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| <p><b>Form 5500</b></p> <p>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security<br/>Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p> | <p><b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b></p> <p>This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</p> <p>▶ <b>Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b></p> | <p>OMB Nos. 1210-0110<br/>1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">2024</p> <hr/> <p><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p> |
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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.)

a single-employer plan  a DFE (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

special extension (enter description)

**E** If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . . ▶

**Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information**

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| <p><b>1a</b> Name of plan<br/><u>GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES RETIREMENT PLAN</u></p>  | <p><b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u></p>   |
| <p><b>2a</b> Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)<br/>Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)<br/>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)<br/><u>GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES INC</u></p> <p><u>905-A NORTH NEW HOPE ROAD</u><br/><u>GASTONIA, NC 28054</u></p> | <p><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan<br/><u>01/01/2003</u></p> <p><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br/><u>51-0138261</u></p> <p><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br/><u>704-861-9280</u></p> <p><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions)<br/><u>623000</u></p> |

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

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

|                  |   |            |  |
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| <b>SIGN HERE</b> | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 08/26/2025 | THOMAS DAVIS   |
|                  | Signature of plan administrator                   | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator       |
| <b>SIGN HERE</b> | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 08/26/2025 | THOMAS DAVIS   |
|                  | Signature of employer/plan sponsor                | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor |
| <b>SIGN HERE</b> |   |            |  |
|                  | Signature of DFE                                  | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as DFE                      |

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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:<br><b>a</b> Sponsor's name<br><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>                                   | 212 |
| <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> ).<br><b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....<br><b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....<br><b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....<br><b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....<br><b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....<br><b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....<br><b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....<br><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) .....<br><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) .....<br><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>                               | 135 |
|   | <b>6a(2)</b>                               | 136 |
|   | <b>6b</b>                                  | 0   |
|   | <b>6c</b>                                  | 20  |
|   | <b>6d</b>                                  | 156 |
|   | <b>6e</b>                                  | 1   |
|   | <b>6f</b>                                  | 157 |
|   | <b>6g(1)</b>                               | 79  |
| <b>6g(2)</b>  | 121  |     |
| <b>6h</b>   | 7  |     |
| <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:  
2F 2G 2L 2M 2S 2T 3D

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

|   |   |
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| <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)

|  |   |
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| <b>a Pension Schedules</b>   | <b>b General Schedules</b>  |
| (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)   | (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)                            |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary | (2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)                          |
| (3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary                               | (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>1</u> |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached <u>0</u>   | (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)                     |
| (5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)  | (5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)                          |
|  | (6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (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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**SCHEDULE A  
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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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**2024**

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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

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| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><b>GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES RETIREMENT PLAN</b>                             |  | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>002</b>                 |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><b>GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES INC</b> |  | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><b>51-0138261</b> |

**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  
**PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

| <b>(b)</b> EIN    | <b>(c)</b> NAIC code | <b>(d)</b> Contract or identification number | <b>(e)</b> Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | <b>Policy or contract year</b> |                   |
|-------------------|----------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|-------------------|
|                   |                      |  |  | <b>(f)</b> From                | <b>(g)</b> To     |
| <b>42-0127290</b> | <b>61271</b>         | <b>613953</b>                                | <b>157</b>   | <b>01/01/2024</b>              | <b>12/31/2024</b> |

**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.

|   |  |
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| <b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid<br><b>0</b> | <b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid<br><b>0</b> |
|---|--|

**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>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | <b>Fees and other commissions paid</b> |                    | <b>(e)</b> Organization code |
|--|--|--------------------|------------------------------|
|  | <b>(c)</b> Amount                      | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                              |
|  |  |                    |                              |

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| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | <b>Fees and other commissions paid</b> |                    | <b>(e)</b> Organization code |
|--|--|--------------------|------------------------------|
|  | <b>(c)</b> Amount                      | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                              |
|  |  |                    |                              |

(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

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

|  |          |   |
|--|----------|---|
| <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> | 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. .... **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 ▶ **CUSTODIAL GUARANTEED INTEREST CONTRACT**

|  |                                      |              |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>b</b> Balance at the end of the previous year .....   | <b>7b</b>                            |              |
| <b>c</b> Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....                                  | <b>7c(1)</b>                         | 71           |
|  | <b>7c(2)</b>                         |              |
|  | <b>7c(3)</b>                         | 3            |
|  | <b>7c(4)</b>                         |              |
|  | <b>7c(5)</b>                         | 546          |
|  | ▶ <b>OUTSIDE INVESTMENT TRANSFER</b> |              |
| (6) Total additions .....  | <b>7c(6)</b>                         | 620          |
| <b>d</b> Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....                  | <b>7d</b>                            | 620          |
| <b>e</b> Deductions:   | <b>7e(1)</b>                         |              |
|  | <b>7e(2)</b>                         |              |
|  | <b>7e(3)</b>                         |              |
|  | <b>7e(4)</b>                         |              |
|  | (5) Total deductions .....           | <b>7e(5)</b> |
| <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>                            | 620          |

**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>    |
| <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>    |
|          | (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> |
|          | (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. ▶

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

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

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

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| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 13 37 50<br>64         | CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR  | 15774  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  | 0   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                          |

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

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

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

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>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.

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

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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| <b>SCHEDULE H</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Financial Information</b><br><br>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).<br><br><b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small><br><br><b>2024</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b> |
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| For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2024</b> and ending <b>12/31/2024</b> |  |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><b>GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES RETIREMENT PLAN</b>                              | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>002</b>                 |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><b>GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES INC</b>  | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><b>51-0138261</b> |

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| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Asset and Liability Statement</b> |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|

**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>       | 2389262               |                 |
| <b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):                                       |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....  | <b>1b(1)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....   | <b>1b(2)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(3)</b> Other .....   | <b>1b(3)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>c</b> General investments:  |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....   | <b>1c(1)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....  | <b>1c(2)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):                            |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....   | <b>1c(3)(A)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>(B)</b> All other .....   | <b>1c(3)(B)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):                                      |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....   | <b>1c(4)(A)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>(B)</b> Common .....  | <b>1c(4)(B)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....   | <b>1c(5)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....                                   | <b>1c(6)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....  | <b>1c(7)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....   | <b>1c(8)</b>    | 35857                 | 49890           |
| <b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....                                     | <b>1c(9)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....                                    | <b>1c(10)</b>   |                       |                 |
| <b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....                            | <b>1c(11)</b>   |                       |                 |
| <b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....                                  | <b>1c(12)</b>   |                       |                 |
| <b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....        | <b>1c(13)</b>   | 32830                 | 2636738         |
| <b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) ..... | <b>1c(14)</b>   |                       | 620             |
| <b>(15)</b> Other .....  | <b>1c(15)</b>   |                       |                 |

| 1d Employer-related investments:                                  |       | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|-------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities.....                                      | 1d(1) |                       |                 |
| (2) Employer real property.....                                   | 1d(2) |                       |                 |
| e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....        | 1e    |                       |                 |
| f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....      | 1f    | 2457949               | 2687248         |
| <b>Liabilities</b>  |       |                       |                 |
| g Benefit claims payable.....                                     | 1g    |                       |                 |
| h Operating payables.....   | 1h    |                       |                 |
| i Acquisition indebtedness.....                                   | 1i    |                       |                 |
| j Other liabilities.....  | 1j    |                       |                 |
| 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    | 2457949               | 2687248         |

**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) | 97118      |           |
| (B) Participants.....  | 2a(1)(B) | 144065     |           |
| (C) Others (including rollovers).....  | 2a(1)(C) | 3529       |           |
| (2) Noncash contributions.....   | 2a(2)    |            |           |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....                   | 2a(3)    |            | 244712    |
| <b>b Earnings on investments:</b>  |          |            |           |
| (1) Interest:  |          |            |           |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)..... | 2b(1)(A) |            |           |
| (B) U.S. Government securities.....  | 2b(1)(B) |            |           |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments.....  | 2b(1)(C) |            |           |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants).....  | 2b(1)(D) |            |           |
| (E) Participant loans.....   | 2b(1)(E) | 2082       |           |
| (F) Other.....   | 2b(1)(F) | 3          |           |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....                                      | 2b(1)(G) |            | 2085      |
| (2) Dividends:   |          |            |           |
| (A) Preferred stock.....   | 2b(2)(A) |            |           |
| (B) Common stock.....  | 2b(2)(B) |            |           |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....                            | 2b(2)(C) | 63129      |           |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....                                   | 2b(2)(D) |            | 63129     |
| (3) Rents.....   | 2b(3)    |            |           |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:   |          |            |           |
| (A) Aggregate proceeds.....  | 2b(4)(A) |            |           |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....  | 2b(4)(B) |            |           |
| (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) |            |           |
| (B) Other.....   | 2b(5)(B) |            |           |
| (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 .....                              | <b>2b(6)</b>  |            |           |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....                              | <b>2b(7)</b>  |            |           |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....                      | <b>2b(8)</b>  |            |           |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....                            | <b>2b(9)</b>  |            |           |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) ..... | <b>2b(10)</b> |            | 225147    |
| <b>c</b> Other income .....   | <b>2c</b>     |            |           |
| <b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....         | <b>2d</b>     |            | 535073    |

**Expenses**

|  |               |        |        |
|--|---------------|--------|--------|
| <b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:                                 |               |        |        |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....             | <b>2e(1)</b>  | 285453 |        |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....                              | <b>2e(2)</b>  |        |        |
| (3) Other.....   | <b>2e(3)</b>  |        |        |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....                | <b>2e(4)</b>  |        | 285453 |
| <b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....                                 | <b>2f</b>     |        |        |
| <b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....         | <b>2g</b>     |        | 3400   |
| <b>h</b> Interest expense.....   | <b>2h</b>     |        |        |
| <b>i</b> Administrative expenses:  |               |        |        |
| (1) Salaries and allowances .....  | <b>2i(1)</b>  |        |        |
| (2) Contract administrator fees .....  | <b>2i(2)</b>  | 16921  |        |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees .....   | <b>2i(3)</b>  |        |        |
| (4) IQPA audit fees .....  | <b>2i(4)</b>  |        |        |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....                               | <b>2i(5)</b>  |        |        |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....                                     | <b>2i(6)</b>  |        |        |
| (7) Actuarial fees .....   | <b>2i(7)</b>  |        |        |
| (8) Legal fees .....   | <b>2i(8)</b>  |        |        |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....   | <b>2i(9)</b>  |        |        |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....   | <b>2i(10)</b> |        |        |
| (11) Other expenses.....   | <b>2i(11)</b> |        |        |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....       | <b>2i(12)</b> |        | 16921  |
| <b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | <b>2j</b>     |        | 305774 |

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

|   |              |  |        |
|---|--------------|--|--------|
| <b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> ..... | <b>2k</b>    |  | 229299 |
| <b>l</b> Transfers of assets:   |              |  |        |
| (1) To this plan.....   | <b>2l(1)</b> |  |        |
| (2) From this plan .....  | <b>2l(2)</b> |  |        |

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **BUTLER & STOWE**

(2) EIN: **56-0625018**

**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   |    | 50000  |
| <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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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| <b>SCHEDULE R</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Retirement Plan Information</b><br><br>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).<br><br><b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small><br><br><b>2024</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
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|   |  |            |
|---|--|------------|
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES RETIREMENT PLAN</u>                             | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                            | <u>002</u> |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><u>GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES INC</u> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>51-0138261</u> |            |

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Distributions</b> |
|---------------|----------------------|

**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..... | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|

**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): 42-0127290

**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 ..... | 3 | 65 |
|--|---|----|

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <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.) |
|----------------|---|

**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) .....  | 6a |  |
| <b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....  | 6b |  |
| <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)..... | 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

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Part III</b> | <b>Amendments</b> |
|-----------------|-------------------|

**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. |
|----------------|---|

**10** Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....  Yes  No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

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

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

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 03 / 31 / 2017 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number J500882A.

# GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES RETIREMENT PLAN

GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years Ended

December 31, 2024 and 2023

# GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES RETIREMENT PLAN

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Advisory Committee Members  
Gaston Residential Services  
Retirement Plan  
Gastonia, North Carolina

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Gaston Residential Services Retirement Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) [ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit]. The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### Opinion

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

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

## **Basis for Opinion**

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

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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 Gaston Residential Services Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

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

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

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

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

### **Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA**

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

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

In our opinion—

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, 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).

*Butler + Stowe*

**GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES  
RETIREMENT PLAN**

**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

December 31, 2024 and 2023

| ASSETS                                | <u>2024</u>             | <u>2023</u>             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Principal Investments, at fair value  | \$ 2,637,358            | \$ 2,422,092            |
| Notes receivable-participants         | 49,890                  | 35,857                  |
| Total assets                          | <u>2,687,248</u>        | <u>2,457,949</u>        |
| <br>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS | <br><u>\$ 2,687,248</u> | <br><u>\$ 2,457,949</u> |

**See accompanying notes to financial statements.**

**GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES  
RETIREMENT PLAN**

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

Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

|  | <u>2024</u>  | <u>2023</u>  |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO                |              |              |
| Contributions  |              |              |
| Employer contributions                               | \$ 97,118    | \$ 88,537    |
| Participant contributions                            | 144,065      | 107,686      |
| Rollover contributions                               | 3,529        | 6,843        |
| Total contributions                                  | 244,712      | 203,066      |
| Investment income                                    |              |              |
| Interest and dividend income                         | 65,214       | 3,622        |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments        | 225,147      | 238,762      |
| Total investment income                              | 290,361      | 242,384      |
| Total additions                                      | 535,073      | 445,450      |
| DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO             |              |              |
| Benefits paid to participants                        | 288,853      | 187,949      |
| Administrative expenses                              | 16,921       | 147          |
| Total deductions                                     | 305,774      | 188,096      |
| NET INCREASE   | 229,299      | 257,354      |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, beginning of year | 2,457,949    | 2,200,595    |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, end of year       | \$ 2,687,248 | \$ 2,457,949 |

**See accompanying notes to financial statements.**

# GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES RETIREMENT PLAN

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

### NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

#### General

Gaston Residential Services, Inc. (the “Company”) established the Gaston Residential Services Retirement Plan (“the Plan”) to provide employees with a systematic means of savings and investing for the future. All permissible employees of the Company, as defined in accordance with the universal availability standards are eligible to enroll on their date of hire. All employees are eligible to contribute their own money immediately upon their date of hire. Employees are eligible to begin receiving employer contributions after completing one year of service and reaching age 18. The Plan is a defined contribution plan subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

#### Contributions

Participants may contribute a percentage of their base pay by means of payroll deductions, subject to certain discrimination tests prescribed by the Internal Revenue Code and other limitations specified in the Plan. For staff participating in the Plan, the organization will make the following contribution beginning after one full year of employment.

- 1-5 years: Employer matching contribution dollar-for-dollar up to 2%.
- 6-8 years: Employer matching contribution dollar-for-dollar up to 3%.
- 9-11 years: Employer matching contribution dollar-for-dollar up to 4%.
- 12-14 years: Employer matching contribution dollar-for-dollar up to 5%.
- 15-17 years: Employer matching contribution dollar-for-dollar up to 6%.
- 18-20 years: Employer matching contribution dollar-for-dollar up to 7%.
- 21-23 years: Employer matching contribution dollar-for-dollar up to 8%.
- 24-26 years: Employer matching contribution dollar-for-dollar up to 9%.
- 27+ years: Employer matching contribution dollar-for-dollar up to 10%.

The employer portion that is vested by years employed is as follows:

- 1-2 years: 20% employer portion vested
- 2-3 years: 40% employer portion vested
- 3-4 years: 60% employer portion vested
- 4-5 years: 80% employer portion vested
- 5 or more: 100% employer portion vested

# GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES RETIREMENT PLAN

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

### NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

#### Participant accounts and forfeitures

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, allocations of the Company's matching contributions and Plan gains or losses. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the vested benefit that can be provided from the participant's accounts.

Forfeitures are used to reduce future employer contributions.

#### Investment options

Upon enrollment in the Plan, participants may direct the investment of their contributions and the Company's contributions into various investment contracts and annuity options offered by the Plan.

#### Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. See schedule above under contributions section. A participant is 100% vested after five years of credited service.

#### Distributions

Upon retirement, disability or death, a participant or beneficiary receives the entire amount credited to the participant's account in either a lump sum or, at the participant's election, in installment payments over a period selected. Upon termination, other than by retirement, disability, or death, a participant becomes eligible to receive the current value of the participant's vested account in a lump-sum or in installments over a period selected. The Plan also allows in-service withdrawals once a participant reaches the age of 59 ½.

#### Participant loans

Participants may borrow from their fund account a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance. Loan terms range from 1-5 years or longer for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate commensurate with local rates. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

# GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES RETIREMENT PLAN

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

### NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

#### Participant investment rollovers

Participants are allowed to transfer or rollover funds into the Plan from other qualified or 403(b) plans.

#### 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% vested in their accounts.

### NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America, except for distributions paid to participants which are prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

#### Investment valuation and income recognition

The Plan's investments are held in various mutual funds and are stated at fair value. The net appreciation in the fair value of investments includes realized and unrealized gains and losses on the fair value of investments held by the Plan. Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a settlement date basis. Interest income is accrued as it is earned and dividends are recorded as of the ex-dividend date.

The change in net unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments held from the beginning of the plan year to the end of the plan year is included with realized gains/losses as net investment appreciation/depreciation reported in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

#### Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of certain assets, liabilities, and disclosures. Accordingly, the actual amounts could differ from those estimates. Any adjustments applied to estimated amounts are recognized in the year in which such adjustments are determined.

# GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES RETIREMENT PLAN

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

### NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Contributions

Contributions from employees and the Company are recorded in the period in which the Company makes the payroll deductions from participant earnings.

#### Distributions

Distributions are recorded when paid. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, there were no benefits processed and approved for payment that had not been paid.

#### Expenses

Certain of the Plan's administrative expenses are paid by the Company. Other expenses such as legal and accounting are paid from plan assets and deducted from participant accounts in accordance with the plan document.

#### Reclassification

Certain items in the 2023 financial statements have been reclassified, based on modifications from the amended 2023 Form 5500.

#### Subsequent events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through August 15, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

### NOTE 3: INVESTMENT INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY TRUSTEES

The Plan's investments were held and administered by Principal Trust Company during 2024. All investment information presented in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule, including investments held and net appreciation/depreciation in fair value of investments and interest and dividends, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the Plan Administrator and certified as complete and accurate by the trustees.

During 2024 and 2023, the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the period) appreciated as follows:

|              |                  |                  |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|
|              | <u>2024</u>      | <u>2023</u>      |
| Mutual funds | <u>\$225,147</u> | <u>\$238,762</u> |

# GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES RETIREMENT PLAN

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

### NOTE 3: INVESTMENT INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

The fair value of investments that represented 5% or more of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

|                                     | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2015 Fund | \$ 195,855  | \$          |
| Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2025 Fund | 179,912     |             |
| Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2030 Fund | 811,323     |             |
| Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2035 Fund | 222,066     |             |
| Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2040 Fund | 616,001     |             |
| Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2045 Fund | 389,454     |             |
| Principal Transition Holding Fund   |             | 2,389,262   |

### NOTE 4: INCOME TAX STATUS

The Plan terms have been drafted in reliance on the sample language provided by the Internal Revenue Service in Revenue Procedure 2007-71. The Plan Administrator intends to apply for a determination letter on the plan when the government opens such program. The Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its tax exemption. Plan management believes the Plan is currently designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code. Therefore, no provision for income tax has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

U.S. GAAP require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the organization has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan is subject to routine audits by the Internal Revenue Service; 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 the year ended December 31, 2021.

### NOTE 5: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Plan adopted the provisions of FASB ASC 820-10, "Fair Value Measurements". FASB ASC 820-10 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements.

#### Fair Value Hierarchy

Under FASB ASC 820-10, the Plan groups assets at fair value in three levels, based on the markets in which the assets are traded and the reliability of the assumptions used to determine fair value. These levels are:

Level 1: Valuation is based upon quoted prices for identical instruments traded in active markets.

# GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES RETIREMENT PLAN

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### NOTE 5: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Level 2: Valuation is based upon quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market.

Level 3: Valuation is generated from model-based techniques that use at least one significant assumption not observable in the market. These unobservable assumptions reflect estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset. Valuation techniques include use of option pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques.

The following table represents plan assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis. The plan investments have been valued by Principal Trust Company (referred to in Note 3) at December 31, 2024 as follows:

|                               | <u>Total</u> | <u>Level 1</u> | <u>Level 2</u> | <u>Level 3</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Mutual funds                  | \$2,637,358  | \$2,637,358    |                |                |
| Notes receivable-participants | \$ 49,890    |                |                | \$ 49,890      |

The following table represents plan assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis. The plan investments have been valued by Principal Trust Company (referred to in Note 3) at December 31, 2023 as follows:

|                               | <u>Total</u> | <u>Level 1</u> | <u>Level 2</u> | <u>Level 3</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Mutual funds                  | \$2,422,092  | \$2,422,092    |                |                |
| Notes receivable-participants | \$ 35,857    |                |                | \$ 35,857      |

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

**GASTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES  
RETIREMENT PLAN  
EIN: 51-0138261  
Plan Number 002**

**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES**

December 31, 2024

| Identity of Issuer, Borrower<br>Lessor, or Similar Party | Description<br>Of Investment<br>Including Maturity Date,<br>Rate of interest, Par or<br>Maturity Value | Cost | Current<br>Value    |
|--|--|------|---------------------|
| Principal  | Transition Holding Fund  | N/A  | \$ -                |
|  | Fixed Income Guar Option   | N/A  | 620                 |
|  | Fidelity US Bond Ineex Fund  | N/A  | 41                  |
|  | Baird Core Plus Bond I Fund  | N/A  | 2,757               |
|  | LifeTime Hybrid Income Fund  | N/A  | 43,538              |
|  | LifeTime Hybrid 2015 Fund  | N/A  | 195,855             |
|  | LifeTime Hybrid 2020 Fund  | N/A  | 20,121              |
|  | LifeTime Hybrid 2025 Fund  | N/A  | 179,912             |
|  | LifeTime Hybrid 2030 Fund  | N/A  | 811,323             |
|  | LifeTime Hybrid 2035 Fund  | N/A  | 222,066             |
|  | LifeTime Hybrid 2040 Fund  | N/A  | 616,001             |
|  | LifeTime Hybrid 2045 Fund  | N/A  | 389,454             |
|  | LifeTime Hybrid 2050 Fund  | N/A  | 90,300              |
|  | LifeTime Hybrid 2055 Fund  | N/A  | 22,919              |
|  | LifeTime Hybrid 2060 Fund  | N/A  | 9,854               |
|  | LifeTime Hybrid 2065 Fund  | N/A  | 1,028               |
|  | LifeTime Hybrid 2071 Fund  | N/A  | 310                 |
| Schwab   | S&P 500 Index Fund   | N/A  | 25,345              |
| JP Morgan  | Large Cap Value Fund   | N/A  | 1,697               |
| BlackRock  | Mid-Cap Value Fund   | N/A  | 681                 |
| Dimensional Fund Advisors                                | US Targeted Value I Fund   | N/A  | 72                  |
| PGIM Investments   | Jennison MD Cap Gth Fund   | N/A  | 114                 |
|  | Jennison Small Co Fund   | N/A  | 979                 |
| Capital Research & Mgmt Co                               | American Funds Newworld  | N/A  | 496                 |
| Massachusetts Fin Svc Co                                 | MFS International Equity Fund  | N/A  | 1,875               |
| Notes receivable-participants                            | Principal  | N/A  | 49,890              |
|  |  |      | <u>\$ 2,687,248</u> |

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

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

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 PLAN YEAR 01/01/2024 TO 12/31/2024

| (A) | (B)  | (C)   | (D)     | (E)           |
|-----|--|---|---------|---------------|
|     | Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party. | Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value. | Cost    | Current Value |
|     | The American Funds                                     | Registered Investment Company AMERICAN FUNDS NEWWORLD R6  | \$ 0.00 | \$ 495.61     |
|     | BlackRock  | Registered Investment Company BlackRock Mid-Cap Value K Fund  | \$ 0.00 | \$ 680.92     |
|     | Baird  | Registered Investment Company BAIRD CORE PLUS BOND I FUND   | \$ 0.00 | \$ 2,757.42   |
|     | Dimensional Fund Advisors                              | Registered Investment Company DFA US TARGETED VALUE I FUND  | \$ 0.00 | \$ 71.87      |
|     | Fidelity Investments                                   | Registered Investment Company FIDELITY US BOND INDEX FUND   | \$ 0.00 | \$ 41.28      |
|     | JP Morgan Funds  | Registered Investment Company JP MORGAN IRG CAP VALUE R6 FD   | \$ 0.00 | \$ 1,697.39   |
|     | MFS Investment Management                              | Registered Investment Company MFS INTERNTL EQUITY R6 FUND   | \$ 0.00 | \$ 1,876.30   |
| *   | Principal Funds Inc                                    | Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime Hybrid Inc R6   | \$ 0.00 | \$ 43,537.65  |
| *   | Principal Funds Inc                                    | Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime Hybrid 2015 R6  | \$ 0.00 | \$ 195,854.92 |
| *   | Principal Funds Inc                                    | Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime Hybrid 2020 R6  | \$ 0.00 | \$ 20,120.97  |
| *   | Principal Funds Inc                                    | Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime Hybrid 2025 R6  | \$ 0.00 | \$ 179,912.47 |
| *   | Principal Funds Inc                                    | Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime Hybrid 2030 R6  | \$ 0.00 | \$ 811,323.06 |
| *   | Principal Funds Inc                                    | Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime Hybrid 2035 R6  | \$ 0.00 | \$ 222,065.60 |
| *   | Principal Funds Inc                                    | Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime Hybrid 2040 R6  | \$ 0.00 | \$ 616,000.87 |
| *   | Principal Funds Inc                                    | Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime Hybrid 2045 R6  | \$ 0.00 | \$ 389,453.63 |

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

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

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| (A) | (B)<br>Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party. | (C)<br>Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value. | (D)<br>Cost | (E)<br>Current Value |
|-----|---|--|-------------|----------------------|
| *   | Principal Funds Inc   | Registered Investment Company<br>Prin LifeTime Hybrid 2050 R6  | \$ 0.00     | \$ 90,300.45         |
| *   | Principal Funds Inc   | Registered Investment Company<br>Prin LifeTime Hybrid 2055 R6  | \$ 0.00     | \$ 22,918.79         |
| *   | Principal Funds Inc   | Registered Investment Company<br>Prin LifeTime Hybrid 2060 R6  | \$ 0.00     | \$ 9,853.82          |
| *   | Principal Funds Inc   | Registered Investment Company<br>Prin LifeTime Hybrid 2065 R6  | \$ 0.00     | \$ 1,027.58          |
|     | PGIM Investments  | Registered Investment Company<br>PGIM JENNISON MD CP GTH R6 FD   | \$ 0.00     | \$ 114.16            |
|     | PGIM Investments  | Registered Investment Company<br>PGIM JENNISON SMALL CO R6 FD  | \$ 0.00     | \$ 978.64            |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                              | Insurance Company General<br>PRIN FIXED INC GUAR OPTION  | \$ 0.00     | \$ 620.44            |
| *   | Principal Funds Inc   | Registered Investment Company<br>PRIN LIFETIME HYBRID 2070 R6  | \$ 0.00     | \$ 309.81            |
|     | Schwab Funds  | Registered Investment Company<br>SCHWAB S&P 500 INDEX FUND   | \$ 0.00     | \$ 25,344.96         |
| *   | Participant Loans   | Range of Interest Rates<br>Rates Range From 4.60% To 8.50%   | \$ 0.00     | \$ 49,890.00         |
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