

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Form 5500</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p><b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">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).</p> <p>▶ <b>Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b></p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold;">2023</p> <hr/> <p style="font-weight: bold;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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**Part I Annual Report Identification Information**  
 For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 10/01/2023 and ending 09/30/2024

**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) \_\_\_\_\_

**B** This return/report is:  the first return/report  the final return/report

an amended return/report  a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

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

**D** Check box if filing under:  Form 5558  automatic extension  the DFVC program

special extension (enter description)

**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**

<p><b>1a</b> Name of plan <u>APPLETON GROUP LLC PENSION PLAN FOR BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES</u></p>	<p><b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>006</u></p>
<p><b>2a</b> 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) <u>APPLETON GROUP LLC</u></p> <p><u>EMERSON ELECTRIC COMPANY</u> <u>8000 WEST FLORISSANT AVENUE</u> <u>ST. LOUIS, MO 63136</u></p>	<p><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>09/15/1997</u></p> <p><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-4178995</u></p> <p><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>314-553-2000</u></p> <p><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>335310</u></p>

**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.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/15/2025	SARA FERRELL
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> 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: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	521
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits ..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> . ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits ..... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> . ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	60
	<b>6a(2)</b>	81
	<b>6b</b>	214
	<b>6c</b>	168
	<b>6d</b>	463
	<b>6e</b>	56
	<b>6f</b>	519
	<b>6g(1)</b>	
<b>6g(2)</b>		
<b>6h</b>		1
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	<b>7</b>	

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
**1B 1D**

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

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor

**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

**a Pension Schedules**

- (1)  **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 \_\_\_\_\_
- (4)  **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)  **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)  **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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**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.

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

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>SCHEDULE SB</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan</b> <b>Actuarial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 10/01/2023 and ending 09/30/2024

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

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>APPLETON GROUP LLC PENSION PLAN FOR BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>006</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>APPLETON GROUP LLC</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-4178995</u>	
<b>E</b> Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	<b>F</b> Prior year plan size: <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

**Part I Basic Information**

<b>1</b>	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>10</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2023</u>		
<b>2</b>	Assets:		
	<b>a</b> Market value .....	<b>2a</b>	<u>10215529</u>
	<b>b</b> Actuarial value .....	<b>2b</b>	<u>11237082</u>
<b>3</b>	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	<b>a</b> For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment .....	<u>253</u>	<u>4585758</u>
	<b>b</b> For terminated vested participants .....	<u>208</u>	<u>3028536</u>
	<b>c</b> For active participants .....	<u>60</u>	<u>1528183</u>
	<b>d</b> Total .....	<u>521</u>	<u>9142477</u>
<b>4</b>	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) .....		
	<b>a</b> Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions .....	<b>4a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor .....	<b>4b</b>	
<b>5</b>	Effective interest rate .....	<b>5</b>	<u>5.28 %</u>
<b>6</b>	Target normal cost		
	<b>a</b> Present value of current plan year accruals .....	<b>6a</b>	<u>91826</u>
	<b>b</b> Expected plan-related expenses .....	<b>6b</b>	<u>171000</u>
	<b>c</b> Target normal cost .....	<b>6c</b>	<u>262826</u>

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

<b>SIGN HERE</b>		
	Signature of actuary	<u>06/19/2025</u>
	<u>SCOTT LESINSKI</u>	Date
	Type or print name of actuary	<u>23-08121</u>
	<u>WILLIS TOWERS WATSON US LLC</u>	Most recent enrollment number
	Firm name	<u>314-719-5900</u>
	<u>7733 FORSYTH BOULEVARD</u> <u>SUITE 1350</u> <u>ST. LOUIS, MO 63105</u>	Telephone number (including area code)
	Address of the firm	

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

<b>Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances</b>		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
<b>7</b>	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year) .....	1385004	0
<b>8</b>	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year) .....	0	0
<b>9</b>	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8) .....	1385004	0
<b>10</b>	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>6.68</u> % .....	92518	0
<b>11</b>	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	<b>a</b> Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year) .....		0
	<b>b(1)</b> Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.45</u> % .....		0
	<b>b(2)</b> Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return .....		0
	<b>c</b> Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance .....		0
	<b>d</b> Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance .....		0
<b>12</b>	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections .....	0	0
<b>13</b>	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d - line 12) .....	1477522	0

<b>Part III Funding Percentages</b>			
<b>14</b>	Funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>14</b>	106.07 %
<b>15</b>	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>15</b>	122.13 %
<b>16</b>	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement .....	<b>16</b>	125.07 %
<b>17</b>	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage .....	<b>17</b>	%

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

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

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

**21** Discount rate:

**a** Segment rates: 

1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.00 %	3rd segment: 5.74 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
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**b** Applicable month (enter code)..... **21b** 4

**22** Weighted average retirement age ..... **22** 61

**23** Mortality table(s) (see instructions)  Prescribed - combined  Prescribed - separate  Substitute

**Part VI Miscellaneous Items**

**24** Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....  Yes  No

**25** Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ....  Yes  No

**26** Demographic and benefit information

**a** Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ....  Yes  No

**b** Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ...  Yes  No

**27** If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment..... **27**

**Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years**

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

**Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year**

**31** Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):

<b>a</b> Target normal cost (line 6c).....	<b>31a</b>	262826
<b>b</b> Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a .....	<b>31b</b>	262826

<b>32</b> Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment
<b>a</b> Net shortfall amortization installment .....	0	0
<b>b</b> Waiver amortization installment .....	0	0

**33** If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_) and the waived amount ..... **33**

<b>34</b> Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).....	<b>34</b>	0
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance
<b>35</b> Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement .....	0	0
<b>36</b> Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35).....	<b>36</b>	0
<b>37</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c).....	<b>37</b>	0

**38** Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)

<b>a</b> Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	<b>38a</b>	0
<b>b</b> Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances .....	<b>38b</b>	0

<b>39</b> Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37) .....	<b>39</b>	0
<b>40</b> Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years .....	<b>40</b>	0

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

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

<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning **10/01/2023** and ending **09/30/2024**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>APPLETON GROUP LLC PENSION PLAN FOR BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>006</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>APPLETON GROUP LLC</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>36-4178995</b>	

**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

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

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

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

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

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

<b>NORTHERN TRUST INVESTMENTS INC.</b>	<b>50 SOUTH LASALLE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60603</b>
<b>36-3608252</b>	

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

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

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

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23-1159360

(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?
11	NONE	20054	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

GRANT THRONTON LLP

36-6055558

(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?
10	NONE	15750	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**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.

<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (see instructions)	<b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation
<b>(d)</b> Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	<b>(e)</b> Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (see instructions)	<b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation
<b>(d)</b> Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	<b>(e)</b> 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.

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> 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)

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

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Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	<b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <hr/> <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>APPLETON GROUP LLC PENSION PLAN FOR BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN)	<u>006</u>
<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>APPLETON GROUP LLC</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-4178995</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>EMERSON ELECTRIC RET MASTER TRUST</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>EMERSON ELECTRIC COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<u>43-0259330-121</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code	<u>M</u>
<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>11434180</u>		
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:			
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):			
<b>c</b> EIN-PN		<b>d</b> Entity code	
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<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  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).  ▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>APPLETON GROUP LLC</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>36-4178995</b>

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Asset and Liability Statement</b>
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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.

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>		
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>		
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>		
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>		
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>		
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>		
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>		
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>		
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>		
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>	10215529	11434180
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>		
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>		
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>		
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>		

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		<b>(a)</b> Beginning of Year	<b>(b)</b> End of Year
(1) Employer securities .....	<b>1d(1)</b>		
(2) Employer real property .....	<b>1d(2)</b>		
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....	<b>1e</b>		
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) .....	<b>1f</b>	10215529	11434180
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable .....	<b>1g</b>		
<b>h</b> Operating payables .....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness .....	<b>1i</b>		
<b>j</b> Other liabilities .....	<b>1j</b>		
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) .....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) .....	<b>1l</b>	10215529	11434180

**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.

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

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	<b>2b(6)</b>		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	<b>2b(7)</b>		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	<b>2b(8)</b>		1784064
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	<b>2b(9)</b>		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	<b>2b(10)</b>		
<b>c</b> Other income.....	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	<b>2d</b>		1784064

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	<b>2e(1)</b>	474348	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	<b>2e(2)</b>		
(3) Other.....	<b>2e(3)</b>		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		474348
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	<b>2f</b>		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	<b>2g</b>		
<b>h</b> Interest expense.....	<b>2h</b>		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances.....	<b>2i(1)</b>		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	<b>2i(2)</b>		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	<b>2i(3)</b>		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	<b>2i(4)</b>	15750	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees.....	<b>2i(5)</b>		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees.....	<b>2i(6)</b>		
(7) Actuarial fees.....	<b>2i(7)</b>	20054	
(8) Legal fees.....	<b>2i(8)</b>	1865	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees.....	<b>2i(9)</b>		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses.....	<b>2i(10)</b>		
(11) Other expenses.....	<b>2i(11)</b>	53396	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		91065
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	<b>2j</b>		565413

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		1218651
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	<b>2l(1)</b>		
(2) From this plan.....	<b>2l(2)</b>		

**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: GRANT THORNTON LLP

(2) EIN: 36-6055558

**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
<b>a</b> 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.)		X	
<b>b</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.)		X	
<b>c</b> 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.)		X	
<b>d</b> 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.)		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		25000000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> 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?		X	
<b>h</b> 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?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
<b>j</b> 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.)		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
<b>n</b> 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 540796.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 10/01/2023 and ending 09/30/2024

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>APPLETON GROUP LLC PENSION PLAN FOR BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>006</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>APPLETON GROUP LLC</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-4178995</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

<b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	<b>1</b>	<u>0</u>
<b>2</b> 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): <u>36-3046063</u>		
<b>Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.</b>		
<b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....	<b>3</b>	<u>10</u>

<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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**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.**

<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	<b>6a</b>	
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> 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) .....	<b>6c</b>	

**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

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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**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

<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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**10** Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....  Yes  No

**11 a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....  Yes  No

**b** If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) .....  Yes  No

**12** Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....  Yes  No

**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**13** Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**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:

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

**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:

<b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year .....	<b>15a</b>	
<b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year .....	<b>15b</b>	

**16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</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 .....	<b>16b</b>	

**17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment.....

**Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment.....

**19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

**a** Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:  
 Public Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Private Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: \_\_\_\_\_%  
 High-Yield Debt: \_\_\_\_\_% Real Assets: \_\_\_\_\_% Cash or Cash Equivalents: \_\_\_\_\_% Other: \_\_\_\_\_%

**b** Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:  
 0-5 years  5-10 years  10-15 years  15 years or more

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

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

**b** If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:  
 Yes.  
 No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.  
 No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.  
 No. Other. Provide explanation.....

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

**21a** Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules?  Yes  No

**21b** If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).  
 Design-based safe harbor method  
 "Prior year" ADP test  
 "Current year" ADP test  
 N/A

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number \_\_\_\_\_.

Financial Statements and Report of  
Independent Certified Public  
Accountants

**Appleton Group LLC**  
**Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees**

September 30, 2024 and 2023

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

Plan Administrator and Plan Participants  
Appleton Group LLC Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees

**Scope and nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit**

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Appleton Group LLC Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of September 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of and for the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note I to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

**Opinion**

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- The information in the accompanying financial statements 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 audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

**Responsibilities of management for the financial statements**

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

In performing an audit in accordance with US GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certifications, 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.

*Grant Thornton LLP*

Chicago, Illinois  
June 2, 2025

**Appleton Group LLC  
Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees**

**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

**September 30,**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Investments, at fair value		
Plan interest in Emerson Electric Co. Master Trust (Note C)	\$ 11,434,180	\$ 10,215,529
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>	<u>\$ 11,434,180</u>	<u>\$ 10,215,529</u>

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

**Appleton Group LLC**  
**Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees**

**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

**Years ended September 30,**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Plan interest in Emerson Electric Co. Master Trust net investment income (Note C)	\$ 1,784,064	\$ 657,504
Benefits paid to participants	(474,348)	(453,478)
Administrative expenses	(91,065)	(108,197)
<b>NET INCREASE</b>	1,218,651	95,829
<b>Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year</b>	10,215,529	10,119,700
<b>Net assets available for benefits at end of year</b>	\$ 11,434,180	\$ 10,215,529

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

**Appleton Group LLC  
Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**September 30, 2024 and 2023**

**NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

***General***

In order to simplify the administration of the collectively bargained retirement plans, in fiscal year 2001, Appleton Group LLC (the "Company" or the "Sponsor") deemed it advisable to merge the following plans into the O Z/Gedney, Terryville Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees, which was renamed the Appleton Group LLC Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees (the "Plan"):

- The Appleton Electric Company, South Milwaukee Foundry Division Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees.
- Appleton Electric Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees.
- O Z/Gedney Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees.
- Hevi-Duty/Nelson Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees.
- Sola/Hevi-Duty Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees.
- Birch Hills Foundries Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees.
- G.S. Electrical Group Neer Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees.

Effective October 1, 2001, the aforementioned plans were merged into the Plan. Notwithstanding the merger of the plans, separate plan documents continue to be maintained. The benefit provisions of each plan, as in effect before the merger, have been retained with respect to the class of eligible employees covered under the particular plan before the merger until the Company, at its discretion, determines otherwise.

The Plan is currently a non-contributory defined benefit plan covering all bargaining unit employees. The Company contributes such amounts as are necessary on an actuarially determined basis to provide the Plan with assets sufficient to meet the benefits to be paid to Plan participants. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). Participants should refer to the respective plan document for more complete information.

***Pension Benefits***

Each plan merged into the Plan has different benefit payments, which are documented in the individual plan documents and generally provide for benefits at normal retirement age 65, based on either a formula considering compensation and years of service or a stated dollar amount times years of service.

Effective January 1, 2024, the statutory limit for mandatory cash-outs increased from \$5,000 to \$7,000 for distributions made after December 31, 2023.

***Vesting***

A participant's vested portion of benefits is based on his or her years of credited service up to his or her termination of employment. Participants become 100% vested after five years of continuous service or at age 65, whichever occurs first.

**Appleton Group LLC**  
**Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**

**September 30, 2024 and 2023**

***Death and Disability Benefits***

If an active employee dies at a specified age, which varies by location, a death benefit equal to the value of the employee's vested accumulated pension benefits is paid to the employee's beneficiary. Active employees who become totally disabled receive annual disability benefits that are equal to the normal retirement benefits they have accumulated as of the time they become disabled, subject to defined age and/or years of service vesting requirements. Disability benefits are paid until normal retirement age, at which time disabled participants begin receiving normal retirement benefits computed as though they had been employed to normal retirement age, with their annual compensation remaining the same as at the time they became disabled.

***Contributions and Funding***

Contributions from the Company are subject to Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") limitations and are based on actuarial calculations of normal cost. The Company satisfied the minimum funding requirements of ERISA.

**NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

***Basis of Accounting***

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and changes therein, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, the actuarial present value of accumulated benefits at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of additions to and deductions from net assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

***Investment Valuation***

The Plan's investments in the Emerson Electric Co. Master Trust ("Master Trust") are stated at fair value as determined based on the fair value of the underlying investments of the Master Trust. See Note D for discussion on fair value measurements.

The Plan's interest in the Master Trust is based on an allocation of the Plan's assets compared to total assets in the Master Trust. Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade-date basis. Investment income, which includes interest income, is recorded as earned. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

***Expenses***

Investment management and certain administrative expenses are paid by the Plan. Expenses include Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC") premiums and professional fees.

Effective November 10, 2023 the Company and the Management Review Committee (MRC) entered into a services agreement in which a portion of the Pension Investments Department's annual salary and benefits are allocated and paid by the Master Trust. The Master Trust paid \$176,970 in salary expenses for the year ended September 30, 2024 and is included in investment expenses in Note C below.

**Appleton Group LLC**  
**Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**

**September 30, 2024 and 2023**

***Payment of Benefits***

Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

**NOTE C - INTEREST IN MASTER TRUST**

The Plan's investments are in the Master Trust that was established for the investment of assets of the Plan and several other Company-sponsored retirement plans. Each plan in the Master Trust has an undivided interest in the Master Trust. At September 30, 2024 and 2023, the Plan's interest in the net assets of the Master Trust was approximately 0.30% and 0.29%. Investment income and investment expenses relating to the Master Trust are allocated to the individual plans based on average monthly balances invested by each plan. The Master Trust's net assets and the Plan's interest in the Master Trust's assets at September 30, 2024 and 2023 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	September 30, 2024	
	Master Trust Balances	Plan's Interest in Master Trust Balances
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments, at fair value		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 72,909	\$ 215
Government bonds	1,136,819	3,357
Corporate bonds	1,392,332	4,112
Equity securities	625,343	1,847
Limited partnerships	709,024	2,094
Other investments	72,956	215
Total investments	4,009,383	11,840
Accrued income	26,491	78
Pending sales	126,276	373
Total assets	4,162,150	12,291
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Pending purchases	290,051	857
Total net assets in Master Trust	\$ 3,872,099	\$ 11,434

**Appleton Group LLC**  
**Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**

**September 30, 2024 and 2023**

	September 30, 2023	
	Master Trust Balances	Plan's Interest in Master Trust Balances
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments, at fair value		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 62,821	\$ 180
Government bonds	742,451	2,122
Corporate bonds	1,178,288	3,368
Equity securities	912,544	2,609
Limited partnerships	737,344	2,108
Other investments	41,740	119
	3,675,188	10,506
Total investments		
Accrued income	22,705	65
Pending sales	(17,222)	(49)
	3,680,671	10,522
Total assets		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Pending purchases	107,256	306
	\$ 3,573,415	\$ 10,216
Total net assets in Master Trust		

The net investment income of the Master Trust for the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, is summarized below (in thousands):

	2024	2023
<b>Income</b>		
Dividend and interest income	\$ 97,019	\$ 92,645
Other investment income	44,974	16,938
	141,993	109,583
Total income		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	476,474	142,792
Less: investment expenses	(13,598)	(15,693)
	\$ 604,869	\$ 236,682
Net investment income		

**NOTE D - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The Financial Accounting Standards Board has issued guidance regarding the disclosure of fair value measurements. The guidance establishes a formal hierarchy and framework for measuring fair value and provides guidance on the disclosure of fair value measurements and the reliability of valuation inputs. Under the guidance, measurement assumes the transaction to sell an asset or transfer a liability occurs in the principal or at least the most advantageous market for that asset or liability. Within the hierarchy, Level 1 instruments use observable market prices for the identical item in active markets and have the most reliable valuations. Level 2 instruments are valued through broker/dealer quotations or through market -observable

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inputs for similar items in active markets, including forward and spot prices, interest rates and volatilities. Level 3 instruments are valued using inputs that are not observable in an active market, such as company-developed future cash flow estimates, and are considered the least reliable.

The following leveling tables present the fair value measurements of the Master Trust (in thousands):

	2024				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	NAV	Total
U.S. equities	\$ 245,364	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 617,496	\$ 862,860
International equities	154,265	602	-	18,898	173,765
Emerging market equities	-	-	-	99,115	99,115
Corporate bonds	-	1,197,294	-	242,402	1,439,696
Government bonds	-	897,288	-	102,951	1,000,239
Other	102,565	-	2,010	191,849	296,424
Total	<u>\$ 502,194</u>	<u>\$ 2,095,184</u>	<u>\$ 2,010</u>	<u>\$ 1,272,711</u>	<u>\$ 3,872,099</u>
	2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	NAV	Total
U.S. equities	\$ 395,943	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 615,903	\$ 1,011,846
International equities	210,387	1,241	-	48,996	260,624
Emerging market equities	-	-	-	118,153	118,153
Corporate bonds	-	988,903	-	236,480	1,225,383
Government bonds	-	500,286	-	108,748	609,034
Other	102,923	-	2,003	243,449	348,375
Total	<u>\$ 709,253</u>	<u>\$ 1,490,430</u>	<u>\$ 2,003</u>	<u>\$ 1,371,729</u>	<u>\$ 3,573,415</u>

The primary objective for the investment of Plan assets is to secure participant retirement benefits while earning a reasonable rate of return. Plan assets are invested consistent with the provisions of the prudence and diversification rules of ERISA and with a long-term investment horizon. The Company continuously monitors the value of assets by class and routinely rebalances to remain within target allocations. The strategy for equity assets is to minimize concentrations of risk by investing primarily in companies in a diversified mix of industries worldwide, while targeting neutrality in exposure to market capitalization levels, growth versus value profile, global versus regional markets, fund types and fund managers. The approach for bonds emphasizes investment-grade corporate and government debt with maturities matching a portion of the longer-duration pension liabilities. The bonds strategy also includes a high-yield element, which is generally shorter in duration. A portion of the investments are allocated to private equity partnerships and real assets fund investments for diversification, providing opportunities for above-market returns.

To manage risk, certain investment managers may use various financial instruments, particularly forward foreign currency contracts, options and futures, commonly referred to as derivatives. No investments are engaged in market making or other speculative activities. Leveraging techniques are not used and the use of derivatives in any fund is limited to exchange-traded futures contracts and is inconsequential. Established practices require that derivative financial instruments relate to specific asset, liability or equity transactions, or to currency exposure.

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U.S. equities reflect companies domiciled in the United States, including multi-national companies. International equities are composed of companies domiciled in developed nations outside the United States. Emerging market equities are composed of companies domiciled in portions of Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and Latin America.

Government bonds include investment-grade instruments issued by federal, state and local governments, primarily in the United States. Corporate bonds represent investment-grade debt of issuers primarily from the United States. High-yield bonds include non-investment-grade debt from a diverse group of developed market issuers.

Other assets include cash, interests in mixed asset funds investing in commodities, natural resources, agriculture and exchange-traded real estate funds, life insurance contracts. Insurance contracts are valued by the applicable insurance company and are categorized as Level 3 investments.

Valuations of Level 1 assets for all classes shown above are based on quoted closing market prices from the principal exchanges where the individual securities are traded. Cash is valued at cost, which approximates fair value.

Debt securities categorized as Level 2 assets are generally valued based on independent broker/dealer bids or by comparison to other debt securities having similar durations, yields and credit ratings.

Investments measured at Net Asset Value (NAV) are primarily nonexchange-traded commingled or collective funds where the underlying securities have observable prices available from active markets and typically provide liquidity daily or within a few days. The NAV category also includes fund investments in limited partnerships such as private equities and real estate and infrastructure funds where the fair value of the underlying assets is determined by the investment manager. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. Total unfunded commitments for the limited partnership funds were approximately \$82,300 (in thousands) and \$114,200 (in thousands) at September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. These investments cannot be redeemed, but instead the funds will make distributions through liquidation of the underlying assets, which is expected to occur over approximately the next 10 years. The real estate and infrastructure funds typically offer quarterly redemption.

**NOTE E - PLAN TERMINATION AND PBGC MATTERS**

The Company has not expressed any intention to terminate the Plan. However, in the event that the Plan is terminated, the net assets of the Plan will be allocated for payment of plan benefits to the participants in an order of priority determined in accordance with ERISA, applicable regulations thereunder and the Plan document.

Should the Plan be terminated at some future time, all participants become 100% vested in benefits earned as of the termination date.

Certain benefits under the Plan are insured by the PBGC if the Plan terminates. Generally, the PBGC guarantees most vested normal age retirement benefits, early retirement benefits, and certain disability and survivors' pensions. However, the PBGC does not guarantee all types of benefits under the Plan, and the amount of benefit protection is subject to certain limitations.

Vested benefits under the Plan are guaranteed at the level in effect on the date of the Plan's termination, subject to a statutory ceiling on the amount of an individual's monthly benefit.

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Whether all participants receive their benefits should the Plan be terminated at some future time will depend on the sufficiency, at that time, of the Plan's net assets to provide those benefits, the priority of those benefits to be paid, and the level and type of benefits guaranteed by the PBGC at that time. Some benefits may be fully or partially provided for by the then-existing assets and the PBGC guaranty, while other benefits may not be provided for at all.

**NOTE F - ACTUARIAL PRESENT VALUE OF ACCUMULATED PLAN BENEFITS**

Accumulated plan benefits are those future periodic payments, including lump-sum distributions, which are attributable under the Plan's provisions to the service employees have rendered. Accumulated plan benefits include benefits expected to be paid to (1) retired or terminated employees or their beneficiaries, (2) beneficiaries of employees who have died and (3) present employees or their beneficiaries. Benefits payable under all circumstances - retirement, death, disability and termination of employment - are included to the extent they are deemed attributable to employee service rendered to the valuation date.

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is determined by the Plan's actuary as of the beginning of the Plan year and is calculated using actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan benefits to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, disability, withdrawal or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment.

The significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuation as of September 30, 2023 and 2022, were as follows:

Discount rate	6.05% in 2023; 5.64% in 2022
Mortality	Pri-2012 projected back to 2012, using Scale MP-2021 in 2023 and 2022
Retirement age	Varies by age between 55 and 69, with 100% retired by age 70

The foregoing actuarial assumptions used in calculating the accumulated plan benefits are based on the presumption that the Plan will continue. Should the Plan terminate, different actuarial assumptions and other factors might be applicable in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits.

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits under the Plan as of September 30, 2023, as calculated the Plan's actuary, is as follows:

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits	
Vested benefits	
Participants and/or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	\$ 4,225,843
Other vested benefits	<u>4,142,075</u>
Total vested benefits	8,367,918
Non-vested benefits	<u>53,250</u>
Total actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits	<u>\$ 8,421,168</u>

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A reconciliation of the change in the actuarially computed value of accumulated plan benefits for the year ended September 30, 2023, is as follows:

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits, September 30, 2022	\$ 8,697,591
Increase (decrease) during the year attributable to	
Benefits accumulated	74,562
Actuarial loss	5,002
Increase for interest due to the decrease in discount period	482,137
Benefits paid	(453,478)
Change in actuarial assumption	<u>(384,646)</u>
Net decrease	<u>(276,423)</u>
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits, September 30, 2023	<u>\$ 8,421,168</u>

**NOTE G - INCOME TAX STATUS**

The IRS has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated May 22, 2017, that the Plan and related Master Trust were designed in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter; however, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and that the Plan and related Master Trust continue to be tax exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

U.S. GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the organization has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS or other applicable taxing authorities. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**NOTE H - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Plan's investment in the Master Trust is exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits and may impact the funded position of the Plan. As a result, the Plan may require additional funding in subsequent years.

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

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**NOTE I - INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE**

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, The Northern Trust Company, the trustee, has certified that the following data included in the accompanying financial statements is complete and accurate:

- Plan interest in Emerson Electric Co. Master Trust, as shown in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of September 30, 2024 and 2023.
- Plan interest in Emerson Electric Co. Master Trust net investment income, as shown in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023.
- Master Trust net assets and net investment income, as of and for the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, as shown in Note C.

**NOTE J - RELATED PARTIES AND PARTIES-IN-INTEREST**

The Plan's investments are held in the Master Trust at the trustee. The trustee charges fees for the management of the account. Fees charged to the Master Trust are ordinary and customary. These fees qualify as permitted party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

Certain investments of the Plan are managed by the trustee. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions; however, they are exempt from the prohibited transactions rules under ERISA.

The salary expenses paid by the Plan (Note B) are permitted under the provisions of the Plan and as governed by the services agreement. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Third party expenses associated with the administration of the Plan, including fees associated with actuarial services are paid by the Company which qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

**NOTE K - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Plan management evaluated events subsequent to September 30, 2024 and through June 2, 2025, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued. Plan management is not aware of any subsequent events that would require recognition or disclosure in the accompanying financial statements.

**SCHEDULE SB  
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service  
Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration  
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan  
Actuarial Information**

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

**2023**

**This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 10/01/2023 and ending 09/30/2024

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

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

<b>A</b> Name of plan Appleton Group LLC Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees		<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	006
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF Appleton Group LLC		<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-4178995	
<b>E</b> Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B		<b>F</b> Prior year plan size: <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

**Part I Basic Information**

<b>1</b> Enter the valuation date: Month <u>10</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2023</u>			
<b>2</b> Assets:			
<b>a</b> Market value.....	<b>2a</b>	10,215,529	
<b>b</b> Actuarial value.....	<b>2b</b>	11,237,082	
<b>3</b> Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
<b>a</b> For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment.....	253	4,585,758	4,585,758
<b>b</b> For terminated vested participants.....	208	3,028,536	3,028,536
<b>c</b> For active participants.....	60	1,528,183	1,586,482
<b>d</b> Total.....	521	9,142,477	9,200,776
<b>4</b> If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>a</b> Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions.....	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b> Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor.....	<b>4b</b>		
<b>5</b> Effective interest rate.....	<b>5</b>	5.28%	
<b>6</b> Target normal cost			
<b>a</b> Present value of current plan year accruals.....	<b>6a</b>	91,826	
<b>b</b> Expected plan-related expenses.....	<b>6b</b>	171,000	
<b>c</b> Target normal cost.....	<b>6c</b>	262,826	

**Statement by Enrolled Actuary**

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

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	SCOTT LESINSKI <i>SLL</i>	<u>6/19/2025</u>
	Signature of actuary	Date
SCOTT LESINSKI		2308121
Type or print name of actuary		Most recent enrollment number
WILLIS TOWERS WATSON US LLC		314-719-5900
Firm name		Telephone number (including area code)
7733 FORSYTH BOULEVARD SUITE 1350 ST. LOUIS MO 63105		
Address of the firm		

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

<b>Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances</b>		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
<b>7</b>	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year).....	1,385,004	0
<b>8</b>	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year) .....	0	0
<b>9</b>	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8) .....	1,385,004	0
<b>10</b>	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>6.68</u> %.....	92,518	0
<b>11</b>	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	<b>a</b> Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year).....		0
	<b>b(1)</b> Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.45</u> %.....		0
	<b>b(2)</b> Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return .....		0
	<b>c</b> Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance.....		0
	<b>d</b> Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance.....		0
<b>12</b>	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections.....	0	0
<b>13</b>	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12).....	1,477,522	0

<b>Part III Funding Percentages</b>			
<b>14</b>	Funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>14</b>	106.07 %
<b>15</b>	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>15</b>	122.13 %
<b>16</b>	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement.....	<b>16</b>	125.07 %
<b>17</b>	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage. ....	<b>17</b>	%

**Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls**

**18** Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	
<b>Totals ▶</b>			<b>18(b)</b>	0	<b>18(c)</b>	0

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

<b>a</b> Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years.....	<b>19a</b>	0
<b>b</b> Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date. ....	<b>19b</b>	0
<b>c</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date. ....	<b>19c</b>	0

**20** Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

**a** Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? .....  Yes  No

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

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

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

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

**21** Discount rate:

<b>a</b> Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.00 %	3rd segment: 5.74 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
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**b** Applicable month (enter code)..... **21b** 4

**22** Weighted average retirement age ..... **22** 61

**23** Mortality table(s) (see instructions)  Prescribed - combined  Prescribed - separate  Substitute

**Part VI Miscellaneous Items**

**24** Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ....  Yes  No

**25** Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ....  Yes  No

**26** Demographic and benefit information

**a** Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ....  Yes  No

**b** Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ...  Yes  No

**27** If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment ..... **27**

**Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years**

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

**Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year**

**31** Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):

<b>a</b> Target normal cost (line 6c).....	<b>31a</b>	262,826
<b>b</b> Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a .....	<b>31b</b>	262,826

<b>32</b> Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment
<b>a</b> Net shortfall amortization installment .....	0	0
<b>b</b> Waiver amortization installment .....	0	0

**33** If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_) and the waived amount ..... **33**

**34** Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).... **34** 0

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
<b>35</b> Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement.....	0	0	0

**36** Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)..... **36** 0

**37** Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)..... **37** 0

**38** Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)

<b>a</b> Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	<b>38a</b>	0
<b>b</b> Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances .....	<b>38b</b>	0

**39** Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)..... **39** 0

**40** Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years..... **40** 0

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

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

# SCHEDULE SB ATTACHMENTS

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## Schedule SB – Statement by Enrolled Actuary

<b>Plan Sponsor</b>	Appleton Group LLC
<b>EIN/PN</b>	36-4178995/006
<b>Plan Name</b>	Appleton Group LLC Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees
<b>Valuation Date</b>	October 1, 2023
<b>Enrolled Actuary</b>	Scott Lesinski
<b>Enrollment Number</b>	23-08121

The actuarial assumptions that are not mandated by IRC § 430 and regulations, represent the enrolled actuary's best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan, subject to the following conditions:

The actuarial valuation, on which the information in this Schedule SB is based, has been prepared in reliance upon the employee and financial data furnished by the plan administrator and the trustee. The enrolled actuary has not made a rigorous check of the accuracy of this information but has accepted it after reviewing it and concluding it is reasonable in relation to similar information furnished in previous years. The amounts of contributions and dates paid shown in Item 18 of Schedule SB were listed in reliance on information provided by the plan administrator and/or trustee.

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## Schedule SB, Part V Summary of Plan Provisions

Plan Name  
Birch Hill Foundries

### Plan Provisions

Appendix Number	521 – Appleton Bargaining Plan
Plan Effective	09/15/1997
Last Change Effective	10/01/2022
Type of Plan	Flat Dollar
Normal Form	Life Annuity
Plan Eligibility	First of month following 30 days of employment
Credited Service	One month is credited for each 150 hours worked (max. of 1,800 hours in one year)
Pension Earnings	N/A
EE Contributions	None
Class	All Bargaining employees
Accumulated Benefit	(A) minus (B): (A) \$228 times Credited Service (multiplier to increase to \$234 on 11/20/2007) (B) Accrued Benefit as of 09/14/1997

Benefit	Age	Cont Svc	Description
Normal Retirement	65	-	AB, payable immediately
Early (ERB)	55	10	AB, reduced by 6.0% per year
Postponed	>65	-	AB, including service to actual retirement
Vesting	-	5	AB, payable at NRD
Disability			
Immediate	-	10	AB at disablement, payable until NRD
Deferred	-	10	AB at disablement, payable at NRD
Pre Ret Death	55	10	50% of ERB, reduced by J&S factor, payable for life of spouse
	-	5	50% of the earliest ERB, reduced by J&S factor, deferred to date first eligible to retire, payable for life of spouse

Currently no active participants.

### Changes in Plan Provision Since Prior Year

Plan provisions have not changed since the prior year, except to reflect the current year changes in the Internal Revenue Code maximums on benefits and pay.

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Plan Sponsor: Appleton Group LLC  
Valuation Date: October 1, 2023

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Plan Name  
Sola/Hevi-Duty (Celina)

## Plan Provisions

Appendix Number	522 – Appleton Bargaining Plan
Plan Effective	09/15/1997
Last Change Effective	10/01/2022
Type of Plan	Flat Dollar
Normal Form	Life Annuity
Plan Eligibility	Attainment of age 21 and 1 year of service
Credited Service	From Date of Employment
Pension Earnings	N/A
EE Contributions	None
Class	Bargaining Employees
Accumulated Benefit (AB)	(A) minus (B): (A) Effective 09/01/2006: \$120 times Credited Service Effective 09/01/2008: \$126 times Credited Service (B) Accrued Benefit as of 09/14/1997

Benefit	Age	Cont Svc	Description
Normal Retirement	65	-	AB, payable immediately
Early (ERB)	55	10	AB, reduced by 6% per year
Postponed	>65	-	AB, including service to actual retirement
Vesting	-	5	AB, payable at NRD
Disability			
Immediate	-	10	AB at disablement, payable until NRD
Deferred	-	10	AB at disablement, payable at NRD
Pre Ret Death	55	10	50% of ERB, reduced for J&S, payable for life of spouse
	-	5	50% of the earliest ERB, reduced for J&S, deferred to date first eligible to retire, payable for life of spouse

Currently no active participants

## Changes in Plan Provision Since Prior Year

Plan provisions have not changed since the prior year, except to reflect the current year changes in the Internal Revenue Code maximums on benefits and pay.

Plan Name

Plan Name:	Appleton Group LLC Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees
EIN / PN:	36-4178995/006
Plan Sponsor:	Appleton Group LLC
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## Plan Provisions

Appendix Number	523 – Appleton Bargaining Plan
Plan Effective	09/15/1997
Last Change Effective	10/01/2022
Type of Plan	Flat Dollar
Normal Form	Life Annuity
Plan Eligibility	From Date of Employment
Credited Service	Years and completed months from later of Date of Employment and 02/26/1996
Pension Earnings	N/A
EE Contributions	None
Class	Bargaining Employees
Accumulated Benefit (AB)	(A) minus (B): (A) Effective 03/01/2005: \$186 times Credited Service Effective 02/26/2007: \$192 times Credited Service Effective 02/25/2008: \$198 times Credited Service Effective 02/22/2010: \$204 times Credited Service (B) Accrued Benefit as of 09/14/1997

Benefit	Age	Cont Svc	Description
Normal Retirement	65	-	AB, payable immediately
Early (ERB)	55	10	AB, reduced 6.00% per year
Postponed	>65	-	AB, including service to actual retirement
Vesting	-	5	AB, payable at NRD
Disability			
Immediate	-	10	AB at disablement, payable until NRD, reduced by WC benefits except if loss of member
Deferred	-	10	AB at disablement, payable at NRD
Pre Ret Death	55	10	50% of ERB, reduced by J&S factor, payable for life of spouse
	-	5	50% of the earliest ERB, reduced by J&S, deferred to date first eligible to retire, payable for life of spouse

Currently no active participants

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Plan Name

Fullerton

## Plan Provisions

Appendix Number	524 – Appleton Bargaining Plan
Plan Effective	09/15/1997
Last Change Effective	10/01/2022
Type of Plan	Flat Dollar
Normal Form	Life Annuity
Plan Eligibility	One Year of Service
Credited Service	One year for each year in which 1,000 hours is worked
Pension Earnings	N/A
EE Contributions	None
Class	Bargaining Employees
Accumulated Benefit (AB)	(A) minus (B): (A) \$144 times Credited Service (B) Accrued Benefit as of 09/14/1997

Benefit	Age	Cont Svc	Description
Normal Retirement	65	-	AB, payable immediately
Early (ERB)	-	-	Not provided
Postponed	>65	-	AB, including service to actual retirement
Vesting	-	5	AB, payable at NRD
Disability			
Immediate	50	-	AB at disablement, payable until NRD, reduced by WC benefits
Deferred	50	-	AB at disablement, payable at NRD
Pre Ret Death	-	5	50% of NRB, reduced by J&S factor, deferred to NRD, payable for life of spouse

Currently no active participants

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Plan Name  
South Milwaukee Foundry

## Plan Provisions

Appendix Number	525 – Appleton Bargaining Plan
Plan Effective	09/15/1997
Last Change Effective	09/30/2022
Type of Plan	Flat Dollar
Normal Form	Life Annuity
Plan Eligibility	First of month following 1 year of service
Credited Service	One year for each year in which 1,000 hours are worked
Pension Earnings	N/A
EE Contributions	None
Class	Bargaining Employees
Accumulated Benefit (AB)	(A) minus (B)*: (A) Effective: 01/01/2013: \$244.20 times Credited Service 07/01/2014: \$247.20 times Credited Service 07/01/2015: \$250.20 times Credited Service 07/01/2016: \$253.20 times Credited Service 07/01/2017: \$256.20 times Credited Service 07/01/2018: \$259.80 times Credited Service 06/03/2019: \$265.80 times Credited Service 06/14/2021: \$271.80 times Credited Service 06/12/2023: \$277.80 times Credited Service (B) Accrued Benefit as of 09/14/1997

Benefit	Age	Cont Svc	Description
Normal Retirement	65	-	AB, payable immediately
Early (ERB)	60	10	AB, reduced 6.67% per year
Postponed	>65	-	AB, including service to actual retirement
Vesting	-	5	AB, payable at NRD
Disability			
Immediate	35	10	AB at disablement, payable until NRD, reduced by WC benefits
Deferred	35	10	AB at disablement, payable at NRD
Pre Ret Death	55	10	50% of ERB, reduced by J&S factor, payable for life of spouse

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-	5	50% of the earliest ERB, reduced by J&S, deferred to date first eligible to retire, payable for life of spouse
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\* Employees who retire during the life of current agreement will be eligible to receive the \$277.80 multiplier at time of retirement.

## Changes in Plan Provision Since Prior Year

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Plan Name  
O-Z/Gedney, Terryville

## Plan Provisions

Appendix Number	526 – Appleton Bargaining Plan
Plan Effective	09/15/1997
Last Change Effective	10/01/2022
Type of Plan	Flat Dollar
Normal Form	Life Annuity
Plan Eligibility	From Date of Employment
Credited Service	1/10 year credited for every 170 hours of service (max. of 1,700 hours each year)
Pension Earnings	N/A
EE Contributions	None
Class	Bargaining Employees
Accumulated Benefit (AB)	(A) minus (B): (A) \$246 times Credited Service (B) Accrued Benefit as of 09/14/1997

Benefit	Age	Cont Svc	Description
Normal Retirement	65	-	AB, payable immediately
Early (ERB)	55	10	AB, reduced by 3.0% per year
Postponed	>65	-	AB, including service to actual retirement
Vesting	-	5	AB, payable at NRD
Disability			
Immediate	-	10	AB at disablement, payable until NRD
Deferred	-	10	AB at disablement, payable at NRD
Pre Ret Death	55	10	50% of ERB, reduced for J&S, payable for life of spouse
	-	5	50% of the earliest ERB, reduced for J&S, deferred to date first eligible to retire, payable for life of spouse

Currently no active participants

## Changes in Plan Provision Since Prior Year

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Plan Name

Tulsa IBEW at Hevi-Duty Nelson

## Plan Provisions

Appendix Number	527 – Appleton Bargaining Plan
Plan Effective	09/15/1997
Last Change Effective	10/01/2022
Type of Plan	Final Pay (5 Year Avg)
Normal Form	10 year certain and continuous
Plan Eligibility	Attainment of age 21 and 1 year of service
Credited Service	One year for each year in which 1,000 hours is worked and EE contributions are made
Pension Earnings	Average base annual rate on January 1
EE Contributions	Must agree to make contributions or benefit will be reduced
Class	All Bargaining Employees
Accumulated Benefit (AB)	Greater of (A) and (B), minus (C): (A) 80%*FAE times Credited Service (B) \$300 per month (C) Accrued Benefit as of 09/01/1997

Benefit	Age	Cont Svc	Description
Normal Retirement	65	-	AB, payable immediately
Early (ERB)	55	10	AB, reduced 6.0% per year
Postponed	>65	-	AB, including earnings and service to actual retirement
Vesting	-	5	AB, payable at NRD
Disability			
Immediate	-	15	AB at disablement, payable until NRD, actuarially reduced, then reduced by WC benefits
Deferred	-	15	AB at disablement, payable at NRD
Pre Ret Death	55	5	50% of ERB, payable for life of spouse
	-	15	50% of NRB, reduced for J&S, actuarially reduced to date of death, payable for life of spouse
	-	5	50% of the earliest ERB, reduced for J&S, deferred to date first eligible to retire, payable for life of spouse

Currently no active participants

## Changes in Plan Provision Since Prior Year

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Plan Name  
McGill Manufacturing

## Plan Provisions

Appendix Number	528 – Appleton Bargaining Plan
Plan Effective	09/15/1997
Last Change Effective	10/01/2022
Type of Plan	Flat Dollar
Normal Form	Life Annuity
Plan Eligibility	From Date of Employment
Credited Service	One year for each year in which 1,000 hours is worked
Pension Earnings	N/A
EE Contributions	None
Class	All Bargaining Employees
Accumulated Benefit (AB)	A) minus (B): (A) \$228 times Credited Service (B) Accrued Benefit as of 09/14/1997

Benefit	Age	Cont Svc	Description
Normal Retirement	65	5	AB, payable immediately
Early (ERB)	55	30	AB, reduced by 4% per year prior to 60
Postponed	60	30	AB, payable immediately
Vesting	-	5	AB, payable at NRD
Disability			
Immediate	40	20	AB at disablement, payable until NRD, reduced by any WC benefit
Deferred	40	20	AB at disablement, payable at NRD
Pre Ret Death	55	10	50% of ERB, reduced by J&S factor, payable for life of spouse
	-	5	50% of the earliest ERB, reduced by J&S factor, deferred to date first eligible to retire, payable for life of spouse

Currently no active participants

## Changes in Plan Provision Since Prior Year

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Plan Name

Tulsa GMP at O-Z/Gedney

## Plan Provisions

Appendix Number	529 – Appleton Bargaining Plan
Plan Effective	09/15/1997
Last Change Effective	10/01/2022
Type of Plan	Final Pay (5 Year Avg)
Normal Form	10 year certain and continuous
Plan Eligibility	Attainment of age 21 and 1 year of service
Credited Service	One year for each year in which 1,000 hours is worked and EE contributions made
Pension Earnings	Average base annual rate on January 1
EE Contributions	Must agree to make contributions or benefit will be reduced
Class	All Bargaining Employees
Accumulated Benefit (AB)	Greater of (A) and (B), minus (C): (A) 80%*FAE times Credited Service (B) \$300 per month (C) Accrued Benefit as of 09/14/1997

Benefit	Age	Cont Svc	Description
Normal Retirement	65	-	AB, payable immediately
Early (ERB)	55	10	AB, reduced 6.0% per year
Postponed	>65	-	AB, including earnings and service to actual retirement
Vesting	-	5	AB, payable at NRD
Disability			
Immediate	-	15	AB at disablement, payable until NRD, actuarially reduced, then reduced by WC benefits
Deferred	-	15	AB at disablement, payable at NRD
Pre Ret Death	55	10	50% of ERB, reduced for J&S, payable for life of spouse
	-	15	50% of NRB, reduced for J&S, actuarially reduced to date of death, payable for life of spouse
	-	5	50% of the earliest ERB, reduced for J&S, deferred to date first eligible to retire, payable for life of spouse

Currently no active participants

## Changes in Plan Provision Since Prior Year

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## Optional Forms of Payment

In addition to the normal form of payment, based on the plan provisions, participants are eligible to elect the following optional forms of payment:

Life Annuity	Annuity payable for the participant's lifetime.
Certain and Life Annuity	Annuity payable for the participant's lifetime with payments upon the participant's death payable to the beneficiary for the remaining certain period.
Joint and Survivor Annuity	Annuity payable for the participant's lifetime and upon participant's death, an annuity payable to the beneficiary based on the percentage elected.

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## Schedule SB, Part V Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

### Economic Assumptions

#### Interest rate basis

- Applicable month June 2023
- Interest rate basis 3-Segment Rates

Interest rates	Reflecting Stabilization	Not Reflecting Stabilization
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#### Annual rates of increase

- Compensation: N/A
- Future Social Security wage bases 3.00%

### Demographic Assumptions

**Inclusion date** The valuation date coincident with or next following the date on which the employee becomes a participant.

**New or rehired employees** It was assumed there will be no new or rehired employees.

#### Mortality

- Healthy Separate rates for non-annuitants based on RP-2014 "Employees" table without collar or amount adjustments, adjusted backward to 2006 with MP-2014, and then projected forward with a static projection as specified in the regulations under §1.430(h)(3)-1 using Scale MP-2021 and annuitants based on RP-2014 "Healthy Annuitants" table without collar or amount adjustments, adjusted backward to 2006 with MP-2014, and then projected forward with a static projection as specified in the regulations under §1.430(h)(3)-1 using Scale MP-2021.

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- Disabled Alternative disabled life mortality tables as defined under Revenue Ruling 96-7. These tables do not reflect mortality improvements beyond the valuation date.

**Termination** Rates varying by age and service, per 1,000 participants as follows:

**Representative Termination Rates**

Percentage leaving during the year					
Attained Age	Years of Service				
	0-1	1-3	3-4	4-5	5+
20	200	180	150	150	160
25	200	180	150	120	140
30	200	180	150	120	120
35	200	180	150	120	110
40	200	180	150	120	110
45	200	180	150	120	110
50	200	180	150	120	110
55	200	180	150	120	110
60	200	180	150	120	110
65	-	-	-	-	-

**Disability** Rates at which participants become disabled varying by age and gender, per 1,000 participants as follows:

Percentage becoming disabled during the year		
Age	Males	Females
39 or less	0.68	0.82
40-44	1.41	2.38
45-49	2.70	3.29
50-54	5.11	4.72
55-59	9.28	7.18
60-64	12.42	8.14

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## Retirement

Rates varying by age, per 1,000 participants as follows:

Percentage retiring during the year	
Age	Rate
55-58	100
59-60	120
61	150
62-64	200
65	300
66-69	350
70	1,000

## Benefit commencement date:

- Preretirement death benefit      The later of the death of the active participant or the date the participant would have attained age 55
- Deferred vested benefit            Age 65
- Disability benefit                      Upon disablement
- Retirement benefit                    Upon termination of employment

## Form of payment

Single: Normal form of payment as described in plan provisions

Married: 90% of married participants are assumed to elect 50% Joint Survivor Annuity and the remaining 10% are assumed to elect the normal form of payment as described in plan provisions

## Percent married

80%

## Spouse age

Wife three years younger than husband

## Covered pay

N/A

## Plan related expenses:

171,000

## Timing of benefit payments

Annuity payments are payable monthly at the beginning of the month and lump sum payments are payable on date of decrement

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## Methods

<b>Valuation date</b>	First day of plan year
<b>Funding target</b>	Present value of accrued benefits as required by regulations under IRC §430.
<b>Target normal cost</b>	Present value of benefits expected to accrue during the plan year plus plan-related expenses expected to be paid from plan assets during the plan year as required by regulations under IRC §430.
<b>Actuarial value of assets</b>	<p>Average of the fair market value of assets on the valuation date and 12 and 24 months preceding the valuation date, adjusted for contributions, benefits, administrative expenses and expected earnings (with such expected earnings limited as described in IRS Notice 2009-22). The average asset value must be within 10% of market value, including discounted contributions receivable.</p> <p>The method of computing the actuarial value of assets complies with rules governing the calculation of such values under the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA). These rules produce smoothed values that reflect the underlying market value of plan assets but fluctuate less than the market value. As a result, the actuarial value of assets will be lower than the market value in some years and greater in other years. However, over the long term under PPA's smoothing rules, the method has a significant bias to produce an actuarial value of assets that is below the market value of assets.</p>
<b>Benefits not valued</b>	All benefits described in the Plan Provisions section of this report were valued

## Sources of Data and Other Information

WTW used asset data supplied by the trustee. Emerson furnished participant data as of October 1, 2023. Data and other information were reviewed for reasonableness and consistency, but no audit was performed. Based on discussions with the plan sponsor, assumptions or estimates were made when data were not available, and the data was adjusted to reflect any significant events that occurred between the date the data was collected and the measurement date. We are not aware of any errors or omissions in the data that would have a significant effect on the results of our calculations.

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## Assumptions Rationale - Significant Economic Assumptions

<b>Discount rate</b>	The basis chosen was selected by the plan sponsor from among choices prescribed by law, all of which are based on observed market data over certain periods of time.
<b>Plan-related expenses</b>	Assumed plan related expenses are set based on a combination of recent plan experiences and expectations for the current year.
<b>Rates of increase in:</b>	
• Compensation	N/A

## Assumptions Rationale - Significant Demographic Assumptions

<b>Healthy Mortality</b>	<p>Assumptions used for funding purposes are as prescribed by IRC §430(h).</p> <p>We believe the assumptions do not significantly conflict with what would be reasonable because they reflect recent experience, and are adjusted to reflect the plan sponsor's expectations regarding future mortality improvement.</p>
<b>Termination</b>	<p>Termination rates were based on actual plan experience through Fiscal 2021, with annual consideration of whether any conditions have changed that would be expected to produce different results in the future.</p> <p>Assumed termination rates differ by age and service because of observed differences in termination rates by service.</p> <p>For the reasons discussed above, we believe the assumptions selected do not significantly conflict with what would be reasonable.</p>
<b>Retirement</b>	<p>Retirement rates were based on actual plan experience through Fiscal 2021, with annual consideration of whether any conditions have changed that would be expected to produce different results in the future.</p> <p>Retirement rates differ by age because of observed differences in retirement rates by age.</p>

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For the reasons discussed above, we believe the assumptions selected do not significantly conflict with what would be reasonable.

## **Commencement Dates**

Commencement dates were based on an annual high-level review of experience, including considerations of whether any conditions have changed that would be expected to produce different results in the future.

For the reasons discussed above, we believe the assumptions selected do not significantly conflict with what would be reasonable.

## **Prescribed Methods**

### **Funding methods**

The methods used for funding purposes as described in Part V – Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods, including the method of determining plan assets, are “prescribed methods set by law”, as defined in the actuarial standards of practice (ASOPs). These methods are required by IRC §430, or were selected by the plan sponsor from a range of methods permitted by IRC §430.

## **Changes in Assumptions and Methods**

### **Change in assumptions since prior valuation**

The segment interest rates used to calculate the funding target and normal cost were updated from an applicable month of June 2022 to June 2023.

The required mortality improvement scale used to calculate the funding target and target normal cost was updated to reflect the MP-2021 mortality improvement scale.

The assumed plan-related expenses added to the target normal cost were updated to reflect the amount expected to be paid during the plan year beginning October 1, 2023.

### **Change in methods since prior valuation**

None

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## Schedule SB, Line 26a Schedule of Active Participant Data as of October 1, 2023

Attained Age	Attained Years of Credited Service <sup>1</sup>										Total	
	Under 1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 & Over		
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25-29	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
30-34	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
35-39	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
40-44	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
45-49	0	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
50-54	0	5	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	10
55-59	0	1	1	4	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	14
60-64	0	1	2	1	5	1	2	0	0	0	2	14
65-69	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
70 & over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>60</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Age and service for purposes of determining category are based on exact (not rounded) values.  
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## Schedule SB, Line 24 Change in Actuarial Assumptions

The assumed plan-related expenses added to the target normal cost were updated to reflect the amount expected to be paid during the plan year beginning October 1, 2023.

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## Schedule SB, Line 22 Description of Weighted Average Retirement Age as of October 1, 2023

x	$q_x^r$	$l_x$	${}_{x-55}p_{55} = l_x / l_{55}$	$q_x^{r*} l_x / l_{55}$	$x * q_x^r * l_x / l_{55}$
55	0.10	1,000	1.000000	0.100000	5.500000
56	0.10	900	0.900000	0.090000	5.040000
57	0.10	810	0.810000	0.081000	4.617000
58	0.10	729	0.729000	0.072900	4.228200
59	0.12	656	0.656100	0.078732	4.645188
60	0.12	577	0.577368	0.069284	4.157050
61	0.15	508	0.508084	0.076213	4.648967
62	0.20	432	0.431871	0.086374	5.355204
63	0.20	345	0.345497	0.069099	4.353262
64	0.20	276	0.276398	0.055280	3.537889
65	0.30	221	0.221118	0.066335	4.311803
66	0.35	155	0.154783	0.054174	3.575479
67	0.35	101	0.100609	0.035213	2.359275
68	0.35	65	0.065396	0.022888	1.556417
69	0.35	43	0.042507	0.014878	1.026549
70	1.00	28	0.027630	0.027630	1.934077

Average age at retirement 60.846360

Rounded for Schedule SB item 22 61

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