

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.

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1210-0089

2024

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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.) [x] a single-employer plan [] a DFE (specify) ____
B This return/report is: [] the first return/report [] the final return/report [] an amended return/report [] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. []
D Check box if filing under: [x] Form 5558 [] automatic extension [] the DFVC program [] special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. []

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan THE ALBERT M. HIGLEY COMPANY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST
1b Three-digit plan number (PN) 001
1c Effective date of plan 12/31/1953
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) THE ALBERT M. HIGLEY CO., LLC 3636 EUCLID AVE CLEVELAND, OH 44115
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-0657807
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 216-861-2050
2d Business code (see instructions) 236200

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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN	
	4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	186
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1)	130
	6a(2)	139
	6b	2
	6c	39
	6d	180
	6e	0
	6f	180
	6g(1)	173
6g(2)	174	
6h	12	
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3B 3D

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input checked="" 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 2
- (4) **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 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 _____

<p>SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)</p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Insurance Information</p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p>	<p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p>2024</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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<p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE ALBERT M. HIGLEY CO., LLC</p>	<p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-0657807</p>	

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

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
84-0467907	68322	507266-01	46	01/01/2024	12/31/2024

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

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

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Part II	Investment and Annuity Contract Information	
	Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.	
4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	950690
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	0
6	Contracts With Allocated Funds:	
a	State the basis of premium rates ▶	
b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d
e	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶	
f	If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)	
a	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other ▶ GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT	
b	Balance at the end of the previous year	7b 567876
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1) 51511
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	7c(2) 0
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	7c(3) 11370
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4) 794968
	(5) Other (specify below)..... ▶ LOAN PAYMENTS	7c(5) 59439
	(6) Total additions	7c(6) 917288
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d 1485164
e	Deductions:	
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1) 349325
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2) 3121
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3) 182028
	(4) Other (specify below)..... ▶	7e(4)
(5) Total deductions	7e(5) 534474	
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d).....	7f 950690

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a	Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)		
	(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
	(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3))		9a(4)	0
b	Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	9b(1)		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
	(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)	0
	(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c	Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
	(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
	(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
	(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
	(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
	(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
	(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
	(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
	(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	0
	(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.)		9c(2)	
d	Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
	(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
	(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e	Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 5500)**

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

Insurance 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.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
06-1050034	93629	507266-01	62	01/01/2024	12/31/2024

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	0
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	1385021

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
 (3) other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
 (3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶

b Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 0

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	0
	7c(2)	0
	7c(3)	0
	7c(4)	0
	7c(5)	0

(6) Total additions **7c(6)** 0

d Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 0

e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	0
(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2)	0
(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	0
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	0

(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 0

f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)..... **7f** 0

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b	Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	9b(1)		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
	(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)	0
	(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c	Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
	(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
	(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
	(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
	(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
	(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
	(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
	(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
	(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	0
	(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.)		9c(2)	
d	Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
	(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
	(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e	Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

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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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)

OSAIC FA INC

1300 S CLINTON ST 1H-50
FORT WAYNE, IN 46802

(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	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	30396	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)

EMPOWER ADVISORY GROUP, LLC

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(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?
28	INVESTMENT MGMT	18734	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?
64	RECORDKEEPER	8451	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" 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:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <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.	<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>THE ALBERT M. HIGLEY COMPANY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>THE ALBERT M. HIGLEY CO., LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>27-0657807</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>WESTERN ASSET CORE PLUS BOND CIF R1</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>BENEFIT PLANS ADMIN SERVICES COLLECTIVE TRUSTS</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>99-0042880-000</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>414576</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>LARGE CAP VALUE I (MANAGED BY JP MO</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>06-1050034-129</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>432892</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>MFS INTL GROWTH EQUITY(IS PLATFORM)</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>06-1050034-839</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>244305</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>LARGE CAP GROWTH / JP MORGAN INVST</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>06-1050034-141</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>473190</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>CORE PLUS BOND / PGIM FUND</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>06-1050034-299</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>234635</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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

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e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE ALBERT M. HIGLEY CO., LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-0657807

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)	16454	17334
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	43043	46053
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	215830	220279
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	421465	414576
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	1385022
(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)	18096614	14574253
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	567876	950690
(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	19361282	17608207
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g	0	0
h Operating payables.....	1h		
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	19361282	17608207

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)	379733	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	1184034	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	211666	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)	0	1775433
(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)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	16268	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)	11371	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		27639
(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)	534298	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		534298
(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)	-6925
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)	70071
(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)	1500546
c Other income	2c	0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d	3901062

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:		
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	5599214
(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)	5599214
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f	0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g	0
h Interest expense	2h	0
i Administrative expenses:		
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	0
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	8451
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)	0
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	46472
(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)	0
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)	54923
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j	5654137

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k	-1753075
l Transfers of assets:		
(1) To this plan	2l(1)	
(2) From this plan	2l(2)	

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

(1) Unmodified (2) Qualified (3) Disclaimer (4) Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **MEADEN & MOORE**

(2) EIN: **34-1818258**

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.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	167003
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.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? Yes No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) Yes No Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <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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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>THE ALBERT M. HIGLEY CO., LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>27-0657807</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.....

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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): 84-1455663

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.....

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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)?..... Yes No N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a	
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b	
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	6c	

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?..... Yes No N/A

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?..... Yes No N/A

Part III	Amendments
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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

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? 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 _____

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

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a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing 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 11 / 14 / 2022 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702518A.

THE ALBERT M. HIGLEY COMPANY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN & TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

December 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator of
The Albert M. Higley Company Employees Retirement Plan & Trust
Cleveland, Ohio

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

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of The Albert M. Higley Company Employees Retirement Plan & Trust (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 statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement 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 audit of the Plan’s financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions, Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America and Empower Trust Company, LLC, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 6 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the 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 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 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.

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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 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.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

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

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes at End of Year as of December 31, 2024 and Schedules of Delinquent Contributions for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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

Meaden & Moore, Ltd.

Meaden & Moore, Ltd.
Dublin, Ohio

July 29, 2025

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

The Albert M. Higley Company Employees Retirement Plan & Trust

	December 31	
	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Receivable - Employer contributions	\$ 17,334	\$ 16,454
Receivable - Employee contributions	46,053	43,043
Notes receivable from participants	220,279	215,830
Total Receivables	283,666	275,327
Investments at Fair Value:		
Mutual Funds	14,574,253	18,096,614
Common Collective Trusts	414,576	421,465
Pooled Separate Accounts	1,385,022	-
Total Investments at Fair Value	16,373,851	18,518,079
Investments at Contract Value:		
GWI Fixed Account	950,690	567,876
LIABILITIES		
	-	-
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$ 17,608,207	\$ 19,361,282

See accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

The Albert M. Higley Company Employees Retirement Plan & Trust

	Year Ended December 31	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Additions to Net Assets Attributed to:		
Contributions:		
Employer	\$ 379,733	\$ 384,240
Employee	1,184,034	1,120,125
Rollover	<u>211,666</u>	<u>614,502</u>
Total Contributions	1,775,433	2,118,867
Investment Income:		
Interest and dividend income	545,669	479,542
Net unrealized/realized appreciation	<u>1,563,692</u>	<u>2,322,834</u>
Total Investment Income	2,109,361	2,802,376
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	16,268	13,549
Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	5,599,214	3,812,652
Administrative expenses	<u>54,923</u>	<u>52,906</u>
Total Deductions	<u>5,654,137</u>	<u>3,865,558</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease)	(1,753,075)	1,069,234
Net Assets Available for Benefits:		
Beginning of Period	<u>19,361,282</u>	<u>18,292,048</u>
End of Period	<u>\$ 17,608,207</u>	<u>\$ 19,361,282</u>

See accompanying notes.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Albert M. Higley Company Employees Retirement Plan & Trust

1 Description of Plan

The following description of The Albert M. Higley Company Employees Retirement Plan & Trust (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General:

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of The Albert M. Higley Co., LLC ("Company") who meet the hour and age requirements, with the exception of non-resident aliens, union employees, and part-time, temporary, and seasonal employees. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Effective December 1, 2021, the Plan was amended in order to bring it into compliance with the requirements of the 2017 Cumulative List (Notice 2017-37) - Cycle 3 restatement.

Eligibility:

All employees of the Company age 20 ½ and older and who are employed for 90 days are eligible to participate in the Plan.

Contributions:

Employee Contributions - Participants may elect a portion of their compensation to be contributed to the Plan by the Company. For new hires, the Plan includes automatic enrollment at 6% of the participant's eligible compensation.

Employer Contributions - The Company may make a discretionary contribution to each eligible participant's account by matching a percentage of the Participant's elective deferral for the plan period. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company made contributions equal to 50% of each participant contribution up to 7%.

Employer Discretionary Contributions - The Company may also make additional contributions. Such additional contributions, if any, shall be allocated to each Participant in proportion to his or her compensation. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company did not make any employer discretionary contributions.

Rollover contributions from other Plans are also accepted, providing certain specified conditions are met.

Contributions are subject to limitations on annual additions and other limitations imposed by the Internal Revenue Code, as defined in the Plan agreement.

Participants' Accounts:

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's elective contributions, employer matching contributions, employer discretionary contributions, as well as any earnings and losses thereon.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Albert M. Higley Company Employees Retirement Plan & Trust

1 Description of Plan, Continued

Vesting:

All participants are 100% vested in elective deferral and rollover contributions made to the Plan. Vesting in the employer matching contributions and employer discretionary contributions is based on years of service. A participant is vested as follows:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vested %</u>
1	20%
2	40%
3	60%
4	80%
5	100%

Forfeitures:

Forfeitures due to termination from the Plan before a participant is 100% vested shall be used to pay allowable administrative expenses, reduce employer contributions, or added as an additional discretionary non-elective contribution. Forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$1,742 and \$8,457 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. In 2024, \$61,700 of forfeitures were used to reduce the Company matching contributions. In 2023, \$25,540 of forfeitures were used to reduce Company matching contributions.

Notes Receivable from Participants:

Loans are permitted under certain circumstances and are subject to limitations. Participants may borrow from their fund accounts up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loans are repaid over a period not to exceed five years with exceptions for the purchase of a primary residence. Loans are valued at unpaid principal plus accrued but unpaid interest.

No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. Delinquent participant loans are recorded as distributions on the basis of the terms of the Plan agreement.

The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at 1.00% over the Prime Rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the first business day of the month the loan is originated. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Other Plan Provisions:

Normal retirement age is 65. The Plan also provides for early payment of benefits after reaching age 59-1/2.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Albert M. Higley Company Employees Retirement Plan & Trust

1 Description of Plan, Continued

Payment of Benefits:

Upon termination of service by reason of separation of service, retirement, death or total and permanent disability, a participant receives a lump sum amount equal to the value of his or her account. Benefits are recorded when paid.

Hardship Withdrawals:

Hardship withdrawals are permitted in accordance with Internal Revenue Service guidelines.

Investment Options:

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct any contributions to any of the investment options offered by the Plan.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting:

The Plan's transactions are reported on the accrual basis of accounting.

Valuation of Investments:

Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Marketable securities are reported at fair market value as of the balance sheet date. Fair market values represent quoted market prices or, if quoted market prices are not available, estimated fair values as determined by the Plan's investment broker. Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments purchased and sold as held during the period.

Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Albert M. Higley Company Employees Retirement Plan & Trust

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

Administrative Fees:

Reasonable administration expenses may be paid out of the Plan, unless paid by the Company. Substantially all administrative fees are paid by the Company.

Plan Termination:

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

Risks and Uncertainties:

The Plan's assets include investments in mutual funds, pooled separate accounts, a collective investment fund, and an unallocated insurance contract holding investment contracts with varying degrees of risk, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Contributions:

Contributions from plan participants and the matching contributions from the employer are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation.

Subsequent Events:

Management evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements.

Subsequent events have been evaluated through July 29, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

3 Tax Status

The Plan adopted a prototype plan from Great-West Trust Company, LLC. On June 30, 2020, the Internal Revenue Service stated that the prototype plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan has been amended, however, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, they believe that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

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 if the Plan has taken uncertain tax positions that more-likely-than-not would not be sustained upon examination by applicable taxing authorities.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Albert M. Higley Company Employees Retirement Plan & Trust

3 Tax Status, Continued

The Plan Administrator has analyzed tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that, as of December 31, 2024, there are no uncertain 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, currently no audits for any tax periods are in progress.

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). Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under Topic 820 are described as follows:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan can access at the measurement date.

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 inactive 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 that are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2024 and 2023, except to add valuation methodologies for pooled separate accounts added to the Plan's investments during 2024.

Mutual Funds:

The fair values of the mutual funds are based on quoted market prices.

Common Collective Trust:

The fair value is determined each business day (valuation date). Units of participation may be purchased or redeemed on the valuation dates at fair value per units on such valuation dates. No distributions are made to participants in the fund until units owned are redeemed, at which time the market value of redeemed units is distributed.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Albert M. Higley Company Employees Retirement Plan & Trust

4 Fair Value Measurements, Continued

Common Collective Trust, Continued:

Since some of the inputs to the valuation of the collective investment fund are unobservable, it is classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Pooled Separate Accounts:

The fair value of the pooled separate accounts is based on the net fair value of the underlying assets. The underlying investments are valued at fair value based on commercial quotation services. The fair value is allocated among the contract holders based on a unit value. These fall into the Level 2 category of the valuation hierarchy.

Participant transactions (purchased and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the pooled separate accounts, the investment manager reserves the right to temporarily delay from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

The following tables sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. Classification within the fair value hierarchy table is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 14,574,253	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,574,253
Collective Investment Fund	-	414,576	-	414,576
Pooled Separate Accounts	-	1,385,022	-	1,385,022
Investments at Fair Value	<u>\$ 14,574,253</u>	<u>\$ 1,799,598</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,373,851</u>

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 18,096,614	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,096,614
Collective Investment Fund	-	421,465	-	421,465
Investments at Fair Value	<u>\$ 18,096,614</u>	<u>\$ 421,465</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 18,518,079</u>

5 Benefit-Responsive Contract

The Plan holds a benefit-responsive insurance contract with Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (Empower).

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The Albert M. Higley Company Employees Retirement Plan & Trust

5 Benefit-Responsive Contract, Continued

The contract meets the fully benefit-responsive insurance contract criteria and, therefore, is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Empower maintains the contributions in a general account.

The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed investment contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (1) the plan's failure to qualify under Section 401(a) or Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, (2) the establishment of a defined contribution plan that competes with the plan for employee contributions, (3) any substantive modification of the plan or the administration of the Plan that is not consented to by the wrap issuer, (4) complete or partial termination of the Plan, (5) any change in law, regulation, or administrative ruling applicable to the plan that could have a material adverse effect on a portfolio's cash flow, (6) merger or consolidation of the plan with another plan, the transfer of assets to another plan, or the sale, spin-off or merger of a subsidiary or division of the plan sponsor, (7) any communication given to participants by the plan sponsor or any other plan fiduciary that is designed to induce or influence participants not to invest in a portfolio or to transfer assets out of a portfolio, (8) exclusion of a group of previously eligible employees from eligibility in the plan, (9) any early retirement program, group termination, group layoff, facility closing, or similar program, and (10) any transfer of assets from a portfolio directly to a competing option.

The Plan Administrator does not believe that the occurrence of any such value event, which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants is probable.

The issuer may terminate the contract for cause at any time.

6 Information Prepared and Certified by Trustees

The following information included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule was obtained from data that has been prepared and certified as complete and accurate by the Trustees:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Investments, at fair value	\$ 16,373,851	\$ 18,518,079
Investments, at contract value	\$ 950,690	\$ 567,876
Notes receivable from participants	\$ 220,279	\$ 215,830
Interest and dividend income	\$ 545,669	\$ 479,542
Interest income on notes receivable	\$ 16,268	\$ 13,549
Net unrealized/realized appreciation	\$ 1,563,692	\$ 2,322,834

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Albert M. Higley Company Employees Retirement Plan & Trust

7 Party-in-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments are managed by Empower Trust Company, LLC and the Plan holds an annuity contract with Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (“EAICA”). Empower Trust Company LLC and EAICA, collectively, are the Trustees, as defined by the Plan, and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Usual and customary fees were paid by the investments for the investment management services.

In addition, the Plan has arrangements with various service providers and these arrangements qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

8 Prohibited Transactions

Contribution remittances for multiple pay periods in 2023 and 2022 were not performed in a timely manner. The 2023 remittances were corrected in 2024 in coordination with the Plan’s third-party administrator, following the appropriate methodology. The 2022 remittances were corrected in 2023.

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AT END OF YEAR
Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i

The Albert M. Higley Company Employees Retirement Plan & Trust

EIN: 27-0657807

Plan Number 001

December 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Allspring Special Mid Cap Value R6	Mutual Fund	N/A	\$ 145,497
	American Funds 2025 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund	N/A	43,953
	American Funds 2030 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund	N/A	159,900
	American Funds 2035 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund	N/A	3,159,383
	American Funds 2040 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund	N/A	2,641,095
	American Funds 2045 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund	N/A	848,554
	American Funds 2050 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund	N/A	1,274,762
	American Funds 2055 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund	N/A	726,655
	American Funds 2060 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund	N/A	525,201
	American Funds New World R6	Mutual Fund	N/A	519,257
	Fidelity International Index	Mutual Fund	N/A	551,117
	Fidelity Advisor Intl Small Cap Z	Mutual Fund	N/A	62,892
	MFS Global Real Estate R6	Mutual Fund	N/A	191,045
	Fidelity Small Cap Index	Mutual Fund	N/A	258,197
	Undiscovered Mgrs Behavioral Value R6	Mutual Fund	N/A	220,579
	Fidelity Mid Cap Index	Mutual Fund	N/A	355,209
	American Funds American Balanced R6	Mutual Fund	N/A	101,500
	Fidelity US Bond Index	Mutual Fund	N/A	824,242
	Fidelity 500 Index	Mutual Fund	N/A	1,679,067
	JPMorgan Mid Cap Growth R6	Mutual Fund	N/A	167,878
	American Century Small Cap Growth R6	Mutual Fund	N/A	98,583
	American Funds 2010 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund	N/A	6,273
	American Funds 2015 Trgt Date Retire R6	Mutual Fund	N/A	13,414
*	Western Asset Core Plus Bond R1	Common Collective Trust	N/A	414,576
*	Core Plus Bond / PGIM Fund	Pooled Separate Account	N/A	234,635
*	Large Cap Growth / JP Morgan Invst Mgmt	Pooled Separate Account	N/A	473,190
*	Large Cap Value I (Managed By JP Morgan)	Pooled Separate Account	N/A	432,892
*	MFS Intl Growth Equity (IS Platform)	Pooled Separate Account	N/A	244,305
*	GWI Fixed Account - Series Class II	Unallocated Insurance Contract	N/A	950,690
		Subtotal investments		17,324,541
*	Participant loans	(Interest at 4.25% to 9.50%)	N/A	220,279
				<u>\$ 17,544,820</u>
*	Party-in-interest to the Plan.			

SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT CONTRIBUTIONS
Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4a

The Albert M. Higley Company Employees Retirement Plan & Trust

EIN: 27-0657807
Plan Number 001

December 31, 2023

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included <input type="checkbox"/>	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		\$ 45,095		
		<u>\$ 45,095</u>		

SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT CONTRIBUTIONS
Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4a

The Albert M. Higley Company Employees Retirement Plan & Trust

EIN: 27-0657807
Plan Number 001

December 31, 2022

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
	Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included <input type="checkbox"/>	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	
March 2022	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		\$ 42,290	
December 2022	<input type="checkbox"/>		<u>79,618</u>	
Total 2022	<input type="checkbox"/>		<u>\$ 121,908</u>	

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
The Albert M. Higley Company Employees Retirement Plan & Trust
01-JAN-24 to 31-DEC-24

INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
IRFTTX			6,668.11	6,273.21
IRFJTX			12,455.96	13,414.42
IRFDTX			42,092.84	43,953.06
IRFETX			150,212.60	159,899.91
IRFFTX			2,687,091.28	3,159,383.24
IRFGTX			2,154,981.76	2,641,095.32
IRFHDX			660,125.52	848,554.06
IRFITX			1,060,806.76	1,274,761.55
IRFKTX			607,299.42	726,654.80
IRFUTX			467,426.20	525,200.99
IRNWGX			529,447.45	519,257.45
IFSPSX			533,316.80	551,117.06
IFIQIX			57,763.04	62,891.69
IMGRLX			204,806.90	191,045.16
IH0050A			242,378.60	244,304.71
IANODX			94,568.20	98,583.25
IFSSNX			223,462.25	258,196.74
IUBVFX			203,016.47	220,578.60
IFSMDX			314,011.84	355,208.85
IJMGMX			165,881.87	167,877.58
IWFPRX			126,560.16	145,496.87
IFXAIX			1,246,358.46	1,679,066.73
IH0047A			418,077.13	432,891.93
IH0106A			429,929.66	473,189.51
IRLBGX			90,046.14	101,499.73
IFXNAX			873,098.84	824,241.90
IWACPCT			410,655.95	414,575.91
IH0089A			231,820.00	234,635.20
IGWAQ30		1.700	921,330.77	948,948.58
			15,165,690.98	17,322,798.01
PARTICIPANT LOANS	VARIOUS	4.250-9.500	223,703.67	224,309.95
FORFEITURES			1,637.76	1,741.85

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SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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The Albert M. Higley Company Employees Retirement Plan & Trust
01-JAN-24 to 31-DEC-24

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INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
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LEGEND

INVESTMENT OPTION:

1RFITX	American Funds 2010 Trgt Date Retire R6	1RFJTX	American Funds 2015 Trgt Date Retire R6
1RFDTX	American Funds 2025 Trgt Date Retire R6	1RFETX	American Funds 2030 Trgt Date Retire R6
1RFFTX	American Funds 2035 Trgt Date Retire R6	1RFGTX	American Funds 2040 Trgt Date Retire R6
1RFHTX	American Funds 2045 Trgt Date Retire R6	1RFITX	American Funds 2050 Trgt Date Retire R6
1RFKTX	American Funds 2055 Trgt Date Retire R6	1RFUTX	American Funds 2060 Trgt Date Retire R6
1RNWGX	American Funds New World R6	1FSPSX	Fidelity International Index
1FIQIX	Fidelity Advisor Intl Small Cap Z	1MGLRX	MFS Global Real Estate R6
1H0050A	MFS Intl Growth Equity(IS Platform)	1ANODX	American Century Small Cap Growth R6
1FSSNX	Fidelity Small Cap Index	1UBVFX	Undiscovered Mgrs Behavioral Value R6
1FSMDX	Fidelity Mid Cap Index	1JMGMX	JPMorgan Mid Cap Growth R6
1WFPRX	Allspring Special Mid Cap Value R6	1FXAIX	Fidelity 500 Index
1H0047A	Large Cap Value I (managed by JP Morgan)	1H0106A	Large Cap Growth / JP Morgan Invst Mgmt
1RLBGX	American Funds American Balanced R6	1FXNAX	Fidelity US Bond Index
1WACPCT	Western Asset Core Plus Bond CIF R1	1H0089A	Core Plus Bond / PGIM Fund
1GWAQ30	EI Fixed Account - Series Class II		

COST OF ASSETS: The original cost of the assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year

CURRENT VALUE: The value of all assets in each investment option as of the last day of the plan year