

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: MERCHANTS MUTUAL CAPITAL ACCUMULATION PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 002
1c Effective date of plan: 07/01/1980
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): MERCHANTS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 16-0550140
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 716-849-3333
2d Business code (see instructions): 524140

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 plan administrator, employer/plan sponsor, and DFE.

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	440
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. .... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	335
	<b>6a(2)</b>	332
	<b>6b</b>	16
	<b>6c</b>	92
	<b>6d</b>	440
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	440
	<b>6g(1)</b>	433
	<b>6g(2)</b>	438
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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<p><b>SCHEDULE A</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b></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><b>Insurance Information</b></p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b></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><b>2024</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<p><b>A</b> Name of plan <b>MERCHANTS MUTUAL CAPITAL ACCUMULATION PLAN</b></p>	<p><b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p><b>002</b></p>
<p><b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>MERCHANTS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY</b></p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>16-0550140</b></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	150145-01	4	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	

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

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**Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information**  
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

<b>4</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	<b>4</b>	0
<b>5</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	<b>5</b>	188662

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:

**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

**b** Premiums paid to carrier ..... **6b**

**c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year ..... **6c**

**d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. .... **6d**  
 Specify nature of costs ▶

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

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

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

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

<b>b</b> Balance at the end of the previous year .....	<b>7b</b>	0	
<b>c</b> Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>	0	
	<b>7c(2)</b>	0	
	<b>7c(3)</b>	0	
	<b>7c(4)</b>	0	
	<b>7c(5)</b>	0	
	▶ <b>LOAN PAYMENTS</b>		
(6) Total additions .....	<b>7c(6)</b>	0	
<b>d</b> Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....	<b>7d</b>	0	
<b>e</b> Deductions:			
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	<b>7e(1)</b>	0
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	<b>7e(2)</b>	0
	(3) Transferred to separate account .....	<b>7e(3)</b>	0
	(4) Other (specify below) .....	<b>7e(4)</b>	
▶			
(5) Total deductions .....	<b>7e(5)</b>	0	
<b>f</b> Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> ).....	<b>7f</b>	0	

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

**8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** Health (other than dental or vision)     
  **b** Dental     
  **c** Vision     
  **d** Life insurance  
 **e** Temporary disability (accident and sickness)     
  **f** Long-term disability     
  **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:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b> Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....	<b>10a</b>	
<b>b</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. ....	<b>10b</b>	

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. ▶

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

**CHARLES SCHWAB & CO.,INC.**

**94-1737782**

**(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)

EMPOWER LIFE & ANNUITY INSURANCE CO

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?
64	RECORDKEEPER	17824	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"/>

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

QDRO CONSULTANTS COMPANY, LLC

3071 PEARL ROAD  
MEDINA, OH 44256

(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?
99	OTHER	300	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.	59	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
AMERICAN CENTURY INVESTMENTS  43-0821857	RATE OF 0.35% OF AVERAGE DAILY BALANCE OF ASSETS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.	59	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
AMERICAN FUNDS  90-0924512	RATE OF 0.37% OF AVERAGE DAILY BALANCE OF ASSETS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.	59	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
BARON CAPITAL GROUP, INC.  13-3107580	RATE OF 0.38 % OF AVERAGE DAILY BALANCE OF ASSETS	

**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.

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CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.	59	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
J.P. MORGAN & CO.  13-2624428	RATE OF 0.40% OF AVERAGE DAILY BALANCE OF ASSETS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.	59	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
JANUS HENDERSON  43-1804048	RATE OF 0.35% OF AVERAGE DAILY BALANCE OF ASSETS	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.	59	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
T ROWE-PRICE  52-2264646	RATE OF 0.15% OF AVERAGE DAILY BALANCE OF ASSETS	

**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

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

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

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

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
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Explanation:

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

Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	<b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>MERCHANTS MUTUAL CAPITAL ACCUMULATION PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>MERCHANTS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>16-0550140</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>EMPOWER SECUREFOUNDATIONS BAL</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>EMPOWER RETIREMENT</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>84-0467907-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>188662</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>JPMCB STABLE ASSET INCOME F</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JP MORGAN</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>20-1978950-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)





<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>MERCHANTS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>16-0550140</b>

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

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	0	0
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	0	0
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	0	0
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	0	0
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>	0	0
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>	0	0
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>	0	0
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	884545	880468
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	4334263	0
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	175231	188662
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>	0	0
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>	0	0
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	62484647	74808413
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	<b>1c(14)</b>		
<b>(15)</b> Other.....	<b>1c(15)</b>	2546335	3190361

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	70425021	79067904
<b>Liabilities</b>			
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
<b>Net Assets</b>			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	70425021	79067904

**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
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)	1798744	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	3203435	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	651513	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....	2a(3)		5653692
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	17530	
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)	3847	
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)	5496	
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	59218	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)	10	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)		86101
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)	172	
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)	25338	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	3134915	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....	2b(2)(D)		3160425
(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)	88278
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	2b(7)	15093
(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)	5696252
<b>c</b> Other income .....	2c	0
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2d	14699841

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:		
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	2e(1)	6036332
(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)	6036332
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	2f	0
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	2g	2502
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	2h	0
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:		
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	2i(1)	0
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	2i(2)	0
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	2i(3)	17824
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	2i(4)	0
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	2i(5)	0
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	2i(6)	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)	300
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) .....	2i(12)	18124
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2j	6056958

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d .....	2k	8642883
<b>l</b> 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: **DOPKINS & COMPANY LLP**

(2) EIN: **16-0929175**

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

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

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

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

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
<b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
<b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		4000000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

<b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s)	<b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s)	<b>5b(3)</b> 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>MERCHANTS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>16-0550140</b>	

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

<b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
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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.**

<b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....	<b>3</b>	
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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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**4** Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....  Yes  No  N/A  
**If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.**

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

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

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

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

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

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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**9** If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....  Increase  Decrease  Both  No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

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

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

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 11 / 14 / 2022 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702518A.

**MERCHANTS MUTUAL  
CAPITAL ACCUMULATION PLAN**

**Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule  
With Independent Auditor's Report**

**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the MERCAP Committee  
Merchants Mutual Capital Accumulation Plan

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Merchants Mutual Capital Accumulation Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits on a modified cash basis as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits on a modified cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 2.

### **Basis for Opinion**

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

### **Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 2, 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.

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

Management is 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**

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.

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.

**Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA**

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule, Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of assets (held at end of year), on a modified cash basis, 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 (DOL's) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits 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.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

*Dopkins & Company, LLP*  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

July 30, 2025

**MERCHANTS MUTUAL CAPITAL ACCUMULATION PLAN**

**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

**(Modified Cash Basis)**

**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Investments at fair value	\$ 78,187,436	\$ 69,540,476
Notes receivable from participants	<u>880,468</u>	<u>884,545</u>
<b>Net assets available for benefits</b>	<b><u>\$ 79,067,904</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 70,425,021</u></b>

**MERCHANTS MUTUAL CAPITAL ACCUMULATION PLAN**

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

**(Modified Cash Basis)**

**Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Additions:		
Investment income:		
Dividends and interest	\$ 3,187,308	\$ 1,857,752
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	5,799,623	8,310,923
	<u>8,986,931</u>	<u>10,168,675</u>
Interest income from notes receivable from participants	<u>59,218</u>	40,848
Contributions:		
Employer	1,798,744	1,770,079
Participant	3,203,435	3,062,278
Rollover	651,513	631,163
	<u>5,653,692</u>	<u>5,463,520</u>
<b>Total additions</b>	<u><b>14,699,841</b></u>	<u>15,673,043</u>
Deductions:		
Benefits paid to participants or beneficiaries	6,036,332	9,491,040
Deemed distributions	2,502	611
Administrative expenses	18,124	22,523
<b>Total deductions</b>	<u>6,056,958</u>	<u>9,514,174</u>
<b>Net increase in net assets available for benefits</b>	<b>8,642,883</b>	6,158,869
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	<u>70,425,021</u>	64,266,152
End of year	<u><u>\$ 79,067,904</u></u>	<u>\$ 70,425,021</u>

# MERCHANTS MUTUAL CAPITAL ACCUMULATION PLAN

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### Note 1. Plan Description

The following description of the Merchants Mutual Capital Accumulation 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 single employer, defined contribution plan covering substantially all full and part-time employees of Merchants Mutual Insurance Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary, MPIC, Inc. (collectively, the Company). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The MERCAP Committee is responsible for oversight of the Plan, determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, and monitors investment performance.

#### Eligibility:

Employees of the Company, except for employees who are members of a collective bargaining unit and interns, are eligible to participate in the Plan as of their date of hire. Independent contractors are not eligible to participate in the Plan.

#### Contributions:

Each year, participants may make voluntary pre-tax and/or Roth contributions to the Plan up to 75% of their eligible annual compensation, as defined. Prior to August 3, 2023, participants were permitted to make these contributions up to 50% of their eligible annual compensation. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans (rollover). 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 6% of eligible compensation and their contributions invested in an age-appropriate designated target date fund until changed by the participant. Participants are free to modify these deferral terms at their discretion. Participants who are fifty years and older may make catch-up contributions.

Employer contributions match up to the first 6% of the participants' voluntary contributions on a biweekly basis. Biweekly matching contributions in 2024 and 2023 were \$1,758,876 and \$1,728,263, respectively. At year-end, a true-up calculation is performed in order to ensure that employer contributions based on total annual eligible compensation are consistent with the sum of employer contributions made on a bi-weekly basis throughout the year for each participant. Any additional employer contributions required as a result of this calculation are remitted to the Plan subsequent to year-end. In accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, the true-up contributions are recorded as additions to the net assets available for benefits in the year in which they are remitted to the Plan. At December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, the Company owed the Plan \$43,445, \$39,867 and \$41,816, respectively, related to the true-up contributions. Each true-up contribution was paid within the first two and a half months of the subsequent Plan year. Such receivable balances are not recorded on these modified cash basis financial statements.

# MERCHANTS MUTUAL CAPITAL ACCUMULATION PLAN

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### Note 1. Plan Description (Continued)

#### Contributions (continued):

Contributions are subject to certain limitations of the Internal Revenue Code (the IRC). Participants direct the investment of contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

#### Participant accounts:

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, Company matching contributions, an allocation of Plan earnings, reduced for benefits paid, and charged directly for loan origination, benefit processing and other recordkeeping fees. Allocations of Plan earnings are based on the investments held by the participant. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is limited to that which can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Participants have the option of allocating their contributions among certain investment fund options selected by the MERCAP Committee, or into a self-directed brokerage account. Through this self-directed brokerage account, the participant has the ability to purchase any publicly traded security including mutual funds, common stocks, exchange traded funds, and corporate bonds.

The Plan allows participants to invest in the Empower Secure Foundation Balanced Fund (the Fund). The Fund allows participants, upon retirement, to receive a fixed monthly benefit for the participant's lifetime and protects participants from certain investment losses prior to retirement. Participants can lock in a fixed monthly benefit when they have had a distributable event, as defined by the Plan, and have reached age 55. The fixed monthly benefit is based on the participant's investment balance in the Fund and his or her age at election to fix the benefit. In addition to an investment management fee, the Fund charges an additional monthly fee for this fixed benefit provision.

#### Vesting:

Active participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions and employer match plus actual earnings thereon.

#### Forfeited accounts:

Prior to January 1, 2015, the Plan provided for full vesting in the Company's contributions upon completion of three years of service. Once the participant withdraws the funds from the Plan, the portion of a participant's employer contribution account that was not vested at the time the break in service occurred is forfeited. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$1,365 and \$691, respectively. Forfeitures of nonvested accounts are used to pay administrative expenses of the Plan or to reduce the Company's contributions. During 2024 and 2023, the Plan used forfeited nonvested contributions to reduce administrative expenses by \$257 and \$-0-, respectively. The Plan did not use forfeited nonvested contributions to reduce Company contributions during 2024 or 2023.

# MERCHANTS MUTUAL CAPITAL ACCUMULATION PLAN

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### Note 1. Plan Description (Continued)

#### Payment of benefits:

Participants are eligible for benefits upon reaching age 65, termination of employment with the Company, or death, based on their vested interest. A participant or, in the event of a distribution upon a participant's death, a participant's beneficiary may elect a partial withdrawal, periodic payments, or a lump-sum payment equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. Distributions are also permitted in the event of a financial hardship as defined by the Plan, for participants who have attained age 59-½, and for participants who have achieved 60 months of participation in the Plan.

#### Notes receivable from participants:

Participants may borrow from their account a minimum of \$500 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 reduced by their highest outstanding loan balance in the preceding year, or 50% of their vested account balance. A participant may not have more than 2 loans outstanding at any given time. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate determined by the Plan Administrator. Loans must be repaid in at least quarterly installments over a maximum term of 5 years for personal loans and 10 years for the purchase of a participant's primary residence. Principal and interest are generally paid ratably through bi-weekly payroll deductions.

#### Administrative expenses:

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the origination of notes receivable from participants and benefit processing are charged against gross proceeds received by the participant. The Plan also pays for certain recordkeeping fees. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

### Note 2. Significant Accounting Policies

#### Basis of accounting:

The accounts of the Plan are maintained on the modified cash basis of accounting, which differs from the accrual basis of accounting under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The modified cash basis of accounting recognizes certain additions and the related assets when received rather than when earned and recognizes certain deductions when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred.

#### Investment valuation and income recognition:

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The MERCAP Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the custodian. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

## MERCHANTS MUTUAL CAPITAL ACCUMULATION PLAN

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Note 2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

##### Investment valuation and income recognition (continued):

Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded when received. Dividends are recorded when received. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year.

##### Notes receivable from participants:

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are treated as deemed distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

##### Excess contribution payable:

Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are recorded as a reduction to contributions when paid. No reduction to contributions was required to be recorded for the years ended December 31, 2024 or 2023.

##### Benefits:

Benefits are recorded when paid.

##### Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting requires the Plan Administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes in net assets available for benefits, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

##### Subsequent events:

Subsequent events have been evaluated through July 30, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

# MERCHANTS MUTUAL CAPITAL ACCUMULATION PLAN

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### Note 3. Investments

The following table summarizes Plan investments at December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	2024	2023
Investments at fair value:		
Mutual funds	\$ 74,808,413	\$ 62,484,647
Self-directed brokerage accounts	3,190,361	2,546,335
Collective trust fund	-	4,334,263
Variable annuity	188,662	175,231
	<u>\$ 78,187,436</u>	<u>\$ 69,540,476</u>

### 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 (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). Valuation techniques maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

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

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset; and
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

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

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.

*Self-directed brokerage accounts:* Accounts primarily consist of cash and cash equivalents, mutual funds, common stock, corporate bonds and exchange traded funds valued as described below.

## MERCHANTS MUTUAL CAPITAL ACCUMULATION PLAN

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Note 4. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

*Cash and cash equivalents:* Classified as Level 1 as these financial instruments are highly liquid.

*Mutual funds:* Mutual funds, except for money market mutual funds, are valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

*Money market mutual fund:* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. The money market mutual fund held by the Plan is an open-end mutual fund that is registered with the SEC that generally transacts at a stable \$1.00 NAV representing its estimated fair value. On a daily basis the fund's NAV is determined by the fund based on the amortized cost of the fund's underlying investments. This fund is considered a Level 2 asset.

*Common stock:* Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

*Corporate bonds:* Valued using pricing models that maximize the use of observable inputs for similar securities. This includes basing value on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings.

*Exchange traded funds (ETF):* ETFs are traded at quoted prices throughout the day and valued at the end of the day at NAV as determined by the fund based upon the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. The ETFs are registered with the SEC and are deemed to be actively traded.

*Variable annuity:* Unit values are calculated daily by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America according to the methods described in the annuity contract.

*Collective trust fund:* Valued at the NAV of units of a bank collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the trustee of the bank collective trust, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily.

# MERCHANTS MUTUAL CAPITAL ACCUMULATION PLAN

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 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 at December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 70,288,679	\$ 4,519,734	\$ -	\$ 74,808,413
Self-directed brokerage accounts	2,791,545	398,816	-	3,190,361
Variable annuity	-	188,662	-	188,662
	<u>\$ 73,080,224</u>	<u>\$ 5,107,212</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 78,187,436</u>

	2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 62,484,647	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,484,647
Self-directed brokerage accounts	2,442,095	104,240	-	2,546,335
Variable annuity	-	175,231	-	175,231
	<u>\$ 64,926,742</u>	<u>\$ 279,471</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 65,206,213</u>
Collective trust fund measured at NAV (a)				<u>4,334,263</u>
				<u>\$ 69,540,476</u>

- (a) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in the tables above are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

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### Note 4. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following table summarizes investments measured at fair value based on NAV per share as of December 31, 2023. There were no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period was applicable only to the Plan.

Investment	Fair value at December 31, 2023	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Collective trust fund	\$4,334,263	Daily	12 months

There were no unfunded commitments related to the collective trust fund as of December 31, 2023.

In November 2023, the Plan submitted its notice to the trustee of the bank collective trust for a full redemption of its interest in the collective trust fund. The liquidation of the collective trust fund was completed in November 2024. Participant balances remaining in the collective trust fund at that date were transferred to a money market mutual fund.

### Note 5. Tax Status

The Company has adopted a pre-approved plan document sponsored by Empower Retirement, LLC, that has received an opinion letter from the IRS dated November 14, 2022, stating that the form of the pre-approved plan document was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since adopting the pre-approved plan document, the Plan Administrator believes the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC, and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

The modified cash basis of accounting requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and disclose a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan Administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2021.

### Note 6. 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.

### Note 7. Party-In-Interest Transactions

A party-in-interest is defined under the Department of Labor's regulations as any fiduciary of the Plan, any party rendering services to the Plan, the employer, certain participants, and others. The Plan allows participants to take loans from their accounts in the Plan. Certain notes receivable from participants and income thereon qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

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### **Note 7. Party-In-Interest Transactions (Continued)**

Certain Plan investments are shares of a mutual fund and a variable annuity managed by the Plan's custodian, Empower Trust Company, LLC (Empower). Transactions within these investment funds and recordkeeping fees paid to Empower qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees incurred by the Plan for investment management services are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment from the Plan.

### **Note 8. Risks and Uncertainties**

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

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# **SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

MERCHANTS MUTUAL CAPITAL ACCUMULATION PLAN

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

(Modified Cash Basis)

December 31, 2024

EIN: 16-0550140

PLAN NUMBER: 002

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investments, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(e) Current Value
	Variable Annuity:		
*	Empower	Empower Secure Foundation Balanced Fund (11,729 Shares)	\$ 188,662
	Mutual Funds:		
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund (553,774 Shares)	10,350,033
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund (174,415 Shares)	6,606,844
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund (245,936 Shares)	6,512,398
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund (130,286 Shares)	5,630,975
	Vanguard	Vanguard 500 Index Fund Admiral (10,351 Shares)	5,618,160
	Vanguard	Vanguard Growth Index Admiral (25,262 Shares)	5,335,778
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund (160,970 Shares)	4,775,989
	Vanguard	Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund (4,519,734 Shares)	4,519,734
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund (168,345 Shares)	4,036,905
	Vanguard	Vanguard Equity Income Admiral (31,412 Shares)	2,769,571
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund (53,019 Shares)	2,642,474
	JP Morgan	JPMorgan Mid Cap Growth R6 (37,352 Shares)	1,931,851
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund (136,932 Shares)	1,793,808
	American	American Century Small Cap Value Fund R6 (152,251 Shares)	1,607,772
	Vanguard	Vanguard Small Cap Index Admiral (13,354 Shares)	1,537,875
	Vanguard	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Admiral (4,571 Shares)	1,494,184
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund (25,690 Shares)	1,428,634
	PGIM	PGIM Total Return Bond R6 (111,949 Shares)	1,325,480
	American	American Funds EuroPacific GR R6 (21,776 Shares)	1,169,824
*	Empower	Empower Mid Cap Value Instl (126,904 Shares)	1,059,645
	Vanguard	Vanguard Small Cap Growth Index Admiral (10,145 Shares)	998,575
	PIMCO Investments	PIMCO Income Instl (94,320 Shares)	992,248
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund (9,479 Shares)	485,812
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Fund (5,467 Shares)	183,798
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2070 Fund (2 Shares)	46
			<u>74,808,413</u>
	Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts:		
	Charles Schwab Trust Bank	Individual equity and debt investments selected by Plan participants	<u>3,190,361</u>
	Notes Receivable from Participants:		
*	Plan participants	Loans with varying maturities, bearing interest between 3.25% and 8.50%	<u>880,468</u>
			<u>\$ 79,067,904</u>

\* Party named is a party-in-interest.

**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**

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**Merchants Mutual Capital Accumulation Plan****01-JAN-24 to 31-DEC-24**

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INVESTMENT OPTION	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	COST OF ASSETS	CURRENT VALUE
1ZIN9BL			127,891.90	188,662.29
1VTINX			1,856,751.33	1,793,807.75
1VTWNX			7,101,596.93	6,512,397.83
1VTTVX			10,557,842.06	10,350,032.58
1VTHRX			6,292,872.12	6,606,844.40
1VTTHX			3,753,161.59	4,036,904.65
1VFORX			5,129,444.50	5,630,974.88
1VTIVX			4,296,776.74	4,775,989.05
1VFIFX			2,336,711.80	2,642,474.04
1VFFVX			1,259,427.84	1,428,633.98
1VTTSX			430,760.78	485,811.50
1VLXVX			165,026.69	183,798.11
1VSVNX			47.68	45.81
1RERGX			1,120,055.92	1,169,824.02
1ASVDX			1,495,100.14	1,607,772.10
1VSGAX			782,600.40	998,575.03
1VSMAX			1,156,194.17	1,537,875.20
1MXKJX			1,091,889.08	1,059,645.39
1JGMGX			1,517,282.77	1,931,850.82
1VIMAX			1,104,617.65	1,494,184.24
1VFIAx			4,026,412.96	5,618,159.84
1VEIRX			2,569,459.07	2,769,571.14
1VIGAX			3,403,395.16	5,335,778.09
1PIMIX			998,597.78	992,247.81
1PTRQX			1,396,896.46	1,325,480.48
1VMFXX			4,475,330.07	4,475,330.07
1SDBSCH			2,843,429.74	2,843,429.74
1SDBSCR			346,930.79	346,930.79
			<b>71,636,504.12</b>	<b>78,143,031.63</b>
PARTICIPANT LOANS	VARIOUS	3.250-8.500	880,523.78	880,468.37
FORFEITURES			44,404.37	44,404.36

**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**

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**Merchants Mutual Capital Accumulation Plan****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:

1ZIN9BL	Empower SecureFoundation Bal Inst	1VTINX	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Inv
1VTWNX	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Inv	1VTTVX	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Inv
1VTHRX	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Inv	1VTTHX	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Inv
1VFORX	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Inv	1VTIVX	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Inv
1VFIFX	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Inv	1VFFVX	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Inv
1VTTSX	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Inv	1VLXVX	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Inv
1VSVNX	Vanguard Target Retirement 2070 Inv	1RERGX	American Funds EuroPacific Gr R6
1ASVDX	American Century Small Cap Value R6	1VSGAX	Vanguard Small Cap Growth Index Admiral
1VSMAX	Vanguard Small Cap Index Adm	1MXKJX	Empower Mid Cap Value Instl
1JMGMX	JPMorgan Mid Cap Growth R6	1VIMAX	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Adm
1VFIAX	Vanguard 500 Index Admiral	1VEIRX	Vanguard Equity-Income Adm
1VIGAX	Vanguard Growth Index -Admiral	1PIMIX	PIMCO Income Instl
1PTRQX	PGIM Total Return Bond R6	1VMFXX	Vanguard Federal Money Market Inv
1SDBSCH	Schwab SDB	1SDBSCR	Schwab SDB Roth

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