

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☒ special extension (enter description) HURRICANE DEBBIE AND HELENE
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 SOUTHCO DISTRIBUTING COMPANY 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/1975
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) SOUTHCO DISTRIBUTING COMPANY 2201 S. JOHN ST. GOLDSBORO, NC 27530
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-1295080
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 919-735-8012
2d	Business code (see instructions) 424940

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.	05/01/2025	CHRIS WISE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 171
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1) 157 6a(2) 189 6b 0 6c 17 6d 206 6e 0 6f 206 6g(1) 148 6g(2) 162 6h 3
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	7

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

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

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☐ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- (4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan SOUTHCO DISTRIBUTING COMPANY 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SOUTHCO DISTRIBUTING COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-1295080	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL
04-2647786

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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)

FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL

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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?
25 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	4748	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES LLC

23-2384840

(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?
55	ADVISOR	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	24845	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
AS INTL EQUITY A - DST ASSET MANAG 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.30%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
BLK RK GLOBAL ALLOC A - BNY MELLON 500 ROSS STREET 15253-4426 PITTSBURGH, PA 53442	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
BNYM S&P 500 INDEX - BNY MELLON TR DREYFUS TRANSFER INC 200 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10166	0.15%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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COL MID CAP IDX A - COLUMBIA MGT I PO BOX 219104 KANSAS CITY, MO 64121-9104	0.10%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
COL SM CAP IDX A - COLUMBIA MGT IN PO BOX 219104 KANSAS CITY, MO 64121-9104	0.10%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
COLUMBIA DIV INC A - COLUMBIA MGT PO BOX 219104 KANSAS CITY, MO 64121-9104	0.25%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
HTFD CAPITAL APPR R4 - HARTFORD AD 41-0679409	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
INVS CAP APPREC A - INVESCO INVEST 11 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77046	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
TCW TOTAL RTN BOND N - U.S. BANCOR 615 EAST MICHIGAN STREET, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53202 MILWAUKEE, WI 53201	0.15%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES LLC	55	24845

(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.
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC 04-3523567	

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration		DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.		OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.	
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023					
A Name of plan SOUTHCO DISTRIBUTING COMPANY 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN				B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001	
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SOUTHCO DISTRIBUTING COMPANY				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-1295080	
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: FA STABLE VALUE II					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY					
c EIN-PN 04-3022712-026		d Entity code C		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1854574	
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)	
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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:					
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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)	
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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)	
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)	
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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)	
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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)	
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c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 1	

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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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plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan SOUTHCO DISTRIBUTING COMPANY 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SOUTHCO DISTRIBUTING COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-1295080	

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	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	0	0
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	1361616	1854574
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	6302213	6927618
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	7663829	8782192
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	7663829	8782192

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)	401375	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	507503	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	0	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		908878
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	0	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		0
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	186382	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		186382
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		9105
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		809197
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1913562

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	790450	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		790450
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	3251	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	0	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	1498	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		4749
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		795199

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		1118363
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ 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: **CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, P.L.L.C.**

(2) EIN: **72-1396621**

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.)	☒	☐	648
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 _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan SOUTHCO DISTRIBUTING COMPANY 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SOUTHCO DISTRIBUTING COMPANY		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-1295080
Part I	Distributions	
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.		
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....		1
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 04-6568107		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year		3
Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III	Amendments	
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No		
Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
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)	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14c	
15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	
16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	
17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐		

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐	
19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):	
a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%	
b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.	
a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:	
☐ Yes.	
☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.	
☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.	
☐ No. Other. Provide explanation. _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).	
☐ Design-based safe harbor method	
☒ "Prior year" ADP test	
☐ "Current year" ADP test	
☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702438A</u> .	

**Southco Distributing Company
401(K) Retirement Plan**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2023 and 2022





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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To Management and Those Charged with Governance
Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan
Goldsboro, North Carolina

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

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) [ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit]. The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

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

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

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

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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement 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 Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) and Schedule H, Line 4a – Schedule of Delinquent Contributions are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information 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 generally accepted auditing standards. 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 their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

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

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Goldsboro, North Carolina

March 21, 2025

Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>December 31,</i>	2023	2022
Assets		
Investments		
Investments at fair value	\$ 8,897,495	\$ 7,762,104
Total investments	8,897,495	7,762,104
Receivables		
Employer contributions	434,040	401,375
Participant contributions	-	10,750
Total receivables	434,040	412,125
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 9,331,535	\$ 8,174,229

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

Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>For the year ended December 31,</i>	<i>2023</i>
Additions	
Investment income	
Net appreciation in value of investments	\$ 809,196
Interest and dividends	212,516
Total investment income	1,021,712
Contributions	
Employer	434,040
Employee	496,753
Total contributions	930,793
Total additions	1,952,505
Deductions	
Benefits paid to participants	790,450
Administrative expenses	4,749
Total deductions	795,199
Net increase (decrease)	1,157,306
Net Assets Available for Benefits	
Beginning of year	8,174,229
End of year	\$ 9,331,535

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

Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Refer to Plan documents for a more complete description of Plan provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all full-time employees of Southco Distributing Company (the “Company”, “Sponsor”, “Employer”, or “Plan Administrator”). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Department of Labor’s (DOL’s) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan’s Administrative Committee is responsible for oversight of the Plan and determines the appropriateness of the Plan’s investment offerings, monitors investment performance and reports to the Plan’s Board of Directors.

Some administrative functions are performed by employees of the Company. No compensation is remitted to the Company for these services.

Plan assets are held and managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company (FMTC), the trustee and the qualified institution for the Plan, which invests contributions and Plan earnings, makes investment transactions as directed by individual participants and provides certain recordkeeping services. Fidelity Workplace Services LLC (FWS) acts as the third-party administrator for the Plan, which performs certain plan administration and annual ERISA compliance testing.

Eligibility

Employees may become a participant of the Plan when they have reached one year of service and are age eighteen or older. An eligible employee may enter the Plan on the next semi-annual entry date after all entry requirements have been met. Open enrollment is on January 1st and July 1st each year.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 90 percent (%) of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions, as defined in the Plan. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (i.e. rollover contributions). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Company matches 100% of the first 6% of base compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan. Participants direct the Company’s matching contribution amounts into the various investment options offered by the Plan. Additional profit sharing amounts may be contributed at the option of the Company’s Board of Directors.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (Continued)

Contributions (Continued)

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company made matching contributions of \$434,040. No profit sharing contribution was made for the 2023 Plan year. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and Company's matching contributions, as well as allocations of the Company's profit sharing contributions and Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. Participants begin vesting after two years of continuous service at the rate of 20% per year of service for years two through six. Upon six years of continuous service, participants are considered 100% vested.

Benefit Payments

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or periodic payments over a defined period of time. For termination of service for other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump sum distribution.

Forfeitures

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$50,713 and \$44,583, respectively. These accounts can be used to reduce future employer contributions. In 2023, no employer contributions were reduced by forfeited nonvested accounts.

Hardship Withdrawals

As permitted by the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and in accordance with the Plan agreement, a participant may request a financial hardship withdrawal if they experience severe financial hardship. The financial hardship withdrawal may not exceed the amount of the financial hardship or the value of the vested portion of the participant's balance, whichever is less.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) provides authoritative guidance regarding U.S. GAAP through the Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) and related Accounting Standards Updates (ASUs).

Use of Estimates

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

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments generally are reported at fair value but may also be reported at contract value or net asset value (NAV). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for further discussion of fair value measurements, contract value, and NAV. The Plan's Administrative Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors and the Trustee.

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

Distributions to participants are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees attributable to the general Plan administration were allocated among the accounts of all participants, in proportion to their account balances. During the year ended December 31, 2023, expenses of \$4,749 were paid by the Plan and allocated to participant accounts.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that these changes could materially affect amounts reported in the Plan's financial statements.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, March 21, 2025. See Note 9 for relevant disclosures. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 3: INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY QUALIFIED INSTITUTION

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of compliance, as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. The following financial information included in the Plan's financial statements was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by FTMC, the qualified institution:

- a) Total investments, at fair value, included in the statements of net assets available for benefits at December 31, 2023 and 2022.
- b) Investment income information included in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- c) All amounts included in Note 4, *Fair Value Measurements*.
- d) All information included in the supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023.

Note 4: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair values:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs, other than quoted prices, that are:
 - observable; or
 - can be corroborated by observable market data.

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

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

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the SEC. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

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Note 4: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Stable value collective trust fund (CCT): A stable value fund that is composed primarily of fully benefit-responsive investment contracts that are valued at the NAV of units of the bank collective trust. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. Accordingly, these NAV based investments have been excluded from the fair value hierarchy. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported net asset value. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. If the Plan initiates a full redemption of the collective trust, the issuer reserves the right to require 12 months' notification in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan Administrator believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine fair value of certain financial instruments could result in different fair value measurements at the reporting date.

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:

Description	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3	Total
December 31, 2023				
Mutual funds	\$ 6,927,618	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,927,618
Common collective trust ^(A)				1,969,877
Total investments at fair value			\$	<u>8,897,495</u>

Description	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3	Total
December 31, 2022				
Mutual funds	\$ 6,302,213	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,302,213
Common collective trust ^(A)				1,459,891
Total investments at fair value			\$	<u>7,762,104</u>

(A) Investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

presented in the table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Fair Value of Investments that Calculate Net Asset Value

The following table summarizes information related to the CCTs measured at fair value based on NAV per share as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The CCTs are maintained by investment companies and hold investments in accordance with a stated set of fund objectives.

Year-End	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
December 31, 2023	\$ 1,969,877	n/a	Daily	30 days
December 31, 2022	\$ 1,459,891	n/a	Daily	30 days

Note 5: TAX STATUS

The Plan utilizes Fidelity Management Trust Company's (the Plan's trustee) Volume Submitter Prototype Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan, which was restated for the Pension Protection Act of 2006 and other legislative and regulatory changes. The prototype plan received an opinion letter dated March 31, 2014. Effective April 24, 2015, the Plan adopted Fidelity's restated Volume Submitter Prototype Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan. No major changes were made to the Plan based on this restatement. In September of 2021, the Plan adopted the updated Fidelity's Pre-Approved Defined Contribution Plan. This prototype plan received an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020. Based on these facts, the Plan Administrator believes the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Tax positions are recognized only if it is "more likely than not" that the tax position be sustained in a tax examination, with a tax examination being presumed to occur. The amount recognized is the largest amount that is greater than 50% likely of being realized on examination. For tax positions not meeting the "more likely than not" test, no tax position is recorded. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 6: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND PARTY IN INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments in the amount of \$6,561,834 and \$5,186,562 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, are shares of mutual funds and a stable value collective trust fund managed by the Trustee. Therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. As discussed in Note 2, fees incurred by the Plan for recordkeeping and trustee fees totaled \$4,749 for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Plan Sponsor pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations.

Note 7: PLAN TERMINATION

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

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Note 8: RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2023 and 2022, to the Plan's Form 5500:

<i>December 31,</i>	2023	2022
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 9,331,535	\$ 8,174,229
Less: employer contributions receivable	(434,040)	(401,375)
Less: participant contributions receivable	-	(10,750)
Difference in NAV practical expedient and fair value for interest in stable value collective trust fund (CCT)	(115,303)	(98,275)
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ 8,782,192	\$ 7,663,829

The stable value collective trust fund (CCT) is recorded at the NAV practical expedient for financial statement purposes. Form 5500 was prepared on the fair value basis for the CCT.

The following is a reconciliation of investment income per the financial statements to Form 5500:

<i>For the year ended December 31,</i>	2023
Investment income per the financial statements	\$ 1,021,712
Adjustment from fair value to NAV at December 31, 2022	98,275
Adjustment from fair value to NAV at December 31, 2023	(115,303)
Investment income per Form 5500	\$ 1,004,684

Note 9: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management of the Plan evaluated all events or transactions that occurred after December 31, 2023 through March 21, 2025, the date the Plan's financial statements were available to be issued.

Effective May 30, 2023, the Plan sponsor acquired another wholesale distributor. The transaction resulted in the acquisition of approximately forty employees in October 2023. Employee length of service transferred for eligibility and vesting determination. The Basic Plan Document was amended to reflect the provision of predecessor employer service effective October 10, 2023. Affected employees were notified of their eligibility status and can elect to enter the Plan on the next enrollment date of January 1, 2024.

Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan
EIN#56-1295080 Plan#001
Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
December 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	(c) Description of investment	(d) Cost**	(e) Current
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2015 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	\$ 1,043,954
*	Fidelity Advisor Stable Value Fund II	Stable Value Collective Trust	**	1,969,877
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2030 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	464,987
	Columbia Dividend Inc Fund A	Mutual Fund	**	676,442
	Invesco Captial Appreciation A	Mutual Fund	**	634,010
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2025 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	627,295
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2040 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	640,925
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2020 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	325,057
	BNYM S&P 500 Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	399,253
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2045 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	354,016
*	Fidelity Advisor Dividend Growth A	Mutual Fund	**	136,147
	TCW Total Return Bond Fund N	Mutual Fund	**	104,850
*	Fidelity Advisor Leveraged Co Stock A	Mutual Fund	**	179,737
	Columbia Mid Cap Index A	Mutual Fund	**	165,622
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2050 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	225,808
	Blackrock Global Allocation Class A	Mutual Fund	**	155,704
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2055 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	183,537
*	Fidelity Advisor Stock Selector All Cap Class M	Mutual Fund	**	32,222
	Columbia Small Cap Index A	Mutual Fund	**	95,506
*	Fidelity Advisor Strategic Income A	Mutual Fund	**	42,114
*	Fidelity Advisor Emerging Asia A	Mutual Fund	**	21,896
	HTFD Capital Appreciation R4	Mutual Fund	**	58,770
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2060 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	149,528
*	Fidelity Advisor Small Cap Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	40,563
*	Fidelity Advisor Government Income Class A	Mutual Fund	**	10,078
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2035 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	87,341
	AS International Equity A	Mutual Fund	**	45,504
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2065 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	26,752
Total				\$ 8,897,495

* Denotes a party-in-interest

** Cost not required for participant directed

Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan
EIN#56-1295080 Plan#001
Schedule H, Line 4a – Schedule of Delinquent Contributions
December 31, 2023

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan		Total That Constitute Prohibited Nonexempt Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and Prohibited Transactions Exemption (PTE) 2002-51 *
Plan Year	Check Here If Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside of Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (VFCP) *	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
2022		\$ -	\$ 571	\$ -	-
2023		-	77	-	-
		\$ -	\$ 648	\$ -	-



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March 21, 2025

The Management and Those Charged with Governance of
Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan

Dear Management and Those Charged with Governance:

We are pleased to present the results of our audit of the 2023 financial statements of the Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan (the "Plan").

This report to Management and Those Charged with Governance summarizes our audit, the reports issued and various analyses and observations related to the Plan's accounting and reporting. The document also contains the communications required by our professional standards.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution). We considered the Plan's current and emerging business needs, along with an assessment of risks that could materially affect the financial statements, and aligned our audit procedures accordingly. We conducted the audit with the objectivity and independence that you, Those Charged with Governance and Management, expect. We received the full support and assistance of the Plan's personnel.

At Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C. (CRI), we are continually evaluating the quality of our professionals' work in order to deliver audit services of the highest quality that will meet or exceed your expectations. We encourage you to provide any feedback you believe is appropriate to ensure that we do not overlook a single detail as it relates to the quality of our services.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Committee, the Plan Administrator, and Management, and others within the Plan, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We appreciate this opportunity to work with you. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 919-751-8297 or jsbonthuis@criadv.com.

Very truly yours,

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, P.L.L.C.

Jeanette Sullivan-Bonthuis



As discussed with the Those Charged with Governance and Management during our planning process, our audit plan represented an approach responsive to the assessment of risk for the Plan. Specifically, we planned and performed our audit to:

- Perform ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit, as deemed permissible by the Plan Administrator and pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"), in order to express an opinion on the Plan's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023;
- Communicate directly with the Those Charged with Governance and Management regarding the results of our procedures;
- Address with Those Charged with Governance and Management any accounting and financial reporting issues;
- Anticipate and respond to concerns of Those Charged with Governance and Management; and
- Other audit-related projects as they arise and upon request.



We have audited the financial statements of the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated March 21, 2025. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit:

MATTER TO BE COMMUNICATED	AUDITOR'S RESPONSE
Auditor's responsibility under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (and if applicable, Government Auditing Standards and the Uniform Guidance)	As stated in our engagement letter for the Plan year ended December 31, 2023, and as described below, we conducted our audit in accordance with GAAS. You have determined it is permissible in the circumstances and elected to have the audit 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information described in Note 3), by a qualifying institution, which is a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, that prepared and certified the statements or information regarding assets so held in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5. Our audit will 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 supplemental schedules, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities. As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Plan. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.
Client's responsibility	Management, with oversight from those charged with governance, is responsible for establishing and



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	maintaining internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities; for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the fair presentation in the Plan's financial statements of net assets available for benefits and changes in net assets available for benefits in conformity with the applicable framework. Management is responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud. Management is responsible for determining whether (1) an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is permissible under the circumstances; (2) the investment information is prepared and certified by a qualified institution as described in 29 CFR 2520.103-8; (3) the certification meets the requirements in 29 CFR 2520.103-5; and (4) the certified investment information is appropriately measured, presented, and disclosed in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. Management is responsible for overseeing nonaudit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.
Planned scope and timing of the audit	Our initial audit plan was not significantly altered during our fieldwork.
Management judgments and accounting estimates <i>The process used by management in forming particularly sensitive accounting estimates and the basis for the auditor's conclusion regarding the reasonableness of those estimates.</i>	Please see the following section titled "Accounting Policies, Judgments and Sensitive Estimates and CRI Comments on Quality."
Potential effect on the financial statements of any significant risks and exposures <i>Major risks and exposures facing the Plan and how they are disclosed.</i>	No such risks or exposures were noted that had an effect on the financial statements.
Significant accounting policies, including critical accounting policies and alternative treatments within generally accepted accounting principles and the auditor's judgment about the quality of accounting principles <i>The initial selection of and changes in significant accounting policies or their application; methods used to account for significant unusual transactions; and effect of significant policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.</i> <i>The auditor should also discuss the auditor's judgment about the quality, not just the acceptability, of the Plan's accounting policies as applied in its financial reporting. The discussion should include such matters as consistency of accounting policies and their application, and</i>	Significant accounting policies are described in Note 2 to the Plan's financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2023. We noted no transactions entered into by the Plan during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the Plan's financial statements in the proper period. Certain Plan financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the Plan's financial statements was: The disclosure of fair value measurements of investments in Note 4 to the financial statements.



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<i>clarity and completeness of the financial statements, including disclosures.</i> <i>Critical accounting policies and practices applied by the Plan in its financial statements and our assessment of management's disclosures regarding such policies and practices (including any significant modifications to such disclosures proposed by us but rejected by management), the reasons why certain policies and practices are or are not considered critical, and how current and anticipated future events impact those determinations;</i> • <i>Alternative treatments within GAAP for accounting policies and practices related to material items, including recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure alternatives, that have been discussed with client management during the current audit period, the ramifications of the use of such alternative disclosures and treatments, and the treatment preferred by the auditor;</i> <i>Furthermore, if the accounting policy selected by management is not the policy preferred by us, discuss the reasons why management selected that policy, the policy preferred by us, and the reason we preferred the other policy.</i>	The Plan's financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.
Significant difficulties encountered in the audit <i>Any significant difficulties, for example, unreasonable logistical constraints or lack of cooperation by management.</i>	We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.
Disagreements with management <i>Disagreements, whether or not subsequently resolved, about matters significant to the financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. This does not include those that came about based on incomplete facts or preliminary information.</i>	We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.
Other findings or issues <i>Matters significant to oversight of the financial reporting practices by those charged with governance, including any circumstances that could affect the form or content of the report. For example, an entity's failure to obtain the necessary type of audit, such as one under Government Auditing Standards, in addition to GAAS.</i>	None noted.
Matters arising from the audit that were discussed with, or the subject of correspondence with, management <i>Business conditions that might affect risk or discussions regarding accounting practices or application of auditing standards.</i>	None noted.
Corrected and uncorrected misstatements <i>All significant audit adjustments arising from the audit, whether or not recorded by the Plan, that could</i>	See "Summary of Audit Adjustments" section.



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<i>individually or in the aggregate have a significant effect on the financial statements. We should also inform the Board of Directors about uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented, that were determined by management to be immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. Any internal control deficiencies that could have prevented the misstatements.</i>	
Major issues discussed with management prior to retention <i>Any major accounting, auditing or reporting issues discussed with management in connection with our initial or recurring retention.</i>	Discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.
Consultations with other accountants <i>When management has consulted with other accountants about significant accounting or auditing matters.</i>	To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.
Written representations <i>A description of the written representations the auditor requested (or a copy of the representation letter).</i>	See "Management Representation Letter" section.
Internal control deficiencies and Reportable Findings <i>Any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control that came to the auditor's attention during the audit. A reportable finding is a matter that includes one or more of the following: (1) noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations (2) a finding that in our professional judgement is significant and relevant to you regarding your responsibility to oversee the financial reporting process, and (3) an indication of internal control deficiencies identified during the audit that have not been previously communicated to management by other parties and that we determined are sufficiently important to merit management's attention.</i>	See "Internal Control & Reportable Findings" section.
Fraud and illegal acts <i>Fraud involving senior management or those responsible for internal controls, or causing a material misstatement of the financial statements, where the auditor determines there is evidence that such fraud may exist. Any illegal acts coming to the auditor's attention involving senior management and any other illegal acts, unless clearly inconsequential.</i>	We are unaware of any fraud or illegal acts involving management or causing material misstatement of the Plan's financial statements.
Parties in interest and prohibited transactions <i>Any parties in interest in the plan, prohibited transactions as defined by ERISA, and other reportable transactions.</i>	No prohibited transactions were noted. Transactions with parties-in-interest were properly disclosed in the notes to the Plan's financial statements.
Form 5500 Procedures <i>The external auditor's requirement to obtain and read</i>	We identified no material Form 5500 inconsistencies in performing and completing our



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<i>a substantially complete draft of the Form 5500 prior to dating of the auditor's report. The purpose is to identify any material inconsistencies between the draft 5500 and the Plan's financial statements.</i>	audit except as disclosed in the financial statements.
Other information in documents containing audited financial statements <i>The external auditor's responsibility for information in a document containing audited financial statements, as well as any procedures performed and the results.</i>	Our responsibility related to documents (including annual reports, websites, etc.) containing the Plan's financial statements is to read the other information to consider whether: • Such information is materially inconsistent with the Plan's financial statements; and • We believe such information represents a material misstatement of fact. We have not been provided any such items to date and are unaware of any other documents that contain the audited financial statements. The Form 5500 will be considered upon completion by the third party administrator to determine if there are any exceptions noted related to the considerations above.
Significant unusual accounting transactions <i>Auditor communication with governance to include auditor's views on policies and practices management used, as well as the auditor's understanding of the business purpose.</i>	No significant unusual accounting transactions were noted during the year.
ERISA Required Supplementary Information in relation to the financial statements as a whole <i>The auditor's responsibility for supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, as well as any procedures performed and the results.</i>	Our responsibility for the ERISA-required supplemental schedules accompanying the financial statements is to perform adequate procedures to evaluate whether the form and content of the ERISA-required supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, is presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, and whether the information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Accounting Policies, Judgments and Sensitive Estimates & Carr, Riggs & Ingram, P.L.L.C Comments on Quality



We are required to communicate our judgments about the quality, not just the acceptability, of the Plan's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting. We are also required to communicate critical accounting policies and sensitive accounting estimates. Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. Plan Management may wish to monitor throughout the year the process used to compute and record these accounting estimates. The table below summarizes our communications regarding these matters.

AREA	ACCOUNTING POLICY	CRITICAL POLICY?	JUDGMENTS & SENSITIVE ESTIMATE	AUDITOR'S CONCLUSIONS ON QUALITY OF ACCOUNTING POLICY & APPLICATION
Investments	The Plan follows the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, <i>Fair Value Measurements</i> , when reporting investments.	X	The Plan relies on valuations from the qualified institution for 100% of the asset values. The allocation between Levels 1-3 under ASC 820 is based on management's review of the underlying investments.	Based on the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) procedures we performed with respect to the Plan's investments, we noted that it appears the Plan accounts for investments in accordance with GAAP and all applicable standards and guidelines of ERISA.

Summary of Audit Adjustments



During the course of our audit, we accumulate differences between amounts recorded by the Plan and amounts that we believe are required to be recorded under GAAP reporting guidelines. Those adjustments are either recorded (corrected) by the Plan or passed (uncorrected). Uncorrected misstatements or the matters underlying them could potentially cause future period financial statements to be materially misstated, even if, in the auditor's judgment, such uncorrected misstatements are immaterial to the financial statements under audit.

There were no adjustments, either corrected or uncorrected, as a result of our audit procedures.

QUALITATIVE MATERIALITY CONSIDERATIONS

In evaluating the materiality of audit differences when they do arise, we consider both quantitative and qualitative factors, for example:

- Whether the difference arises from an item capable of precise measurement or whether it arises from an estimate, and, if so, the degree of imprecision inherent in the estimate.
- Whether the difference masks a change in net assets or other trends.
- Whether the difference changes a net decrease in assets to addition, or vice versa.
- Whether the difference concerns an area of the Plan's operating environment that has been identified as playing a significant role in the Plan's operations or viability.
- Whether the difference affects compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Whether the difference involves concealment of an unlawful transaction.
- Whether the difference involves concealment of a prohibited transaction, or transaction with a party in interest, as defined by ERISA.



March 21, 2025

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, P.L.L.C.
2805 North Park Drive
Goldsboro, North Carolina 27532

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan ("the Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements (collectively, the "financial statements").

We elected to have the audit 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 the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). We acknowledge that the audit did 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, a qualified institution, that prepared and certified the investment information in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. We have determined that an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is permissible under the circumstances. We have also determined that the investment information is prepared and certified by a qualified institution as described by 29 CFR 2520.103-8, that the certification meets the requirements in 29 CFR 2520.103-5, and that the certified investment information is appropriately measured, presented, and disclosed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The purpose of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is to express an opinion on whether the amounts and disclosures in the 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 (U.S. GAAP) and that the information regarding assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the certified investment information.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered to be material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of March 21, 2025, the following representations made to you during your audit.

Financial Statements

- 1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter for the Plan year ended December 31, 2023, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.
- 2) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP, the notes include all disclosures required by laws and regulations to which the Plan is subject, including the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- 3) We acknowledge our responsibility 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.

- 4) We acknowledge our election to have an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect our responsibility for the financial statements and for determining the following:
 - a) The circumstances permit an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit.
 - b) A qualified institution has prepared and certified the investment information as described in 29 CFR 2520.103-8.
 - c) The certification meets the 29 CFR 2520.103-5 requirements.
 - d) The certified investment information is appropriately measured, presented, and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 5) We acknowledge our responsibility 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.
- 6) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 7) The methods, significant assumptions, and data used in making accounting estimates and their related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement, or disclosure that is reasonable in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 8) Related-party relationships and transactions and relationships and transactions with parties-in-interest, as defined in ERISA Section 3(14) and regulations thereunder, have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP and ERISA Section 3(14) and regulations thereunder.
- 9) All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- 10) We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- 11) Other matters (e.g., breach of fiduciary responsibilities, nonexempt transactions, loans or leases in default, or events that may jeopardize the tax status) that legal counsel have advised us that must be disclosed have been properly disclosed.
- 12) Material concentrations have been properly disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 13) Financial instruments with concentrations of credit risk have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements.
- 14) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Plan is contingently liable, have been properly recorded or disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 15) The supplemental schedules or financial statements disclose the following:
 - a) All non-exempt party-in-interest transactions [as defined in ERISA Section 3(14) and regulations thereunder].
 - b) Investments or loans in default or considered to be uncollectible.
 - c) Reportable transactions [as defined in ERISA Section 103(b)(3)(H) and regulations thereunder].

Information Provided

- 16) We have provided you with:
 - a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records (including information obtained from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers), documentation, and other matters.
 - b) A substantially complete draft of Form 5500.
 - c) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.

Management Representation Letter



- d) Unrestricted access to persons within the Plan from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- e) Current plan instruments, trust agreements, insurance contracts, or investment contracts and amendments to such documents entered into during the year, including amendments to comply with applicable laws.
- 17) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 18) We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 19) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the Plan and involves:
 - a) Management,
 - b) Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
 - c) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 20) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Plan's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, participants, regulators, beneficiaries, service providers, third-party administrators, or others.
- 21) We have no knowledge of any instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations (including ERISA, DOL, and IRS regulations) whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- 22) We are not aware of any pending litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims or assessments.
- 23) We have disclosed to you the names of all of the Plan's related parties and parties in interest and all the related-party and party-in-interest relationships and transactions, including any side agreements.
- 24) The Plan has satisfactory title to all owned assets, which are recorded at fair value, and all liens, encumbrances, or security interests requiring disclosure in the financial statements have been properly disclosed.
- 25) We have no—
 - a) Plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
 - b) Intentions to terminate the Plan.
- 26) Amendments to the Plan instrument, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements.
- 27) The Plan has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- 28) The methods and significant assumptions used to estimate fair values of financial instruments, including nonreadily marketable securities, are as follows: Level 1, 2 and 3 inputs are described in Note 4 of the financial statements. The methods and significant assumptions used result in a measure of fair value appropriate for financial measurement and disclosure purposes.
- 29) We are responsible for the estimation methods and assumptions used in measuring assets and liabilities reported or disclosed at fair value, including information obtained from brokers, pricing services, or other third parties. Our valuation methodologies have been consistently applied from period to period. The fair value measurements reported or disclosed represent our best estimate of fair value as of the measurement date in accordance with the requirements of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) *Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, Fair Value Measurement*. In addition, our disclosures related to fair value measurements are consistent with the objectives outlined in *FASB ASC 820*.
- 30) All required amendments to and filings of plan documents with the appropriate agencies have been made. The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on June 30, 2020, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, they believe that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

Management Representation Letter



- 31) The Plan (and the trust established under the Plan) is qualified under the appropriate section of the Internal Revenue Code and we intend to continue them as a qualified plan (and trust). The Plan sponsor(s) has operated the Plan (and trust) in a manner that did not jeopardize this tax status. Required nondiscrimination testing related to Code Section 401(k) and 401(m) arrangements, as applicable, has been completed for the Plan, and any excess deferrals or contributions have been disposed of in accordance with regulations.
- 32) The Plan has complied with the DOL's regulations concerning the timely remittance of participant contributions to trusts containing assets for the Plan.
- 33) The Plan has complied with the fidelity bonding requirements of ERISA.
- 34) We have apprised you of all communications, whether written or oral, with regulatory agencies concerning the operation of the Plan.
- 35) We have obtained appropriate fee disclosures from covered service providers and have concluded the fees are reasonable. The Plan is in compliance with DOL regulations regarding ERISA Section 408(b)(2).
- 36) We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), in accordance with U.S. GAAP and in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. We believe the form and content of the Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) is fairly presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. The methods of measurement and presentation of the supplemental schedule have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplemental schedule.
- 37) The administrative expenses paid by Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan (plan sponsor) on behalf of the Plan will not be reimbursed by the Plan.
- 38) We have obtained the SOC 1 report from our service organizations, Fidelity Workplace Services LLC and Fidelity Technology Group, LLC. We have reviewed such reports, including the complementary user controls. We have implemented the relevant user controls, and they were in operation for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- 39) In regards to the preparation of the financial statements and supplemental schedules and any other non-attest services performed by you, we have:
- a) Assumed all management responsibilities.
 - b) Designated Chris Wise, Chief Finance Officer, who has suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience to oversee the services.
 - c) Evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed.
 - d) Accepted responsibility for the results of the services.
- 40) We will notify you in advance of our intent to include your report, in whole or in part, in any document other than the Form 5500 filed with a regulatory agency or printed, in whole or in part, for any reason, and you will have the opportunity to review such matter before its filing or issuance.

ERISA Required Supplemental Schedules

- 41) We believe the form and content of the Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Signature: Chris Wise
Title: CFO



March 21, 2025

Those Charged with Governance and Management of
Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan

Except as discussed in the following paragraph, in planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Plan's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of issuing our report on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control.

We were engaged to perform an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit of those financial statements as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. As permitted by ERISA Section 102(a)(3)(C), our audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by Fidelity Management Trust Company that prepared and certified the statements of information regarding assets so held in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5. Our audit also did not include a consideration of internal control related to the investments information.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraphs and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies in the Plan's internal control identified as Items #1, #2 and #3 presented in the following chart to this letter to be significant deficiencies.

During our audit, we also became aware of deficiencies in internal control other than significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, and other matters that are opportunities for strengthening



internal controls and operating efficiency. These items are described in the following chart to this letter and identified as Items #4, #5 and #6.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed many of these comments and suggestions with various Plan personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

The Plan's written response to the significant deficiencies identified in our audit has not been subjected to the audit procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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

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Internal Control & Reportable Findings



The following legend should be used in conjunction with reviewing the "Rating" of each of the identified internal control items:

IP = Improvement Point	D = Control Deficiency	SD = Significant Deficiency	MW = Material Weakness	RF = Reportable Finding *
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**Note: generally control deficiencies, significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses are deemed to also be reportable findings unless otherwise noted. This concept is only relevant for benefit plans.*

CONTROL NUMBER	RATING	AREA	ITEM NOTED	SUGGESTION	MANAGEMENT ACTION
1	SD	Contributions (Employer Matching) – Plan Compensation	During our audit, CRI noted an instance where certain compensation was excluded from eligible compensation for purposes of calculating employee deferrals but included it for purposes of employer match resulting in excess matching contributions to a participant.	We recommend that those involved in payroll review the Plan document to review forms of eligible compensation for purposes of calculating employee deferrals and employer match contributions. We recommend that management consider a process whereby compensation is reviewed to ensure it is accurate prior to match funding.	We have reviewed the results of the finding noted and concur with the assessment of the issue identified.

Internal Control & Reportable Findings



CONTROL NUMBER	RATING	AREA	ITEM NOTED	SUGGESTION	MANAGEMENT ACTION
2	SD	Contributions	During our audit, management made us aware of one instance of incorrect allocations of participant deferrals. Participant contributions were remitted fully in total but allocated incorrectly among several participants.	We recommend management consider a process in which a compatible payroll file is produced to upload to Fidelity automatically to reduce errors made by manual entry of data.	We have reviewed the results of the finding noted and agree with the assessment of the issue identified. Management will consider an automatic upload process with Fidelity in the future.
3	SD	Contributions (Employer Matching) – Plan Compensation	During our audit, CRI noted an instance where certain compensation was excluded from eligible compensation for purposes of calculating employee deferrals.	We recommend that those involved in payroll review the Plan document to review forms of eligible compensation for purposes of calculating employee deferrals. We recommend that management consider a process whereby compensation is reviewed to ensure it is accurate prior to match funding.	We have reviewed the results of the finding noted and concur with the assessment of the issue identified.

Internal Control & Reportable Findings



CONTROL NUMBER	RATING	AREA	ITEM NOTED	SUGGESTION	MANAGEMENT ACTION
4 (Repeat)	D	ITGC – Access Controls	During our audit, CRI noted that users of the payroll system use the same username and password to access the program.	We recommend management implement user access controls such as unique usernames and passwords within the payroll software.	We have reviewed the results of the finding noted and agree with the assessment of the issue identified. Management will consider implementing unique usernames and passwords for program users.
5 (Repeat)	IP	Plan Oversight	During our audit, CRI noted that management does not take official minutes during Administrative Committee meetings.	We recommend management take official minutes during meetings of the Administrative Committee to serve as documentation of the Committee's due diligence in monitoring Plan operations and investment performance.	We have reviewed the results of the finding noted and agree with the assessment of the issue identified. Management will consider taking official notes of meetings of the Administrative Committee in the future.

Internal Control & Reportable Findings



CONTROL NUMBER	RATING	AREA	ITEM NOTED	SUGGESTION	MANAGEMENT ACTION
6	IP	Service Organization – Monitoring	During the audit of the 2023 Plan year, it was noted that management does not have a formal, documented process whereby management reviews the service organization including the service organization reports.	We recommend that those involved in payroll review the service organization reports to ensure entity user controls are in process and operating effectively. We recommend that management implement a process at least annually whereby these reports are reviewed and document this review.	We have reviewed the results of the finding noted and concur with the improvement point. Management notes that they will consider implementing a formal review of these reports within those involved in the payroll process.

**Southco Distributing Company
401(K) Retirement Plan**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2023 and 2022





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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To Management and Those Charged with Governance
Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan
Goldsboro, North Carolina

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

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) [ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit]. The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

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

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

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

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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement 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 Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) and Schedule H, Line 4a – Schedule of Delinquent Contributions are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information 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 generally accepted auditing standards. 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 their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

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

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Goldsboro, North Carolina

March 21, 2025

Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>December 31,</i>	2023	2022
Assets		
Investments		
Investments at fair value	\$ 8,897,495	\$ 7,762,104
Total investments	8,897,495	7,762,104
Receivables		
Employer contributions	434,040	401,375
Participant contributions	-	10,750
Total receivables	434,040	412,125
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 9,331,535	\$ 8,174,229

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

Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>For the year ended December 31,</i>	<i>2023</i>
Additions	
Investment income	
Net appreciation in value of investments	\$ 809,196
Interest and dividends	212,516
Total investment income	1,021,712
Contributions	
Employer	434,040
Employee	496,753
Total contributions	930,793
Total additions	1,952,505
Deductions	
Benefits paid to participants	790,450
Administrative expenses	4,749
Total deductions	795,199
Net increase (decrease)	1,157,306
Net Assets Available for Benefits	
Beginning of year	8,174,229
End of year	\$ 9,331,535

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

Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Refer to Plan documents for a more complete description of Plan provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all full-time employees of Southco Distributing Company (the “Company”, “Sponsor”, “Employer”, or “Plan Administrator”). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Department of Labor’s (DOL’s) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan’s Administrative Committee is responsible for oversight of the Plan and determines the appropriateness of the Plan’s investment offerings, monitors investment performance and reports to the Plan’s Board of Directors.

Some administrative functions are performed by employees of the Company. No compensation is remitted to the Company for these services.

Plan assets are held and managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company (FMT), the trustee and the qualified institution for the Plan, which invests contributions and Plan earnings, makes investment transactions as directed by individual participants and provides certain recordkeeping services. Fidelity Workplace Services LLC (FWS) acts as the third-party administrator for the Plan, which performs certain plan administration and annual ERISA compliance testing.

Eligibility

Employees may become a participant of the Plan when they have reached one year of service and are age eighteen or older. An eligible employee may enter the Plan on the next semi-annual entry date after all entry requirements have been met. Open enrollment is on January 1st and July 1st each year.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 90 percent (%) of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions, as defined in the Plan. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (i.e. rollover contributions). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Company matches 100% of the first 6% of base compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan. Participants direct the Company’s matching contribution amounts into the various investment options offered by the Plan. Additional profit sharing amounts may be contributed at the option of the Company’s Board of Directors.

Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (Continued)

Contributions (Continued)

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company made matching contributions of \$434,040. No profit sharing contribution was made for the 2023 Plan year. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and Company's matching contributions, as well as allocations of the Company's profit sharing contributions and Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. Participants begin vesting after two years of continuous service at the rate of 20% per year of service for years two through six. Upon six years of continuous service, participants are considered 100% vested.

Benefit Payments

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or periodic payments over a defined period of time. For termination of service for other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump sum distribution.

Forfeitures

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$50,713 and \$44,583, respectively. These accounts can be used to reduce future employer contributions. In 2023, no employer contributions were reduced by forfeited nonvested accounts.

Hardship Withdrawals

As permitted by the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and in accordance with the Plan agreement, a participant may request a financial hardship withdrawal if they experience severe financial hardship. The financial hardship withdrawal may not exceed the amount of the financial hardship or the value of the vested portion of the participant's balance, whichever is less.

Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) provides authoritative guidance regarding U.S. GAAP through the Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) and related Accounting Standards Updates (ASUs).

Use of Estimates

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

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments generally are reported at fair value but may also be reported at contract value or net asset value (NAV). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for further discussion of fair value measurements, contract value, and NAV. The Plan's Administrative Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors and the Trustee.

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

Distributions to participants are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees attributable to the general Plan administration were allocated among the accounts of all participants, in proportion to their account balances. During the year ended December 31, 2023, expenses of \$4,749 were paid by the Plan and allocated to participant accounts.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that these changes could materially affect amounts reported in the Plan's financial statements.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, March 21, 2025. See Note 9 for relevant disclosures. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

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Note 3: INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY QUALIFIED INSTITUTION

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of compliance, as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. The following financial information included in the Plan's financial statements was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by FTMC, the qualified institution:

- a) Total investments, at fair value, included in the statements of net assets available for benefits at December 31, 2023 and 2022.
- b) Investment income information included in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- c) All amounts included in Note 4, *Fair Value Measurements*.
- d) All information included in the supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023.

Note 4: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair values:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs, other than quoted prices, that are:
 - observable; or
 - can be corroborated by observable market data.

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

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

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the SEC. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan

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Note 4: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Stable value collective trust fund (CCT): A stable value fund that is composed primarily of fully benefit-responsive investment contracts that are valued at the NAV of units of the bank collective trust. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. Accordingly, these NAV based investments have been excluded from the fair value hierarchy. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported net asset value. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. If the Plan initiates a full redemption of the collective trust, the issuer reserves the right to require 12 months' notification in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan Administrator believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine fair value of certain financial instruments could result in different fair value measurements at the reporting date.

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:

Description	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3	Total
December 31, 2023				
Mutual funds	\$ 6,927,618	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,927,618
Common collective trust ^(A)				1,969,877
Total investments at fair value			\$	<u>8,897,495</u>

Description	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3	Total
December 31, 2022				
Mutual funds	\$ 6,302,213	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,302,213
Common collective trust ^(A)				1,459,891
Total investments at fair value			\$	<u>7,762,104</u>

(A) Investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts

Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

presented in the table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Fair Value of Investments that Calculate Net Asset Value

The following table summarizes information related to the CCTs measured at fair value based on NAV per share as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The CCTs are maintained by investment companies and hold investments in accordance with a stated set of fund objectives.

Year-End	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
December 31, 2023	\$ 1,969,877	n/a	Daily	30 days
December 31, 2022	\$ 1,459,891	n/a	Daily	30 days

Note 5: TAX STATUS

The Plan utilizes Fidelity Management Trust Company's (the Plan's trustee) Volume Submitter Prototype Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan, which was restated for the Pension Protection Act of 2006 and other legislative and regulatory changes. The prototype plan received an opinion letter dated March 31, 2014. Effective April 24, 2015, the Plan adopted Fidelity's restated Volume Submitter Prototype Profit Sharing/401(k) Plan. No major changes were made to the Plan based on this restatement. In September of 2021, the Plan adopted the updated Fidelity's Pre-Approved Defined Contribution Plan. This prototype plan received an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020. Based on these facts, the Plan Administrator believes the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Tax positions are recognized only if it is "more likely than not" that the tax position be sustained in a tax examination, with a tax examination being presumed to occur. The amount recognized is the largest amount that is greater than 50% likely of being realized on examination. For tax positions not meeting the "more likely than not" test, no tax position is recorded. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 6: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND PARTY IN INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments in the amount of \$6,561,834 and \$5,186,562 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, are shares of mutual funds and a stable value collective trust fund managed by the Trustee. Therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. As discussed in Note 2, fees incurred by the Plan for recordkeeping and trustee fees totaled \$4,749 for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Plan Sponsor pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations.

Note 7: PLAN TERMINATION

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

Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 8: RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2023 and 2022, to the Plan's Form 5500:

<i>December 31,</i>	2023	2022
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 9,331,535	\$ 8,174,229
Less: employer contributions receivable	(434,040)	(401,375)
Less: participant contributions receivable	-	(10,750)
Difference in NAV practical expedient and fair value for interest in stable value collective trust fund (CCT)	(115,303)	(98,275)
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ 8,782,192	\$ 7,663,829

The stable value collective trust fund (CCT) is recorded at the NAV practical expedient for financial statement purposes. Form 5500 was prepared on the fair value basis for the CCT.

The following is a reconciliation of investment income per the financial statements to Form 5500:

<i>For the year ended December 31,</i>	2023
Investment income per the financial statements	\$ 1,021,712
Adjustment from fair value to NAV at December 31, 2022	98,275
Adjustment from fair value to NAV at December 31, 2023	(115,303)
Investment income per Form 5500	\$ 1,004,684

Note 9: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management of the Plan evaluated all events or transactions that occurred after December 31, 2023 through March 21, 2025, the date the Plan's financial statements were available to be issued.

Effective May 30, 2023, the Plan sponsor acquired another wholesale distributor. The transaction resulted in the acquisition of approximately forty employees in October 2023. Employee length of service transferred for eligibility and vesting determination. The Basic Plan Document was amended to reflect the provision of predecessor employer service effective October 10, 2023. Affected employees were notified of their eligibility status and can elect to enter the Plan on the next enrollment date of January 1, 2024.

Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan
EIN#56-1295080 Plan#001
Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
December 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	(c) Description of investment	(d) Cost**	(e) Current
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2015 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	\$ 1,043,954
*	Fidelity Advisor Stable Value Fund II	Stable Value Collective Trust	**	1,969,877
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2030 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	464,987
	Columbia Dividend Inc Fund A	Mutual Fund	**	676,442
	Invesco Captial Appreciation A	Mutual Fund	**	634,010
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2025 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	627,295
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2040 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	640,925
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2020 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	325,057
	BNYM S&P 500 Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	399,253
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2045 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	354,016
*	Fidelity Advisor Dividend Growth A	Mutual Fund	**	136,147
	TCW Total Return Bond Fund N	Mutual Fund	**	104,850
*	Fidelity Advisor Leveraged Co Stock A	Mutual Fund	**	179,737
	Columbia Mid Cap Index A	Mutual Fund	**	165,622
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2050 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	225,808
	Blackrock Global Allocation Class A	Mutual Fund	**	155,704
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2055 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	183,537
*	Fidelity Advisor Stock Selector All Cap Class M	Mutual Fund	**	32,222
	Columbia Small Cap Index A	Mutual Fund	**	95,506
*	Fidelity Advisor Strategic Income A	Mutual Fund	**	42,114
*	Fidelity Advisor Emerging Asia A	Mutual Fund	**	21,896
	HTFD Capital Appreciation R4	Mutual Fund	**	58,770
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2060 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	149,528
*	Fidelity Advisor Small Cap Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	40,563
*	Fidelity Advisor Government Income Class A	Mutual Fund	**	10,078
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2035 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	87,341
	AS International Equity A	Mutual Fund	**	45,504
*	Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2065 Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	26,752
Total				\$ 8,897,495

* Denotes a party-in-interest

** Cost not required for participant directed

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Schedule H, Line 4a – Schedule of Delinquent Contributions
December 31, 2023

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan		Total That Constitute Prohibited Nonexempt Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and Prohibited Transactions Exemption (PTE) 2002-51 *
Plan Year	Check Here If Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside of Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (VFCP) *	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
2022		\$ -	\$ 571	\$ -	-
2023		-	77	-	-
		\$ -	\$ 648	\$ -	-



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March 21, 2025

The Management and Those Charged with Governance of
Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan

Dear Management and Those Charged with Governance:

We are pleased to present the results of our audit of the 2023 financial statements of the Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan (the "Plan").

This report to Management and Those Charged with Governance summarizes our audit, the reports issued and various analyses and observations related to the Plan's accounting and reporting. The document also contains the communications required by our professional standards.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution). We considered the Plan's current and emerging business needs, along with an assessment of risks that could materially affect the financial statements, and aligned our audit procedures accordingly. We conducted the audit with the objectivity and independence that you, Those Charged with Governance and Management, expect. We received the full support and assistance of the Plan's personnel.

At Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C. (CRI), we are continually evaluating the quality of our professionals' work in order to deliver audit services of the highest quality that will meet or exceed your expectations. We encourage you to provide any feedback you believe is appropriate to ensure that we do not overlook a single detail as it relates to the quality of our services.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Committee, the Plan Administrator, and Management, and others within the Plan, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We appreciate this opportunity to work with you. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 919-751-8297 or jsbonthuis@criadv.com.

Very truly yours,

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, P.L.L.C.

Jeanette Sullivan-Bonthuis

Required Communications



As discussed with the Those Charged with Governance and Management during our planning process, our audit plan represented an approach responsive to the assessment of risk for the Plan. Specifically, we planned and performed our audit to:

- Perform ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit, as deemed permissible by the Plan Administrator and pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"), in order to express an opinion on the Plan's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023;
- Communicate directly with the Those Charged with Governance and Management regarding the results of our procedures;
- Address with Those Charged with Governance and Management any accounting and financial reporting issues;
- Anticipate and respond to concerns of Those Charged with Governance and Management; and
- Other audit-related projects as they arise and upon request.



We have audited the financial statements of the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated March 21, 2025. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit:

MATTER TO BE COMMUNICATED	AUDITOR'S RESPONSE
Auditor's responsibility under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (and if applicable, Government Auditing Standards and the Uniform Guidance)	As stated in our engagement letter for the Plan year ended December 31, 2023, and as described below, we conducted our audit in accordance with GAAS. You have determined it is permissible in the circumstances and elected to have the audit 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information described in Note 3), by a qualifying institution, which is a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, that prepared and certified the statements or information regarding assets so held in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5. Our audit will 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 supplemental schedules, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities. As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Plan. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.
Client's responsibility	Management, with oversight from those charged with governance, is responsible for establishing and



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	maintaining internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities; for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the fair presentation in the Plan's financial statements of net assets available for benefits and changes in net assets available for benefits in conformity with the applicable framework. Management is responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud. Management is responsible for determining whether (1) an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is permissible under the circumstances; (2) the investment information is prepared and certified by a qualified institution as described in 29 CFR 2520.103-8; (3) the certification meets the requirements in 29 CFR 2520.103-5; and (4) the certified investment information is appropriately measured, presented, and disclosed in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. Management is responsible for overseeing nonaudit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.
Planned scope and timing of the audit	Our initial audit plan was not significantly altered during our fieldwork.
Management judgments and accounting estimates <i>The process used by management in forming particularly sensitive accounting estimates and the basis for the auditor's conclusion regarding the reasonableness of those estimates.</i>	Please see the following section titled "Accounting Policies, Judgments and Sensitive Estimates and CRI Comments on Quality."
Potential effect on the financial statements of any significant risks and exposures <i>Major risks and exposures facing the Plan and how they are disclosed.</i>	No such risks or exposures were noted that had an effect on the financial statements.
Significant accounting policies, including critical accounting policies and alternative treatments within generally accepted accounting principles and the auditor's judgment about the quality of accounting principles • <i>The initial selection of and changes in significant accounting policies or their application; methods used to account for significant unusual transactions; and effect of significant policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.</i> • <i>The auditor should also discuss the auditor's judgment about the quality, not just the acceptability, of the Plan's accounting policies as applied in its financial reporting. The discussion should include such matters as consistency of accounting policies and their application, and</i>	Significant accounting policies are described in Note 2 to the Plan's financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2023. We noted no transactions entered into by the Plan during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the Plan's financial statements in the proper period. Certain Plan financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the Plan's financial statements was: The disclosure of fair value measurements of investments in Note 4 to the financial statements.



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<i>clarity and completeness of the financial statements, including disclosures.</i> <i>Critical accounting policies and practices applied by the Plan in its financial statements and our assessment of management's disclosures regarding such policies and practices (including any significant modifications to such disclosures proposed by us but rejected by management), the reasons why certain policies and practices are or are not considered critical, and how current and anticipated future events impact those determinations;</i> • <i>Alternative treatments within GAAP for accounting policies and practices related to material items, including recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure alternatives, that have been discussed with client management during the current audit period, the ramifications of the use of such alternative disclosures and treatments, and the treatment preferred by the auditor;</i> <i>Furthermore, if the accounting policy selected by management is not the policy preferred by us, discuss the reasons why management selected that policy, the policy preferred by us, and the reason we preferred the other policy.</i>	The Plan's financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.
Significant difficulties encountered in the audit <i>Any significant difficulties, for example, unreasonable logistical constraints or lack of cooperation by management.</i>	We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.
Disagreements with management <i>Disagreements, whether or not subsequently resolved, about matters significant to the financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. This does not include those that came about based on incomplete facts or preliminary information.</i>	We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.
Other findings or issues <i>Matters significant to oversight of the financial reporting practices by those charged with governance, including any circumstances that could affect the form or content of the report. For example, an entity's failure to obtain the necessary type of audit, such as one under Government Auditing Standards, in addition to GAAS.</i>	None noted.
Matters arising from the audit that were discussed with, or the subject of correspondence with, management <i>Business conditions that might affect risk or discussions regarding accounting practices or application of auditing standards.</i>	None noted.
Corrected and uncorrected misstatements <i>All significant audit adjustments arising from the audit, whether or not recorded by the Plan, that could</i>	See "Summary of Audit Adjustments" section.



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<i>individually or in the aggregate have a significant effect on the financial statements. We should also inform the Board of Directors about uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented, that were determined by management to be immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. Any internal control deficiencies that could have prevented the misstatements.</i>	
Major issues discussed with management prior to retention <i>Any major accounting, auditing or reporting issues discussed with management in connection with our initial or recurring retention.</i>	Discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.
Consultations with other accountants <i>When management has consulted with other accountants about significant accounting or auditing matters.</i>	To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.
Written representations <i>A description of the written representations the auditor requested (or a copy of the representation letter).</i>	See "Management Representation Letter" section.
Internal control deficiencies and Reportable Findings <i>Any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control that came to the auditor's attention during the audit. A reportable finding is a matter that includes one or more of the following: (1) noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations (2) a finding that in our professional judgement is significant and relevant to you regarding your responsibility to oversee the financial reporting process, and (3) an indication of internal control deficiencies identified during the audit that have not been previously communicated to management by other parties and that we determined are sufficiently important to merit management's attention.</i>	See "Internal Control & Reportable Findings" section.
Fraud and illegal acts <i>Fraud involving senior management or those responsible for internal controls, or causing a material misstatement of the financial statements, where the auditor determines there is evidence that such fraud may exist. Any illegal acts coming to the auditor's attention involving senior management and any other illegal acts, unless clearly inconsequential.</i>	We are unaware of any fraud or illegal acts involving management or causing material misstatement of the Plan's financial statements.
Parties in interest and prohibited transactions <i>Any parties in interest in the plan, prohibited transactions as defined by ERISA, and other reportable transactions.</i>	No prohibited transactions were noted. Transactions with parties-in-interest were properly disclosed in the notes to the Plan's financial statements.
Form 5500 Procedures <i>The external auditor's requirement to obtain and read</i>	We identified no material Form 5500 inconsistencies in performing and completing our



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<i>a substantially complete draft of the Form 5500 prior to dating of the auditor's report. The purpose is to identify any material inconsistencies between the draft 5500 and the Plan's financial statements.</i>	audit except as disclosed in the financial statements.
Other information in documents containing audited financial statements <i>The external auditor's responsibility for information in a document containing audited financial statements, as well as any procedures performed and the results.</i>	Our responsibility related to documents (including annual reports, websites, etc.) containing the Plan's financial statements is to read the other information to consider whether: • Such information is materially inconsistent with the Plan's financial statements; and • We believe such information represents a material misstatement of fact. We have not been provided any such items to date and are unaware of any other documents that contain the audited financial statements. The Form 5500 will be considered upon completion by the third party administrator to determine if there are any exceptions noted related to the considerations above.
Significant unusual accounting transactions <i>Auditor communication with governance to include auditor's views on policies and practices management used, as well as the auditor's understanding of the business purpose.</i>	No significant unusual accounting transactions were noted during the year.
ERISA Required Supplementary Information in relation to the financial statements as a whole <i>The auditor's responsibility for supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, as well as any procedures performed and the results.</i>	Our responsibility for the ERISA-required supplemental schedules accompanying the financial statements is to perform adequate procedures to evaluate whether the form and content of the ERISA-required supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, is presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, and whether the information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Accounting Policies, Judgments and Sensitive Estimates & Carr, Riggs & Ingram, P.L.L.C Comments on Quality



We are required to communicate our judgments about the quality, not just the acceptability, of the Plan's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting. We are also required to communicate critical accounting policies and sensitive accounting estimates. Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. Plan Management may wish to monitor throughout the year the process used to compute and record these accounting estimates. The table below summarizes our communications regarding these matters.

AREA	ACCOUNTING POLICY	CRITICAL POLICY?	JUDGMENTS & SENSITIVE ESTIMATE	AUDITOR'S CONCLUSIONS ON QUALITY OF ACCOUNTING POLICY & APPLICATION
Investments	The Plan follows the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, <i>Fair Value Measurements</i> , when reporting investments.	X	The Plan relies on valuations from the qualified institution for 100% of the asset values. The allocation between Levels 1-3 under ASC 820 is based on management's review of the underlying investments.	Based on the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) procedures we performed with respect to the Plan's investments, we noted that it appears the Plan accounts for investments in accordance with GAAP and all applicable standards and guidelines of ERISA.

Summary of Audit Adjustments



During the course of our audit, we accumulate differences between amounts recorded by the Plan and amounts that we believe are required to be recorded under GAAP reporting guidelines. Those adjustments are either recorded (corrected) by the Plan or passed (uncorrected). Uncorrected misstatements or the matters underlying them could potentially cause future period financial statements to be materially misstated, even if, in the auditor's judgment, such uncorrected misstatements are immaterial to the financial statements under audit.

There were no adjustments, either corrected or uncorrected, as a result of our audit procedures.

QUALITATIVE MATERIALITY CONSIDERATIONS

In evaluating the materiality of audit differences when they do arise, we consider both quantitative and qualitative factors, for example:

- Whether the difference arises from an item capable of precise measurement or whether it arises from an estimate, and, if so, the degree of imprecision inherent in the estimate.
- Whether the difference masks a change in net assets or other trends.
- Whether the difference changes a net decrease in assets to addition, or vice versa.
- Whether the difference concerns an area of the Plan's operating environment that has been identified as playing a significant role in the Plan's operations or viability.
- Whether the difference affects compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Whether the difference involves concealment of an unlawful transaction.
- Whether the difference involves concealment of a prohibited transaction, or transaction with a party in interest, as defined by ERISA.



March 21, 2025

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, P.L.L.C.
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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan ("the Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements (collectively, the "financial statements").

We elected to have the audit 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 the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). We acknowledge that the audit did 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, a qualified institution, that prepared and certified the investment information in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. We have determined that an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is permissible under the circumstances. We have also determined that the investment information is prepared and certified by a qualified institution as described by 29 CFR 2520.103-8, that the certification meets the requirements in 29 CFR 2520.103-5, and that the certified investment information is appropriately measured, presented, and disclosed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The purpose of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is to express an opinion on whether the amounts and disclosures in the 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 (U.S. GAAP) and that the information regarding assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the certified investment information.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered to be material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of March 21, 2025, the following representations made to you during your audit.

Financial Statements

- 1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter for the Plan year ended December 31, 2023, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.
- 2) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP, the notes include all disclosures required by laws and regulations to which the Plan is subject, including the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- 3) We acknowledge our responsibility 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.

- 4) We acknowledge our election to have an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect our responsibility for the financial statements and for determining the following:
 - a) The circumstances permit an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit.
 - b) A qualified institution has prepared and certified the investment information as described in 29 CFR 2520.103-8.
 - c) The certification meets the 29 CFR 2520.103-5 requirements.
 - d) The certified investment information is appropriately measured, presented, and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 5) We acknowledge our responsibility 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.
- 6) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 7) The methods, significant assumptions, and data used in making accounting estimates and their related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement, or disclosure that is reasonable in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 8) Related-party relationships and transactions and relationships and transactions with parties-in-interest, as defined in ERISA Section 3(14) and regulations thereunder, have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP and ERISA Section 3(14) and regulations thereunder.
- 9) All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- 10) We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- 11) Other matters (e.g., breach of fiduciary responsibilities, nonexempt transactions, loans or leases in default, or events that may jeopardize the tax status) that legal counsel have advised us that must be disclosed have been properly disclosed.
- 12) Material concentrations have been properly disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 13) Financial instruments with concentrations of credit risk have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements.
- 14) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Plan is contingently liable, have been properly recorded or disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 15) The supplemental schedules or financial statements disclose the following:
 - a) All non-exempt party-in-interest transactions [as defined in ERISA Section 3(14) and regulations thereunder].
 - b) Investments or loans in default or considered to be uncollectible.
 - c) Reportable transactions [as defined in ERISA Section 103(b)(3)(H) and regulations thereunder].

Information Provided

- 16) We have provided you with:
 - a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records (including information obtained from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers), documentation, and other matters.
 - b) A substantially complete draft of Form 5500.
 - c) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.

Management Representation Letter



- d) Unrestricted access to persons within the Plan from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- e) Current plan instruments, trust agreements, insurance contracts, or investment contracts and amendments to such documents entered into during the year, including amendments to comply with applicable laws.
- 17) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 18) We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 19) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the Plan and involves:
 - a) Management,
 - b) Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
 - c) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 20) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Plan's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, participants, regulators, beneficiaries, service providers, third-party administrators, or others.
- 21) We have no knowledge of any instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations (including ERISA, DOL, and IRS regulations) whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- 22) We are not aware of any pending litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims or assessments.
- 23) We have disclosed to you the names of all of the Plan's related parties and parties in interest and all the related-party and party-in-interest relationships and transactions, including any side agreements.
- 24) The Plan has satisfactory title to all owned assets, which are recorded at fair value, and all liens, encumbrances, or security interests requiring disclosure in the financial statements have been properly disclosed.
- 25) We have no—
 - a) Plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
 - b) Intentions to terminate the Plan.
- 26) Amendments to the Plan instrument, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements.
- 27) The Plan has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- 28) The methods and significant assumptions used to estimate fair values of financial instruments, including nonreadily marketable securities, are as follows: Level 1, 2 and 3 inputs are described in Note 4 of the financial statements. The methods and significant assumptions used result in a measure of fair value appropriate for financial measurement and disclosure purposes.
- 29) We are responsible for the estimation methods and assumptions used in measuring assets and liabilities reported or disclosed at fair value, including information obtained from brokers, pricing services, or other third parties. Our valuation methodologies have been consistently applied from period to period. The fair value measurements reported or disclosed represent our best estimate of fair value as of the measurement date in accordance with the requirements of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) *Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, Fair Value Measurement*. In addition, our disclosures related to fair value measurements are consistent with the objectives outlined in *FASB ASC 820*.
- 30) All required amendments to and filings of plan documents with the appropriate agencies have been made. The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on June 30, 2020, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, they believe that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

Management Representation Letter



- 31) The Plan (and the trust established under the Plan) is qualified under the appropriate section of the Internal Revenue Code and we intend to continue them as a qualified plan (and trust). The Plan sponsor(s) has operated the Plan (and trust) in a manner that did not jeopardize this tax status. Required nondiscrimination testing related to Code Section 401(k) and 401(m) arrangements, as applicable, has been completed for the Plan, and any excess deferrals or contributions have been disposed of in accordance with regulations.
- 32) The Plan has complied with the DOL's regulations concerning the timely remittance of participant contributions to trusts containing assets for the Plan.
- 33) The Plan has complied with the fidelity bonding requirements of ERISA.
- 34) We have apprised you of all communications, whether written or oral, with regulatory agencies concerning the operation of the Plan.
- 35) We have obtained appropriate fee disclosures from covered service providers and have concluded the fees are reasonable. The Plan is in compliance with DOL regulations regarding ERISA Section 408(b)(2).
- 36) We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), in accordance with U.S. GAAP and in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. We believe the form and content of the Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) is fairly presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. The methods of measurement and presentation of the supplemental schedule have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplemental schedule.
- 37) The administrative expenses paid by Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan (plan sponsor) on behalf of the Plan will not be reimbursed by the Plan.
- 38) We have obtained the SOC 1 report from our service organizations, Fidelity Workplace Services LLC and Fidelity Technology Group, LLC. We have reviewed such reports, including the complementary user controls. We have implemented the relevant user controls, and they were in operation for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- 39) In regards to the preparation of the financial statements and supplemental schedules and any other non-attest services performed by you, we have:
- a) Assumed all management responsibilities.
 - b) Designated Chris Wise, Chief Finance Officer, who has suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience to oversee the services.
 - c) Evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed.
 - d) Accepted responsibility for the results of the services.
- 40) We will notify you in advance of our intent to include your report, in whole or in part, in any document other than the Form 5500 filed with a regulatory agency or printed, in whole or in part, for any reason, and you will have the opportunity to review such matter before its filing or issuance.

ERISA Required Supplemental Schedules

- 41) We believe the form and content of the Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Signature: Chris Wise
Title: CFO



March 21, 2025

Those Charged with Governance and Management of
Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan

Except as discussed in the following paragraph, in planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Southco Distributing Company 401(k) Retirement Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Plan's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of issuing our report on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control.

We were engaged to perform an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit of those financial statements as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. As permitted by ERISA Section 102(a)(3)(C), our audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by Fidelity Management Trust Company that prepared and certified the statements of information regarding assets so held in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5. Our audit also did not include a consideration of internal control related to the investments information.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraphs and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies in the Plan's internal control identified as Items #1, #2 and #3 presented in the following chart to this letter to be significant deficiencies.

During our audit, we also became aware of deficiencies in internal control other than significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, and other matters that are opportunities for strengthening



internal controls and operating efficiency. These items are described in the following chart to this letter and identified as Items #4, #5 and #6.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed many of these comments and suggestions with various Plan personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

The Plan's written response to the significant deficiencies identified in our audit has not been subjected to the audit procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, P.L.L.C.

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Internal Control & Reportable Findings



The following legend should be used in conjunction with reviewing the "Rating" of each of the identified internal control items:

IP = Improvement Point	D = Control Deficiency	SD = Significant Deficiency	MW = Material Weakness	RF = Reportable Finding *
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**Note: generally control deficiencies, significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses are deemed to also be reportable findings unless otherwise noted. This concept is only relevant for benefit plans.*

CONTROL NUMBER	RATING	AREA	ITEM NOTED	SUGGESTION	MANAGEMENT ACTION
1	SD	Contributions (Employer Matching) – Plan Compensation	During our audit, CRI noted an instance where certain compensation was excluded from eligible compensation for purposes of calculating employee deferrals but included it for purposes of employer match resulting in excess matching contributions to a participant.	We recommend that those involved in payroll review the Plan document to review forms of eligible compensation for purposes of calculating employee deferrals and employer match contributions. We recommend that management consider a process whereby compensation is reviewed to ensure it is accurate prior to match funding.	We have reviewed the results of the finding noted and concur with the assessment of the issue identified.

Internal Control & Reportable Findings



CONTROL NUMBER	RATING	AREA	ITEM NOTED	SUGGESTION	MANAGEMENT ACTION
2	SD	Contributions	During our audit, management made us aware of one instance of incorrect allocations of participant deferrals. Participant contributions were remitted fully in total but allocated incorrectly among several participants.	We recommend management consider a process in which a compatible payroll file is produced to upload to Fidelity automatically to reduce errors made by manual entry of data.	We have reviewed the results of the finding noted and agree with the assessment of the issue identified. Management will consider an automatic upload process with Fidelity in the future.
3	SD	Contributions (Employer Matching) – Plan Compensation	During our audit, CRI noted an instance where certain compensation was excluded from eligible compensation for purposes of calculating employee deferrals.	We recommend that those involved in payroll review the Plan document to review forms of eligible compensation for purposes of calculating employee deferrals. We recommend that management consider a process whereby compensation is reviewed to ensure it is accurate prior to match funding.	We have reviewed the results of the finding noted and concur with the assessment of the issue identified.

Internal Control & Reportable Findings



CONTROL NUMBER	RATING	AREA	ITEM NOTED	SUGGESTION	MANAGEMENT ACTION
4 (Repeat)	D	ITGC – Access Controls	During our audit, CRI noted that users of the payroll system use the same username and password to access the program.	We recommend management implement user access controls such as unique usernames and passwords within the payroll software.	We have reviewed the results of the finding noted and agree with the assessment of the issue identified. Management will consider implementing unique usernames and passwords for program users.
5 (Repeat)	IP	Plan Oversight	During our audit, CRI noted that management does not take official minutes during Administrative Committee meetings.	We recommend management take official minutes during meetings of the Administrative Committee to serve as documentation of the Committee's due diligence in monitoring Plan operations and investment performance.	We have reviewed the results of the finding noted and agree with the assessment of the issue identified. Management will consider taking official notes of meetings of the Administrative Committee in the future.

Internal Control & Reportable Findings



CONTROL NUMBER	RATING	AREA	ITEM NOTED	SUGGESTION	MANAGEMENT ACTION
6	IP	Service Organization – Monitoring	During the audit of the 2023 Plan year, it was noted that management does not have a formal, documented process whereby management reviews the service organization including the service organization reports.	We recommend that those involved in payroll review the service organization reports to ensure entity user controls are in process and operating effectively. We recommend that management implement a process at least annually whereby these reports are reviewed and document this review.	We have reviewed the results of the finding noted and concur with the improvement point. Management notes that they will consider implementing a formal review of these reports within those involved in the payroll process.