable Inputs	Interest Rate
Guaranteed investment contract	\$ 21,177	\$ 29,699	Discounted cash flow	Discount rate duration - 15 years	13.82%

The Guaranteed Interest Contract represents an unallocated group annuity contract with MetLife to provide a fixed rate of return. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise.

Fair value of investments in certain entities that calculate NAV per share (or its equivalent) follows:

Investment	Fair Value at December 31, 2023	Fair Value at December 31, 2022	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if Currently Eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 21,018,067	\$ 20,089,942	None	Daily	None

6. Risks, Uncertainties, and Concentrations

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 that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Plan contributions were made, and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits were reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimation and assumption process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near-term would be material to the financial statements.

At December 31, 2023, approximately 27% of the Plan's investments were invested in the Prudential Total Return Bond SA Fund.

7. Income Tax Status

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated August 27, 2008, stating that the Plan was qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and, therefore, the related trust was exempt from taxation. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain its qualification. Although the Plan has been amended since the date of the letter, the Plan administrator believes the Plan is designed and currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

8. Party-In-Interest Transactions

Parties-in-interest are defined under DOL regulations as any fiduciary of the Plan, any part rendering service to the Plan, the Company, and certain others. Employer contributions totaled \$509,990 and \$0 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and qualify as a party-in-interest transaction. All investments are managed by Empower and MetLife; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. As described in Note 2, the Plan paid certain expenses related to Plan operations and investment activity to various service providers. These transactions are permitted under the provisions of the Plan and are exempt from the prohibition of party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

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 set forth in ERISA.

Whether a particular Participant's accumulated plan benefits will be paid depends on the priority of those benefits and the level of benefits guaranteed by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) at that time and also may depend on the financial condition of the Company. Some benefits may be fully or partially provided for by the existing assets and the PBGC guaranty, while other benefits may not be provided for at all. For a further description regarding the priority of Participants' claims to the assets of the Plan upon Plan termination and benefits guaranteed by the PBGC, reference is made to this information included in the Plan document.

10. Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated, for consideration of recognition or disclosure, subsequent events that have occurred through the date of issuance, October 15, 2024, and has determined that no significant events occurred after December 31, 2023, but prior to the issuance of these financial statements, that would have a material impact on its financial statements.

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Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
EIN: 52-1304561
Plan #001

December 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer	(c) Description of Investment: Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
Pooled separate accounts				
*	Empower Annuity Insurance Company	Dryden S&P 500 Index	\$ 899,348	\$ 1,920,622
*	Empower Annuity Insurance Company	Large Cap Growth/Jennison	581,171	1,749,984
*	Empower Annuity Insurance Company	Large Cap Value/LSV Asset Mgmt	1,152,685	1,706,007
*	Empower Annuity Insurance Company	Mid Cap Growth/Ivy	240,271	640,014
*	Empower Annuity Insurance Company	Mid Cap Value/Robeco Fund	373,158	654,353
*	Empower Annuity Insurance Company	Small Cap Growth/Times Square	459,077	865,932
*	Empower Annuity Insurance Company	Small Cap Value/Kennedy Capit	558,254	915,013
*	Empower Annuity Insurance Company	EmrgMrktEq/QMA	811,148	842,529
*	Empower Annuity Insurance Company	International Growth/Artisan	996,150	1,270,127
*	Empower Annuity Insurance Company	International Value I Fund	1,204,354	1,287,599
*	Empower Annuity Insurance Company	Private Placement SA-30	1,177,296	1,021,313
*	Empower Annuity Insurance Company	Prudential Long Corporate Bond	1,232,170	1,095,060
*	Empower Annuity Insurance Company	Prudential Total Return Bond SA	6,185,515	5,609,620
*	Empower Annuity Insurance Company	Prudential Short-Term	322,145	322,146
*	Empower Annuity Insurance Company	Real Estate/Cohen & Steers Fund	828,030	1,117,748
			17,020,772	21,018,067
Guaranteed interest contract				
*	Metropolitan Life Insurance Company	Guaranteed interest contract #20900N	21,177	21,177
Total			<u>\$ 17,041,949</u>	<u>\$ 21,039,244</u>

* Party-in-interest, as defined by ERISA.

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Schedule H, Line 4j - Schedule of Reportable Transactions
EIN: 52-1304561
Plan #001

December 31, 2023

(a) Identity of Party	(b) Description of Asset	(c) Purchase Price	(d) Selling Price	(g) Cost of Asset	(h) Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date	(i) Net Gain (Loss)
Category (iii) - Series of securities transactions in excess of 5% of beginning of year Plan assets						
* Empower Annuity Insurance Company	Prudential Short-term	\$ 2,163,433	\$ -	\$ 2,163,433	\$ 2,163,433	\$ -
* Empower Annuity Insurance Company	Prudential Short-term	\$ -	\$ 2,157,729	\$ 2,157,727	\$ 2,157,729	\$ 2

Columns (e) and (f) have not been presented as this information is not applicable.

* Party-in-interest, as defined by ERISA.

There were no category (i), (ii) or (iv) transactions during the 2023 Plan year.