

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

<p><b>1a</b> Name of plan <u>THE WESTERN SUGAR COOPERATIVE SALARIED SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN</u></p>	<p><b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u></p>
<p><b>2a</b> Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>THE WESTERN SUGAR COOPERATIVE</u></p> <p><u>7555 E. HAMPDEN AVE.</u> <u>SUITE 520</u> <u>DENVER, CO 80231</u></p>	<p><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>05/01/2002</u></p> <p><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>87-0658226</u></p> <p><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>303-813-3573</u></p> <p><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>311300</u></p>

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

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

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/08/2025	RICHARD CALUORI
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	241
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. .... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	170
	<b>6a(2)</b>	185
	<b>6b</b>	3
	<b>6c</b>	67
	<b>6d</b>	255
	<b>6e</b>	2
	<b>6f</b>	257
	<b>6g(1)</b>	236
<b>6g(2)</b>	249	
<b>6h</b>	0	
<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:  
2K 2T 2E 2F 2G 2J 3D 2R

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

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

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

<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 type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>0</u>
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____	(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 checked="" 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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<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>THE WESTERN SUGAR COOPERATIVE SALARIED SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>THE WESTERN SUGAR COOPERATIVE</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>87-0658226</b>	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**04-2647786**

**(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)

AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES

38-2722519

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
16 27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	38150	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 60 64 65 71	RECORDKEEPER	29564	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

STRATEGIC ADVISORS, INC.

04-2654524

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	ADVISOR	12794	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
AQR STYLE PREMIA ALTERNATIVE CL I 1 GREENWICH PLAZA GREENWICH, CT 06830	0.12%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
FULLERTHALER BEHV SM CAP EQTY IN 411 BOREL AVE STE 300 SAN MATEO, CA 94402	0.10%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
CAUSEWAY INTERNATL OPPORTUNITIES I P. O. BOX 1100 OAKS, PA 19456	0.12%	

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PARAMETRIC COMMODITYSTRATEGIC CL I TWO INTERNATIONAL PLACE BOSTON, MA 02110	\$16.00	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
ABR DYNAMIC BLEND EQ & VOLATILITY I PO BOX 588 PORTLAND, ME 04112	0.40%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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ABR DYNAMIC BLEND EQ & VOLATILITY PO BOX 588 PORTLAND, ME 04112	0.10%	

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GMO RESOURCES FD I 40 ROWES WHARF BOSTON, MA 02110	0.08%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
GOLDMAN SACHS GQG PARTNERS INTL OP 71 S. WACKER DR 4TH FL CHICAGO, IL 60606	0.17%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
MSIF NEXT GEN EMERGING MARKETS I 522 FIFTH AVE 4TH FL NEW YORK, NY 10036	0.10%	

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

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
OBERWEIS MICRO CAP FD 3333 WARRENVILLE RD STE. 500 LISLE, IL 60532	0.40%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
TEMPLETON GLOBAL BOND ADVISOR CL 100 FOUNTAIN PARKWAY ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716	\$16.00	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

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

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

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	<b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>THE WESTERN SUGAR COOPERATIVE</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>87-0658226</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>CT STABLE GOVT I-0</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>AMERIPRISE TRUST COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>41-0007957-058</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>4306202</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
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<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  ▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <b>2024</b>  <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 <b>THE WESTERN SUGAR COOPERATIVE SALARIED SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>THE WESTERN SUGAR COOPERATIVE</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>87-0658226</b>

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

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	0	0
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	0	0
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	0	0
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	461438	291403
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>	250348	340885
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>	0	0
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>	0	0
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>	0	0
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	375906	485777
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	4700260	4306202
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	0	0
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>	0	0
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>	0	0
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	41000344	47145985
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>	0	0
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>	2010	25341

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>	0	0
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>	0	0
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>	0	0
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	46790306	52595593
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>	0	0
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>	0	0
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>	0	0
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>	0	0
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	46790306	52595593

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

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

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	1695238	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	1792905	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	18127	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>	0	3506270
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>	18037	
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>	0	
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>	0	
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	38513	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	0	
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		56550
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>	2437	
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	1502113	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		1504550
<b>(3)</b> Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		0
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>	336742	
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>	271721	
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>	-45962	
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

	(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	2b(6)	79878
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	2b(7)	0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	2b(8)	0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	2b(9)	0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	2b(10)	6053161
<b>c</b> Other income .....	2c	0
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d	11219468

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:		
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	5061985
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	2e(2)	0
(3) Other.....	2e(3)	0
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) .....	2e(4)	5061985
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	2f	3133
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g	-5886
<b>h</b> Interest expense.....	2h	0
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:		
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	2i(1)	0
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	2i(2)	0
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	2i(3)	28826
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	2i(4)	0
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	2i(5)	50943
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	2i(6)	0
(7) Actuarial fees .....	2i(7)	0
(8) Legal fees .....	2i(8)	0
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	2i(9)	0
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	2i(10)	0
(11) Other expenses.....	2i(11)	0
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) .....	2i(12)	79769
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j	5139001

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k	6080467
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:		
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)	858027
(2) From this plan .....	2l(2)	1133207

**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: **BROCK AND COMPANY, CPAS, P.C**

(2) EIN: **84-0930288**

**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.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	447
<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.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<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.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<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.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2000000
<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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<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.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<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.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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

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

<b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s)	<b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s)	<b>5b(3)</b> PN(s)
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**5c** Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) .....  Yes  No  Not determined  
 If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>THE WESTERN SUGAR COOPERATIVE SALARIED SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>THE WESTERN SUGAR COOPERATIVE</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>87-0658226</u>	

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

**1** Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions..... 

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**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
 EIN(s): 04-6568107

**Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.**

**3** Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year..... 

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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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**4** Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....  Yes  No  N/A  
**If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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**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 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702438A.



**The Western Sugar Cooperative  
Salaried Savings and Investment Plan**

**Independent Auditor's Report and  
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December 31, 2024 and 2023

# The Western Sugar Cooperative Salaried Savings and Investment Plan

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Plan Administrator of The Western Sugar  
Cooperative Salaried Savings and Investment Plan:

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the The Western Sugar Cooperative Salaried Savings and Investment Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### ***Opinion***

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

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

### ***Basis for Opinion***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

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

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

**Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA**

The supplemental schedules of Schedule H, Line 4a: Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions and Schedule H, Line 4i: Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of or for the year ended December 31, 2024, are presented for the purpose 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 audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. 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).



Certified Public Accountants

Boulder, Colorado  
September 2, 2025

# The Western Sugar Cooperative Salaried Savings and Investment Plan

## Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31,	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Investments, at fair value (Notes 2 and 3):</b>		
Registered investment companies	\$ 46,495,991	\$ 40,458,911
Common collective trust	4,306,202	4,700,260
Money market fund	194,562	333,888
Self-directed brokerage accounts	<u>1,113,061</u>	<u>921,341</u>
<b>Total investments</b>	<b><u>52,109,816</u></b>	<b><u>46,414,400</u></b>
<b>Receivables:</b>		
Notes receivable from participants	485,777	375,906
Employer contributions	21,559	-
Other Employer contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>9,156</u>
<b>Total receivables</b>	<b><u>507,336</u></b>	<b><u>385,062</u></b>
<b>Net assets available for benefits</b>	<b><u>\$ 52,617,152</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 46,799,462</u></b>

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

# The Western Sugar Cooperative Salaried Savings and Investment Plan

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

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Year ended December 31,

2024

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**Additions to (deductions from) net assets attributed to:**

**Investment income (Note 2):**

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 6,152,098
Interest, dividends, and other	<u>1,522,587</u>

<b>Total investment income</b>	<u>7,674,685</u>
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<b>Interest income on notes receivable from participants</b>	<u>38,513</u>
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**Contributions:**

Employer	1,707,641
Participant	1,792,905
Rollover	<u>18,127</u>

<b>Total contributions</b>	<u>3,518,673</u>
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**Payments:**

Distributions to participants	(5,059,232)
Administrative fees	<u>(79,769)</u>

<b>Total payments</b>	<u>(5,139,001)</u>
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<b>Net increase in net assets available for benefits prior to transfers</b>	6,092,870
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<b>Net transfers to the Western Sugar Cooperative Hourly Savings and Investment Plan (Note 1)</b>	(275,180)
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<b>Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year</b>	<u>46,799,462</u>
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<b>Net assets available for benefits, end of year</b>	<u><u>\$ 52,617,152</u></u>
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The accompanying Notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# The Western Sugar Cooperative

## Salaried Savings and Investment Plan

### Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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#### Note 1 – Description of the Plan

The following description of The Western Sugar Cooperative (the “Company” or “Employer”) Salaried Savings and Investment Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants and all others should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

**General.** The Plan is a defined contribution plan, which went into effect May 1, 2002, that is generally available to all employees of the Company (excluding employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, leased employees, nonresident aliens, and hourly employees). There are no age or service requirements for eligibility and participants may enter the Plan on the first day of each month. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”). Benefits under the Plan are not guaranteed by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

**Contributions.** The following types of contributions are allowable under the Plan:

- Pre-Tax and Roth Deferral Contributions – Participants may make a deferral contribution up to 75% of their compensation. Participants may designate a portion or all of their deferral contributions as Roth contributions that are includable in gross income at the time deferred. Pre-tax and Roth contributions are also subject to other limitations. A participant’s total pre-tax and Roth contributions cannot exceed \$23,000 (\$30,500 if 50 or older) in calendar year 2024.
- After-Tax Deferral Contributions – Participants may also contribute a percentage of their after-tax compensation, as defined by the Plan document, subject to annual addition limitations discussed below.
- Matching Employer Contributions – The Company makes matching contributions each Plan year of 50% of a participant’s deferral contribution for the first 6% of compensation contributed to the Plan.
- Nonelective Employer Contributions – The Company makes an additional nonelective contribution to those eligible active participants who are employed by the Employer on the last day of the Contribution Period, as defined by the Plan document, in an amount equal to 6% of eligible compensation.
- Rollover Contributions – Certain amounts distributed to participants from other qualified employee benefit plans may be rolled into the Plan.

All contributions are allocated to the Plan’s investment funds at the direction of the participants. Total annual additions under the Plan to any participant’s account are limited to the lesser of 100% of eligible compensation or \$69,000 in calendar year 2024. Annual additions are defined as participant pretax, Roth, and after-tax deferral contributions and Employer matching and nonelective contributions.

**Participant Accounts.** Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contributions (pre-tax, Roth, and after-tax salary deferrals and rollovers, if any) and an allocation of (a) the Employer’s contribution (matching and nonelective), (b) fund earnings or losses, and (c) administrative expenses. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account balance.

# The Western Sugar Cooperative

## Salaried Savings and Investment Plan

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#### Note 1 – Description of the Plan (continued)

**Vesting.** Participants are immediately vested in their salary deferral contributions, after-tax contributions, rollover contributions and related earnings thereon. Participants are also 100% vested in the Employer contribution portion of their accounts with certain exceptions as follows:

- Participants who do not complete an hour of service on or after October 1, 2007 are subject to a 5 year graded vesting schedule for Fixed Employer Profit Sharing Contributions (50% vesting after 3 years, 75% after 4 years, and 100% after 5 years of vesting service).
- Participants who terminated prior to August 15, 2016, are subject to a 5 year graded vesting schedule for prior Company match and prior Company contributions (20% vesting after 2 years, 50% after 3 years, 75% after 4 years, and 100% after 5 years of vesting service).

**Forfeitures.** When certain terminations of participation in the Plan occur, the non-vested portion represents a forfeiture. Forfeitures are applied to reduce administrative expenses under the Plan or to reduce future Employer contributions. During 2024, forfeitures of \$316 were used to pay administrative expenses of the Plan. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, unutilized forfeitures were \$9,620 and \$3, respectively.

**Participant Revenue Credits Account.** The Plan maintains a participant revenue credit account ("RCP Account") that is funded by revenue credits from the Plan's service provider and used to offset administrative expenses of the Plan. The balance in the RCP account was \$0 and \$182, as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

**Investment Options.** Participants may direct their investments into various registered investment companies, a common collective trust, a money market fund, and various investments offered under the Plan's self-directed brokerage account ("SDBA").

**Notes Receivable from Participants.** Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of (i) \$50,000 or (ii) 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from 1 month up to a maximum of 5 years (10 years if used for the purchase of the participant's primary residence). The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates commensurate with local prevailing rates at the date the loan is granted as determined by the Plan administrator. Principal and interest payments are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

**Payment of Benefits.** Benefits to participants or beneficiaries generally are payable as a lump sum, partial withdrawals, or installments equal to the value of their vested account balance upon retirement, disability, death or termination of the participant. Additionally, participants may request in-service withdrawals upon attaining age 59½ or if they incur a financial hardship, as defined in the Plan document, if certain criteria are met.

**Transfers.** Transfers to/from the Plan and The Western Sugar Cooperative Hourly Savings and Investment Plan ("Hourly Plan") occur when a Plan participant or an Hourly Plan participant undergo a change in employment status. Consequently, their account balances transfer to/from the Plan and the Hourly Plan as they transfer between work units of the Company and become eligible to participate in those respective plans.

# The Western Sugar Cooperative

## Salaried Savings and Investment Plan

### Notes to Financial Statements

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#### Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

**Basis of Accounting and Use of Estimates.** The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan's management to use estimates and assumptions that affect the accompanying financial statements and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Investment Valuation and Income Recognition.** The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors and trustee. See Note 3 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded when earned. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

**Notes Receivable from Participants.** Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

**Benefit Payments.** Benefits are recorded when paid.

**Contributions.** Participant contributions and the related Employer matching contribution are recognized in the period in which participant contributions are withheld from compensation.

**Expenses.** Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Also included in administrative expenses are investment advisor fees, consulting, recordkeeping charges, account maintenance fees, securities brokerage and other administrative expenses. Certain investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

# The Western Sugar Cooperative

## Salaried Savings and Investment Plan

### Notes to Financial Statements

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#### Note 3 – Fair Value Measurements

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described below:

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

**Level 2** Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

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

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

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

- Registered investment companies ("RICs") and money market funds ("MMFs") (including the RICs and MMFs held in the SDBA) are valued at the quoted net asset value ("NAV") of shares/units held by the Plan at year end.
- The common collective trust ("CCT") is valued at the NAV of units in a collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily.
- Common stocks and exchange traded funds ("ETFs") held in the SDBA are valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the securities are traded.

# The Western Sugar Cooperative

## Salaried Savings and Investment Plan

### Notes to Financial Statements

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#### Note 3 – Fair Value Measurements (continued)

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

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value ("FV") hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

<b>Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2024</b>				
	<b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets Level 1</b>	<b>Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2</b>	<b>Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
RICs	\$ 46,495,991	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,495,991
MMF	194,562	-	-	194,562
SDBA	1,113,061	-	-	1,113,061
<b>Total Assets in FV Hierarchy</b>	<b>\$ 47,803,614</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>47,803,614</b>
<b>Investments Measured at NAV</b>				<b>4,306,202</b>
<b>Total Assets at Fair Value</b>				<b>\$ 52,109,816</b>

<b>Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2023</b>				
	<b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets Level 1</b>	<b>Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2</b>	<b>Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
RICs	\$ 40,458,911	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,458,911
MMF	333,888	-	-	333,888
SDBA	921,341	-	-	921,341
<b>Total Assets in FV Hierarchy</b>	<b>\$ 41,714,140</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>41,714,140</b>
<b>Investments Measured at NAV</b>				<b>4,700,260</b>
<b>Total Assets at Fair Value</b>				<b>\$ 46,414,400</b>

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#### Note 3 – Fair Value Measurements (continued)

**Investments in Certain Entities that Calculate NAV per Unit.** The following table for December 31, 2024 and 2023 sets forth a summary of certain of the Plan's investments with a reported NAV:

Investment	2024	2023
	CT STABLE GOVT I-0 (a)	CT STABLE GOVT I-0 (a)
Fair Value	\$ 4,306,202	\$ 4,700,260
Unfunded Commitments	None	None
Redemption Frequency	Daily	Daily
Redemption Notice Period	None (b)	None (b)

(a) The Fund's investment objective is principal preservation and income while maximizing income to participants by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of bonds backed by the U.S. government, its agencies, instrumentalities and enterprises backed by investments contracts in an attempt to maintain principal value. Investments may also be made in Ameriprise Trust Company government fixed income collective funds in an attempt to maintain principal value.

(b) Participants cannot transfer their balances to competing fixed income funds, such as money market funds, short-term bond funds, or brokerage windows. Balances transferred from the Fund to non-competing funds cannot be transferred to competing fixed income funds for 90 days, but may be transferred back to the Fund at any time.

#### Note 4 – Certified Information

The following information disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedules was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan:

- Investments, as shown in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023;
- Notes receivable from participants, as shown in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023;
- Investment amounts, as shown in Note 3;
- Investment income, as shown in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024;
- Interest income on notes receivable from participants, as shown in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024; and
- The investment information in the Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2024, as shown in the supplemental schedules.

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### Note 5 – 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 or partial termination, affected participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

### Note 6 – Tax Status

The Plan Sponsor has adopted an FMR LLC Non-Standardized Pre-Approved Profit Sharing Plan (“pre-approved plan”). The pre-approved plan received an opinion letter from the IRS on June 30, 2020, which stated that the pre-approved plan is qualified under the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”). Although the pre-approved plan and the Plan have been amended since receiving the IRS opinion letter, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan and related trust are currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the IRC and the related Trust is tax exempt as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan’s financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

### Note 7 – Reconciliation to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 52,617,152	\$ 46,799,462
Less: Employer contributions receivable	(21,559)	-
Less: Other Employer contributions receivable	-	(9,156)
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500 (unaudited)	<u>\$ 52,595,593</u>	<u>\$ 46,790,306</u>

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#### Note 7 – Reconciliation to Form 5500 (continued)

The following is a reconciliation of Employer contributions per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2024:

	<b>Employer Contributions</b>
Amounts per the financial statements	\$ 1,707,641
Add: 2023 contributions receivable	9,156
Less: 2024 contributions receivable	<u>(21,559)</u>
Amounts per the Form 5500 (unaudited)	<u>\$ 1,695,238</u>

#### Note 8 – Party-In-Interest Transactions

The Company provides to the Plan certain accounting and administrative services for which no fees are charged.

Certain Plan investments are shares/units of registered investment companies and money market funds offered by Fidelity. As Fidelity Management Trust Company is the trustee of the Plan, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Additionally, the Plan maintains notes receivable from participants. Fees paid for services rendered by parties-in-interest were based on customary and reasonable rates for such services.

#### Note 9 – Nonexempt Prohibited Transaction

During 2021, the Company had a nonexempt prohibited transaction related to participant contributions not remitted to the trust in a timely manner as listed on Schedule H, Line 4a: Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions. The principal amount of the late contributions have been remitted to the Plan's trust. The Company corrected this nonexempt prohibited transaction by remitting lost earnings into the Plan's trust in March 2024.

#### Note 10 – Concentrations, Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan provides for various investment options. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as significant world events, interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there were two investments which individually represented more than 10% of net assets available for Plan benefits. See supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) for a complete listing of investments held at December 31, 2024.

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#### **Note 10 – Concentrations, Risks and Uncertainties (continued)**

Additionally, some investments held by the Plan are invested in the securities of foreign companies, which involve special risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in U.S. companies. These risks include devaluation of currencies, less reliable information about issuers, different securities transaction clearance and settlement practices, and possible adverse political and economic developments. Moreover, securities of many foreign companies and their markets may be less liquid and their prices more volatile than those of securities of comparable U.S. companies.

#### **Note 11 – Subsequent Events**

Management evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements. Subsequent events have been evaluated through September 2, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Effective January 1, 2025, the Plan Sponsor elected to adopt an increase in the catch-up contribution limit for participants aged 60-63 under The SECURE 2.0 Act. The new limit for 2025 is the greater of \$10,000 or 150% of the regular catch-up contribution limit (\$11,250 for 2025) which is indexed annually.

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**Schedule H, Line 4a:**

**Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions**

EIN: 87-0658226

PN: 001

**Year ended December 31, 2024**

Total That Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions

<u>Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan</u>	<u>Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included</u>	<u>Contributions Not Corrected</u>	<u>Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP</u>	<u>Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP</u>	<u>Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51</u>
\$ 447	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ -	\$ 447	\$ -	\$ -

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## Schedule H, Line 4i: Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

EIN: 87-0658226

PN: 001

December 31,

2024

Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment	Current Value
<b>Registered Investment Companies:</b>		
PIMCO	PIMCO INCOME INST	\$ 1,773,729
ALLSPRING	AS CORE PLUS BOND R6	1,736,007
VANGUARD	VANG INTM BD IDX ADM	882,720
JPMORGAN	JPM EQUITY INCOME R6	2,806,917
EATON VANCE	EV AC SMID CAP R6	2,141,569
VANGUARD	VANG SMCPVL IDX ADM	411,524
* FIDELITY	FID 500 INDEX	6,276,459
* FIDELITY	FID FDM IDX INC IPR	2,607
* FIDELITY	FID FDM IDX 2010 IPR	15
* FIDELITY	FID FDM IDX 2015 IPR	232,401
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* FIDELITY	FID INTL CAP APPR K6	3,577,008
* FIDELITY	FID LOW-PRICED ST K6	1,523,808
* FIDELITY	FID FDM IDX 2065 IPR	164,800
* FIDELITY	FID GROWTH CO K6	13,785,802
<b>Total Registered Investment Companies</b>		<b>46,495,991</b>
<b>Common Collective Trust:</b>		
COLUMBIA TRUST	CT STABLE GOVT I-0	4,306,202
<b>Money Market Fund:</b>		
* FIDELITY	FID GOVT MMKT	194,562
<b>Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts:</b>		
VARIOUS	COMMON STOCK	340,885
VARIOUS	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES & ETFs	532,621
* FIDELITY	FIDELITY REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES	117,373
* FIDELITY	FIDELITY MONEY MARKET FUND	96,841
VARIOUS	OTHER	25,341
<b>Total Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts</b>		<b>1,113,061</b>
<b>Loans to Participants (interest rates of</b>		
* PARTICIPANTS	5.25% - 10.50%, various maturity dates)	485,777
<b>Total Assets (Held at End of Year)</b>		<b>\$ 52,595,593</b>

\* Represents a party-in-interest

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**EIN: 87-0658226**

**PN: 001**

**Year ended December 31, 2024**

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