

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 <h1 style="text-align: center;">2024</h1> This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

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
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1a Name of plan <u>SOUTHERN STATES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>334</u>
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>SOUTHERN STATES COOPERATIVE, INC.</u> <u>6606 WEST BROAD STREET</u> <u>RICHMOND, VA 23230</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>08/01/1977</u> 2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>54-0387200</u> 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>804-281-1252</u> 2d Business code (see instructions) <u>424990</u>

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/29/2025	MORGAN BROCK
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE C/O SOUTHERN STATES COOPERATIVE, INC. 6606 WEST BROAD STREET RICHMOND, VA 23230	3b Administrator's EIN 54-1039650 3c Administrator's telephone number 804-281-1252
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4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
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5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	2673
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6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	6a(1)	1537
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	6a(2)	1609
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	6b	117
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	6c	848
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c	6d	2574
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	6e	16
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f	2590
g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g(1)	2598
g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g(2)	2464
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6h	33

7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	
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8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D 2U

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

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

a Pension Schedules

(1) **R** (Retirement Plan Information)

(2) **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

(3) **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

(4) **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____

(5) **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

(1) **H** (Financial Information)

(2) **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)

(3) **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0

(4) **C** (Service Provider Information)

(5) **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)

(6) **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

A Name of plan SOUTHERN STATES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	334
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SOUTHERN STATES COOPERATIVE, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 54-0387200	

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

MERCER INVESTMENTS LLC

30-0282430

(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?
27 28	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	217509	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)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	210249	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

FORVIS MAZARS, LLP

44-0160260

(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	ACCOUNTANT/A UDITOR	45650	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"/>

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)

HIRSCHLER FLEISCHER

54-1438598

(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?
29	LEGAL	6365	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"/>

(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.

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name: FORVIS MAZARS, LLP	b EIN: 44-0160260
c Position: AUDITOR	
d Address: ONE JAMES CENTER 901 EAST CARY ST. SUITE 1000 RICHMOND, VA 23219	e Telephone: 804-282-7636

Explanation: AS WE CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO REDUCE COSTS AND IMPROVE EFFICIENCY WE MOVED OUR BENEFIT AUDITS OVER TO CLA WHO IS ALSO OUR FINANCIAL AUDITOR TO CONSOLIDATE OUR EXTERNAL AUDITS UNDER A SINGLE PROVIDER.

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

Explanation:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 <hr/> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2024</u> and ending <u>12/31/2024</u>	
A Name of plan <u>SOUTHERN STATES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) <u>334</u>
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>SOUTHERN STATES COOPERATIVE, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>54-0387200</u>

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>GALLIARD STBLE RTN C</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>52-2250946-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SS TRGT RET 2035 IV</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS TRUST CO</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>32-6528132-024</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>10716854</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>BTC STR COMP NL M</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>BLACKROCK INST. TRUST COMPANY, N.A.</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>46-3525011-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>58989</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SS US BOND INDX XIV</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS TRUST CO</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>90-0337987-477</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1285486</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>MERCER INTL STOCK</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>MERCER TRUST COMPANY LLC</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>81-3158100-010</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>4095137</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SS TRGT RET 2025 IV</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS TRUST CO</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>32-6528132-022</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>10012810</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SS TRGT RET 2045 IV</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS TRUST CO</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>32-6528132-026</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>7349190</u>

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MERCER SMMDCP STOCK		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MERCER TRUST COMPANY LLC		
c EIN-PN 81-3183567-011	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8274544
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SS RSL SMMDCP IDX II		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 32-6528132-019	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1799076
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SS TRGT RET 2030 IV		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 32-6528132-023	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 25110639
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SS TRGT RET 2050 IV		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 32-6528132-027	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5642230
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SS TRGT RET 2060 IV		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 32-6528132-029	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1648502
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SS TRGT RET INC IV		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 32-6528132-030	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5453620
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SS TRGT RET 2065 IV		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 32-6528132-045	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1122213
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESCO STBL VAL B1		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): INVESCO TRUST COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 84-1142974-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 21096193
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SS TRGT RET 2020 IV		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 32-6528132-021	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 10816202
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SS TRGT RET 2040 IV		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 32-6528132-025	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 14428473

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **SS TRGT RET 2055 IV**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS TRUST CO**

c EIN-PN 32-6528132-028	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4582940
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **SS S&P 500 INDEX II**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS TRUST CO**

c EIN-PN 04-0025081-078	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 84587126
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **MERCER DVSFD BOND**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **MERCER TRUST COMPANY LLC**

c EIN-PN 81-3188218-009	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5630819
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **SS GACEQ EXUS IDX II**

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS TRUST CO**

c EIN-PN 90-0337987-444	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 74091
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024	
A Name of plan SOUTHERN STATES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 334
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SOUTHERN STATES COOPERATIVE, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 54-0387200

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

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
Assets			
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	23227	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	16904	72
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	2900566	2825848
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	219141854	223785134
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	0	0
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	222082551	226611054
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g	0	0
h Operating payables.....	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities.....	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	222082551	226611054

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)	3415294	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	5581447	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	569839	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)	0	9566580
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	169	
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	225952	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		226121
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	0	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

	(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)	29539252
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)	0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)	0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)	0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)	0
c Other income	2c	0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d	39331953

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:		
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	30988535
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	0
(3) Other.....	2e(3)	0
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)	30988535
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f	0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g	4415
h Interest expense.....	2h	0
i Administrative expenses:		
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	0
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	210249
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)	22350
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	0
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0
(11) Other expenses.....	2i(11)	247174
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)	479773
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j	31472723

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k	7859230
l Transfers of assets:		
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)	0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)	3330727

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: CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP

(2) EIN: 41-0746749

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

(1) This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		5000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.		X	

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)
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5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) Yes No Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

A Name of plan <u>SOUTHERN STATES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>334</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>SOUTHERN STATES COOPERATIVE, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>54-0387200</u>	

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): <u>04-6568107</u>		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Part III	Amendments
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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.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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(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 _____

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

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

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	

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

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....	16b	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702438A.

<p>SCHEDULE MEP (Form 5500)</p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p>	<p>MULTIPLE-EMPLOYER RETIREMENT PLAN INFORMATION</p> <p>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)</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p>	<p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt;">2024</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<p>A Name of plan SOUTHERN STATES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</p>	<p>B Three-digit Plan number (PN)..... ▶</p>	<p>334</p>
<p>C Plan administrator's name as shown on line 3a of Form 5500/Form 5500-SF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE</p>	<p>D Administrator's EIN 54-1039650</p>	

Part I Type of Multiple-Employer Pension Plan. All multiple-employer pension plans must complete.

1 Check the appropriate box to indicate type of multiple-employer pension plan. (Only defined contribution plans may check lines 1a, 1b, and 1c. Defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans not checking lines 1a, 1b, or 1c should check line 1d. See Instructions).

- a** association retirement plan (See 29 CFR 2510.3-55) (Complete Part II)
- b** professional employer organization plan (PEO Plan) (See 29 CFR 29 CFR 2510.3-55) (Complete Part II)
- c** pooled employer plan (PEP) (See 29 CFR 2510.3-44) (Complete Parts II and III)
- d** other multiple-employer pension plan (Describe) _____ (Complete Part II)

Part II Participating Employer Information.

2 All multiple-employer pension plans that are subject to section 210(a) of ERISA (see instructions for filing the Form 5500) must complete Part II, in addition to Part I, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information for each employer participating in the multiple-employer pension plan. **Defined contribution plans must complete lines 2a-2d. All other multiple-employer pension plans complete lines 2a-2c only. Complete as many entries as needed to list the required information for each participating employer that is not an individual person (see instructions).**

2a Name of Participating Employer SOUTHERN STATES COOPERATIVE, INC.	2b EIN 54-0387200	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year 57.17	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer 151729632
2a Name of Participating Employer ROCKINGHAM PETROLEUM COOPERATIVE, INC.	2b EIN 54-0362052	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year 3.39	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer 3007059

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2e Does the plan include any individuals not participating through an employer or who are individual working owners?	2e	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2f If you answer "Yes" in line 2e, enter a good faith estimate of the percentage of total contributions made by all such individuals that are not listed on line 2a during the plan year.	2f	0.0
2g If you answer "Yes" in Line 2e, enter the aggregate account balances for all such individuals that are not listed on line 2a.	2g	4585359

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2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
SOUTHERN STATES RUSSELLVILLE COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0493246	3.27	5419638
AUGUSTA PETROLEUM COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0129217	2.74	4059971
SOUTHERN STATES FREDERICK COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0387183	2.29	4275511
SOUTHERN STATES MILFORD COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0484969	2.26	2186858
SOUTHERN STATES LEXINGTON COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0500375	2.06	2755912
SOUTHERN STATES FLEMINGSBURG COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0463769	1.84	4090764
CULPEPER PETROLEUM COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0185807	1.75	1820950
SOUTHERN STATES HARDIN COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0502402	1.71	2403841
SOUTHERN STATES GLASGOW COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0454403	1.69	3195638

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SOUTHERN STATES OWENTON COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0488947	1.65	3394175
SOUTHERN STATES GEORGETOWN COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0453856	1.48	1803523
SOUTHERN STATES CARROLL COUNTY COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0465250	1.45	3169724
SOUTHERN STATES SMYRNA-CLAYTON COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0387392	1.42	2656153
SOUTHERN STATES SIMPSON COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0536872	1.42	1723988
SOUTHERN STATES HENDERSON COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0482365	1.37	3264280
BOWLING GREEN PETROLEUM COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0485422	1.31	2808116
MARSHALL COUNTY COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0684219	1.26	1427338
SOUTHERN STATES LOUDOUN COUNTY COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0387166	1.24	1506725

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HOPKINSVILLE PETROLEUM COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0485424	1.13	3040416
SOUTHERN STATES SOMERSET COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0454405	1.03	2115213
SOUTHERN STATES CUMBERLAND COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0387181	0.68	678415
SOUTHERN STATES MOUNT AIRY COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0387204	0.62	1518434
SOUTHERN STATES CLARK COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0510084	0.6	1961982
SOUTHERN STATES HOPKINSVILLE COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0475002	0.58	14080
SOUTHERN STATES LONDON COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0480833	0.57	490061
SOUTHERN STATES MARLINTON COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0387135	0.51	1047310
RUSSELL COUNTY COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0366573	0.47	689136

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2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
TIDEWATER PETROLEUM COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0619014	0.35	207672
SOUTHERN STATES CLARKSBURG COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0387137	0.28	191157
SOUTHERN STATES CHESAPEAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.	54-0387176	0.21	176442
SOUTHERN STATES SPENCER COOPERATIVE, INC.	54-0387134	0.2	334727

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Part III	Pooled Employer Plan Information
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Line 3. All Pooled employer plans must answer all of the questions in Part III, in addition to completing all of Parts I and II.

3a Is the pooled plan provider (identified as the plan sponsor and administrator in Part II of the Form 5500) currently in compliance with the Form PR (Pooled Plan Provider Registration Statement) requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2510.3-44)..... Yes No

3b If line 3a is "Yes", enter the ACK ID for the most recent Form PR that was required to be filed under the Form PR filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid ACK ID will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

ACK ID _____

SOUTHERN STATES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
ERISA-REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023 AND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Employee Benefit Administrative Committee
Southern States Retirement Savings Plan
Richmond, Virginia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of Southern States Retirement Savings Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

Employee Benefit Administrative Committee
Southern States Retirement Savings Plan

- 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 Southern States Retirement Savings 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 Southern States Retirement Savings Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Other Matter — Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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

Auditor's Report on the 2023 Financial Statements

Predecessor auditors performed an audit of the 2023 financial statements of Southern States Retirement Savings Plan. 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, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan that were certified by a qualified institution. Their report dated July 1, 2024 indicated that (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2023 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and (b) the information in the 2023 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). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2023 supplemental schedules, other than the information in the 2023 supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, were presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA; and the information in the 2023 supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determines meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Raleigh, North Carolina
July 16, 2025

**SOUTHERN STATES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
INVESTMENTS (at Fair Value)		
Money Market	\$ 72	\$ 16,904
Collective Trust Funds	223,785,134	219,141,854
Total Investments at Fair Value	223,785,206	219,158,758
RECEIVABLES		
Employer Match Contributions	-	23,227
Notes Receivable from Participants	2,825,848	2,900,566
Total Receivables	2,825,848	2,923,793
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 226,611,054	\$ 222,082,551

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**SOUTHERN STATES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

ADDITIONS:

INVESTMENT INCOME

Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments	\$ 29,030,419
Interest and Dividends	<u>509,002</u>
Total Investment Income	29,539,421

**INTEREST INCOME ON NOTES RECEIVABLE
FROM PARTICIPANTS**

225,952

CONTRIBUTIONS

Employer Match	3,415,294
Participant	5,581,447
Employee Rollover	<u>569,839</u>
Total Contributions	<u>9,566,580</u>

Total Additions 39,331,953

DEDUCTIONS:

BENEFITS PAID TO PARTICIPANTS 30,992,950

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES 479,773

Total Deductions 31,472,723

NET INCREASE BEFORE TRANSFERS 7,859,230

TRANSFER OF ASSETS TO OTHER PLAN (3,330,727)

NET INCREASE 4,528,503

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:

Beginning of Year 222,082,551

End of Year \$ 226,611,054

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**SOUTHERN STATES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of Southern States Retirement Savings Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering the employees of Southern States Cooperative, Inc. (the Company), its subsidiaries and other participating employers, primarily member cooperatives (collectively, Southern States or the Employer). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Effective January 2, 2024, Farmers Cooperative spun off from Southern States Cooperative and formed its own Plan. Plan assets for all affected participants were transferred to the new plan on January 2, 2024, in the amount of \$3,330,727.

Administration

The Plan is administered by the Plan Sponsor, which serves without compensation. The Plan administrator has the overall responsibility and authority as the named fiduciary to manage and control the operations and administration of the Plan and may designate one or more individuals to perform those responsibilities. The Plan Sponsor has designated a committee to administer the Plan.

Eligibility

Eligible employees hired prior to January 1, 2016, became participants in the Plan on the first day of the third calendar month following employment. Eligible employees hired after January 1, 2016, become participants in the Plan on the first day of the pay period following 90 days of employment. Eligible employees hired after January 1, 2023, become participants in the Plan immediately upon hire.

Contributions

Eligible participants are permitted to elect to have a percentage, limited by Plan provisions, of their compensation contributed as pretax 401(k) or Roth contributions to the Plan. The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 3% of eligible compensation following 90 days of employment, and their contributions invested in the designated default fund until changed by the participant. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may elect into an auto-increase provision where deferral percentages increase between 1% and 5% based on the participant's election.

For year ended December 31, 2024, the Company made a safe harbor matching contribution equal to 100% of the first 3% of eligible compensation deferred plus an additional 50% of the next 3% of eligible compensation deferred. The Company may, at its discretion, elect to make a discretionary matching contribution, and qualified nonelective contributions to the Plan. There were no discretionary matching or qualified nonelective contributions to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2024.

SOUTHERN STATES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Participant Accounts

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

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions, and employer match and safe harbor employer match contributions, plus earnings thereon. Participants become 100% vested in employer nonelective contributions after the completion of three years of vesting service counted from a participant's initial employment date.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The loans are collateralized by the balance in the participant's account, and bear interest at 2% over the prime rate. Principal and interest are paid ratably through regular payroll deductions. At December 31, 2024, outstanding loans bore interest rates ranging from 5.25% to 10.50%.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service or retirement, a participant may elect to receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account in the form of a lump sum distribution or installments not extending beyond 10 years. The Plan allows for in-service distributions if a participant reaches age 59½, distributions of amounts rolled in from another qualified plan, and hardship distributions subject to plan provisions. If a participant terminates employment and the participant's account balance does not exceed \$5,000, the Plan administrator will authorize the benefit payment without the participant's consent. If the balance of the terminated participant's account is between \$1,000 and \$5,000, the Plan Sponsor may authorize that the benefit payment be rolled into an individual retirement account in the participant's name.

Forfeited Accounts

Forfeited nonvested accounts are up to the discretion of the Employer as to whether they will be utilized to reduce administrative expenses or used to reduce future Employer contributions. Forfeited nonvested accounts as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$33,519 and \$35,228, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Plan Sponsor used \$-0- in forfeitures to pay administrative expenses and \$98,612 to reduce Employer contributions.

SOUTHERN STATES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investments Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales are recorded on a trade-date basis. Investment income is recorded on the accrual basis. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Benefit Payments

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. If a participant ceases to make note repayments and the Plan administrator deems the participant note to be in default, the participant note balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded when the participant has a distributable event.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the 2023 financial statements have been reclassified to conform with the 2024 presentation. These reclassifications do not affect net assets available for benefits as previously reported.

SOUTHERN STATES RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through July 16, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Effective February 2, 2025, Southern States Glasgow, a participating employer of the Plan, spun-off and transferred \$3,271,490 of assets out of the Plan.

Effective July 1, 2025, Southern States Carroll County, a participating employer of the Plan, spun-off and transferred \$3,150,858 of assets out of the Plan.

NOTE 3 CERTIFICATION OF INVESTMENT INFORMATION

Fidelity Management Trust Company, the qualified institution of the Plan, has supplied the Plan administrator with a certification as to the completeness and accuracy of all investment information and notes receivable from participants reflected on the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024.

NOTE 4 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means;

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

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

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NOTE 4 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the valuation methodologies used at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Mutual Funds and Money Market Fund – Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds and the money market fund held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds and money market fund held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Collective Trust Funds – Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of units of the bank collective trust. NAV is a readily determinable fair value and is the basis for current transactions. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. If the Plan initiates a full redemption of the collective trust, the issuer reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

Collective Trust Fund – The collective trust fund is composed primarily of fully benefit-responsive investment contracts and is valued at the net asset value (NAV) of units of the bank collective trust. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value.

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

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NOTE 4 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

	2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money Market Fund	\$ 72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72
Collective Trust Funds	-	202,688,941	-	202,688,941
Total Investments at Fair Value	\$ 72	\$ 202,688,941	\$ -	202,689,013
Investments Measured at NAV				21,096,193
Total Investments at Fair Value				\$ 223,785,206

	2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money Market Fund	\$ 16,904	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,904
Collective Trust Funds	-	195,131,547	-	195,131,547
Total Investments at Fair Value	\$ 16,904	\$ 195,131,547	\$ -	195,148,451
Investments Measure at NAV				24,010,307
Total Investments at Fair Value				\$ 219,158,758

The following table summarizes the investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset per share as a practical expedient as of December 31:

Investment	Fair Value		Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
	2024	2023			
Invesco Stable Value Fund	\$ 21,096,193	\$ 1,546,067	\$ -	Daily	Daily
Galliard Stable Return C	-	22,464,240	\$ -	Daily	Daily
Total	\$ 21,096,193	\$ 24,010,307			

NOTE 5 PLAN TAX STATUS

The Plan has not obtained a determination letter from the IRS stating that the Plan was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Effective July 1, 2022, the Plan is relying on the IRS approval of the nonstandardized pre-approved profit-sharing plan that it is utilizing. The IRS has determined and informed the document sponsor by a letter dated June 30, 2020 that the nonstandardized preapproved profit sharing plan document was designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

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NOTE 6 PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Employer has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to amend or terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA.

NOTE 7 RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan provides for investment in a variety of investment funds. In general, investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of the investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 8 PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan investments are managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the qualified institution of the Plan; therefore these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net appreciation in fair value of the investment, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment. These party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	Cost**	Current Value	
	<u>Collective Trust Funds:</u>			
Blackrock	BTC STR COMP NL M		\$	58,989
State Street	Target Retirement 2020			10,816,202
State Street	Target Retirement 2025			10,012,810
State Street	Target Retirement 2030			25,110,639
State Street	Target Retirement 2035			10,716,854
State Street	Target Retirement 2040			14,428,473
State Street	Target Retirement 2045			7,349,190
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State Street	Target Retirement 2065			1,122,213
State Street	US Bond Index			1,285,487
State Street	Global All Cap Equity			74,091
State Street	S&P 500 Index			84,587,125
State Street	Target Retirement Income IV			5,453,620
State Street	RSL Small/Mid Cap Index			1,799,076
Mercer	Mercer Small/Mid Cap Equity Fund			8,274,544
Mercer	Mercer Diversified Bond Fund			5,630,819
Mercer	Mercer International			4,095,137
Invesco	Invesco Stable Value			21,096,193
	Total Collective Trust Funds			<u>223,785,134</u>
	<u>Money Market Fund:</u>			
*	Fidelity	Government Money Market		72
	<u>Participant Loans:</u>			
*	Participants	Rates from 5.25% to 10.50%	-	<u>2,825,848</u>
				<u><u>\$ 226,611,054</u></u>

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