

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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... [X] a single-employer plan [ ] a DFE... B This return/report is: [ ] the first return/report [ ] the final return/report... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here... D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension... E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here...

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: MOUNTAIN STATES EMPLOYERS COUNCIL, INC. THRIFT PLAN & TRUST
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 002
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/1984
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): DBA EMPLOYERS COUNCIL
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 84-0172643
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 303-223-5419
2d Business code (see instructions): 541600

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

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

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature, Date, Name. Rows for plan administrator, employer/plan sponsor, and DFE.

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	207
<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>	112
	<b>6a(2)</b>	162
	<b>6b</b>	8
	<b>6c</b>	59
	<b>6d</b>	229
	<b>6e</b>	2
	<b>6f</b>	231
	<b>6g(1)</b>	163
<b>6g(2)</b>	167	
<b>6h</b>	15	
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	

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

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

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input 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 _____
(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>MOUNTAIN STATES EMPLOYERS COUNCIL, INC. THRIFT PLAN &amp; TRUST</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 <b>DBA EMPLOYERS COUNCIL</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>84-0172643</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

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

**94-1733782**

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

**CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST BANK**

**82-3967259**

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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)

MILLIMAN, INC.

91-0675641

(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?
15 17 36 38 50 59 64 70	NONE	17918	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)

CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST BANK

82-3967259

(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?
19 25 59 62	NONE	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	8901	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

CHARLES SCHWAB & CO, INC.

94-1737782

(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?
18 25 59 62	NONE	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (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 (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 (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.	

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

<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:

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>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <hr/> <b>2024</b>  <hr/> <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>DBA EMPLOYERS COUNCIL</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>84-0172643</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>SCHWAB MANAGED RETIREMENT FND INCOM</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>81-0625169-005</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>46831</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SCHWAB MANAGED RETIREMENT FND 2010</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>81-0625169-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>4088</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SCHWAB MANAGED RETIREMENT FND 2020</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>81-0625169-002</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>366030</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SCHWAB MANAGED RETIREMENT FND 2030</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>81-0625169-003</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>2966578</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SCHWAB MANAGED RETIREMENT FND 2040</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>81-0625169-004</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>2038016</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SCHWAB MANAGED RETIREMENT FND 2050</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>81-0625169-010</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>1142679</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>WELLS FARGO STABLE VALUE FUND</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>94-9907505-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>480589</u>

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCHWAB MANAGED RETIREMENT FND 2025

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 81-0625169-007	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 43288
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCHWAB MANAGED RETIREMENT FND 2035

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 81-0625169-008	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 505041
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCHWAB MANAGED RETIREMENT FND 2045

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 81-0625169-009	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 63364
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCHWAB MANAGED RETIREMENT FND 2055

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 81-0625169-020	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 162504
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCHWAB MANAGED RETIREMENT FND 2060

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 81-0625169-022	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 50780
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCHWAB MANAGED RETIREMENT FND 2065

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 81-0625169-024	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 15863
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCHWAB MANAGED RETIREMENT FND 2015

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 81-0625169-006	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4684
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**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)
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**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)
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**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)
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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>	<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 <b>01/01/2024</b> and ending <b>12/31/2024</b>	
<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>MOUNTAIN STATES EMPLOYERS COUNCIL, INC. THRIFT PLAN &amp; TRUST</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 <b>DBA EMPLOYERS COUNCIL</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>84-0172643</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>	870	2275
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>		25710
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>		31578
<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>	515317	333746
<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>	212153	153345
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	8126933	7890335
<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>	11910100	11648562
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>		
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>		

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>		
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>		
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>		
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	20765373	20085551
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>		
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>		
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>		
<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>	20765373	20085551

**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>	634848	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	822867	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	483249	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>		
(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>		1940964
<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>		
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>		
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	10725	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>		
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		10725
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	509061	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		
(3) Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>		
<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>		
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>		
<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 .....	<b>2b(6)</b>		798997
(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>		1163136
<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>		4422883

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	<b>2e(1)</b>	5084787	
(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>		5084787
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	<b>2g</b>		
<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>		
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	<b>2i(3)</b>	17918	
(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>		17918
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	<b>2j</b>		5102705

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		-679822
<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: EIDE BAILLY LLP

(2) EIN: 45-0250958

**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"/>	118827
<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"/>	500000
<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 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)

**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>MOUNTAIN STATES EMPLOYERS COUNCIL, INC. THRIFT PLAN &amp; TRUST</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
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<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): 82-3967259

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

**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 \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number \_\_\_\_\_.

Financial Statements  
December 31, 2024 and 2023

**Mountain States Employers Council, Inc.  
Thrift Plan and Trust**

# Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Thrift Plan and Trust

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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator of the  
Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Thrift Plan and Trust  
Denver, Colorado

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Thrift Plan and Trust (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the 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 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 (DOL) 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification 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 that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

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

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

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

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

#### **Other Matters - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA**

The supplemental schedule H, line 4i-schedule of assets held at end of year and schedule H, line 4a-schedule of delinquent participant contributions as of or for the year ended December 31, 2024, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information 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 DOL'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 DOL'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).

*Eide Bailly LLP*

Denver, Colorado  
October 7, 2025

Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Thrift Plan and Trust  
 Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits  
 December 31, 2024 and 2023

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	2024	2023
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 19,872,643	\$ 20,552,350
Notes receivable from participants	153,345	212,153
Contributions receivable		
Employer	25,710	-
Participant	31,578	-
Cash, non interest bearing	2,275	870
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$ 20,085,551	\$ 20,765,373

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits  
Year Ended December 31, 2024

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Additions	
Investment income	
Interest and dividends	\$ 509,061
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	1,962,133
	2,471,194
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	10,725
Contributions	
Employer	634,848
Participant	822,867
Rollover	483,249
	1,940,964
Total additions	4,422,883
Deductions	
Benefits paid to participants	5,084,787
Administrative expenses	17,918
	5,102,705
Total deductions	5,102,705
Net Decrease	(679,822)
Net Assets Available for Benefits	
Beginning of year	20,765,373
End of year	\$ 20,085,551

## **Note 1 - Description of Plan**

The following brief description of the Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Thrift Plan and Trust (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

### **General**

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering qualified employees of Employers Council and Subsidiary (the Company). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Retirement, Thrift, and Investment Committee is responsible for oversight of the Plan.

The Retirement, Thrift and Investment Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, and monitors investment performance.

### **Eligibility**

Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan if they have completed one month of service and are 21 years of age.

### **Entry Date**

Employees may enter the Plan on the first day of the month following the date they satisfy the Plan's eligibility requirements.

### **Contributions**

Each year, participants may contribute up to 50% of their annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Contributions are subject of certain Internal Revenue Code (IRC) limitations. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. The Plan allows participants to designate contributions as Roth contributions. Participants may also contribute distributions from other qualified plans (rollover). The Company contributes a discretionary match of 100% of participant deferrals up to 10% of eligible compensation. Additional amounts may be contributed at the discretion of the Company's board of directors. No such additional discretionary contributions were made for the year ended December 31, 2024.

### **Participant Accounts**

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

### Investment Options

Upon enrollment to the Plan, a participant may direct deferrals and employer contributions in any of the funds offered by the Plan. Participants may change their future investment options daily, however, existing investments may only be changed once per calendar month.

### Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. Vesting is based on years of credited services as set forth in the following table:

<u>Participant's Years of Service</u>	<u>Vested Percentage</u>
Less than 1	0%
1	0%
2	20%
3	40%
4	60%
5	80%
6	100%

### Forfeitures

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$114,303 and \$21,509, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future employer contributions. During the year ended December 31, 2024, employer contributions were reduced by \$7,874 from forfeited non-vested accounts.

### Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their vested accounts, a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balances. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The interest rate, determined at the time of the loan, is set at the prime rate as published by the Wall Street Journal. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions over a period not to exceed five years, unless the proceeds of the note were used to acquire the participant's residence, in which case the note terms can range up to twenty years. A participant may have no more than 2 outstanding notes at any one time.

### Payment of Benefits

Participants may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of their vested interest as defined in the Plan document upon attainment of age 59½, retirement, termination of service, death or disability. A terminated participant with a balance of less than \$7,000 may be automatically paid out by the Plan upon termination in accordance with the terms of the Plan document. Prior to termination, distributions may be made at the participant's election upon attainment of age 59½ or for a hardship as defined in the Plan document.

### **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 set forth in the ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in their employer contributions.

## **Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies**

### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

### **Use of Estimates**

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

### **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

Investments are reported 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 Sponsor determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

The classification of investment earnings reported in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits may differ from the classification of earnings on Form 5500 due to different reporting requirements on Form 5500.

### **Contributions**

Participant contributions and the related Company matching contributions are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation.

### **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 expenses when they are incurred.

### **Payments of Benefits**

Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

### **Expenses**

The Plan's expenses are paid by either the Plan or the Company, as provided by the Plan document. Expenses that are paid directly by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Certain expenses incurred in connection with the general administration of the Plan that are paid by the Plan are recorded as deductions in the accompanying statement of changes in net asset available for benefits. In addition, certain investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments presented in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

### **Subsequent Events**

The Plan Sponsor has evaluated subsequent events through October 7, 2025, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

### **Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements**

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under the FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

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

Level 2 - Inputs 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;
- 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.

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Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2024 and 2023

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

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

Common collective fund: Valued at fair value based on the NAV of units held of the collective fund. The NAV, as provided by the custodian, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the observable market prices of the underlying investments within the fund less 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.

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

	2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 11,648,562	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,648,562
Money market mutual funds	333,746	-	-	333,746
Total investments in the fair value hierarchy	\$ 11,982,308	\$ -	\$ -	11,982,308
Investments at net asset value (a)				7,890,335
Total investments at fair value				\$ 19,872,643
	2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 11,910,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,910,100
Money market mutual funds	515,317	-	-	515,317
Total investments in the fair value hierarchy	\$ 12,425,417	\$ -	\$ -	12,425,417
Investments at net asset value (a)				8,126,933
Total investments at fair value				\$ 20,552,350

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

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The following table sets forth the disclosure for the fair value measurement of investments that are measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	Fair Value December 31, 2024	Fair Value December 31, 2023	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Common collective funds					
Collective trust fund	\$ 7,409,746	\$ 6,888,837	\$ -	Daily	Daily
Stable value fund	\$ 480,589	\$ 1,238,096	\$ -	Daily	Daily
	<u>\$ 7,890,335</u>	<u>\$ 8,126,933</u>			

## Note 4 - Certified Information

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplementary information, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2024, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Charles Schwab Trust Bank (the custodian of the Plan).

## Note 5 - Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated March 22, 2017, that the Plan and related trust were designed in accordance with the applicable regulations of the IRC. Subsequent to the issuance of this determination letter, the Plan was amended. However, the Company and plan management believe that the Plan is currently designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC, and therefore believe the Plan is qualified and the related trust continues to be tax-exempt.

During the Plan year, the Plan had certain administrative issues occur. In order to prevent the Plan from incurring a qualification defect, the Plan's Sponsor will take the necessary corrective action in accordance with the acceptable correction methods of the Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System (EPCRS). The Plan Sponsor is in the process of taking necessary corrective steps. The Plan Sponsor believes the Plan and related trust has maintained its tax-exempt status. 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 is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**Note 6 - Related Party and Party-in-Interest Transactions**

Certain Plan investments consist of mutual funds and common collective trusts managed by Charles Schwab Trust Bank, the custodian as defined by the Plan. As described in Note 2, the Plan paid certain expenses related to Plan operations and investment activity to various service providers. These transactions are exempt party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

**Note 7 - Risks and Uncertainties**

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

**Note 8 - Plan Amendments**

Effective June 1, 2024, the Plan was amended and restated to change the Company eligibility requirement, employer deferral match percentage, and limitation on in-plan Roth transfers. The eligibility requirement for a year of service has been changed from a consecutive 12-month period during which the employee has 1,000 of more hours of service to one months of service. The employer deferral match percentage changed from 8% to 10%. The limitation on in-plan Roth transfers to be only once per year, \$1,000 at minimum, fully vested, employee participants, and loans may not be a part of the transfer.

**Note 9 - Delinquent Participant Contributions**

During 2024, the Company failed to remit to the Plan's trustee certain employee contributions totaling approximately \$113,000 within the period prescribed by DOL regulations. Delays in remitting contributions to the custodian were due to administrative errors, and the Company has or will make contributions to the affected participants' accounts to compensate those participants for potential lost income due to the delay.

During 2023, the Company failed to remit to the Plan's trustee certain employee contributions totaling approximately \$6,000 within the period prescribed by DOL regulations. Delays in remitting contributions to the custodian were due to administrative errors, and the Company has or will make contributions to the affected participants' accounts to compensate those participants for potential lost income due to the delay.

Supplementary Information  
December 31, 2024

**Mountain States Employers Council, Inc.  
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# Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Thrift Plan and Trust

Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year

December 31, 2024

EIN: 84-0172643

Plan: 002

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	Cost	Current Value
	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	Mutual Funds	N/A	\$ 3,296,749
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2030TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	2,966,578
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2040TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	2,038,016
	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth R6	Mutual Funds	N/A	1,819,911
	Dodge & Cox Stock Fund Class I	Mutual Funds	N/A	1,382,722
	Dodge & Cox Balanced Fund Class I	Mutual Funds	N/A	1,208,355
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2050TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	1,142,679
	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund	Mutual Funds	N/A	857,580
	American Beacon Small Cap Value Fund	Mutual Funds	N/A	817,250
	Vanguard Explorer Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Funds	N/A	783,366
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2035TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	505,041
*	Galliard Stable Return Fund C	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	480,589
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2020TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	366,030
	Vanguard Treasury Money Market Fund	Money Market Mutual Fund	N/A	333,746
	Vanguard Inflation - Protected Securities Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Funds	N/A	251,806
	Fidelity Extended Market Index Fund	Mutual Funds	N/A	234,547
	T. Rowe Price High Yield Fund	Mutual Funds	N/A	226,849
	Frost Total Return Bond Fund Class Institutional	Mutual Funds	N/A	189,363
	DFA Global Real Estate Securities Portfolio	Mutual Funds	N/A	180,320
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2055TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	162,504
	Fidelity Total International Index Fund	Mutual Funds	N/A	150,924
	Fidelity Short-Term Bond Index Fund	Mutual Funds	N/A	126,336
	Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund	Mutual Funds	N/A	93,385
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2045TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	63,364
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2060TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	50,780
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Income FundTM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	46,831
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2025TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	43,288
	Vanguard Total Internation Bond Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Funds	N/A	29,099
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2065TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	15,863
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2015TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	4,684
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2010TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	4,088
*	Notes receivable from participants	Maturing 2025 - 2034 at interest rates of 3.25% - 8.5%	\$ -	153,345
				<u>\$ 20,025,988</u>

\*A party-in-interest as defined by the ERISA.  
N/A - Not applicable for participant-directed plan.

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Schedule H, Line 4a – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions

Year Ended December 31, 2024

EIN: 84-0172643

Plan: 002

	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions				Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
	Late Participant Loan Repayments Included (Yes/No)	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
Participant contributions transferred late to the Plan					
2024	Y	\$ 112,808 *	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2023	Y	\$ -	\$ 6,019 **	\$ -	\$ -

\* Amount represents late contributions during the 2024 Plan year. The contributions were remitted during 2024. The Plan Sponsor is in the process of filing Form 5330 and correcting lost earnings.

\*\* Amount represents late contributions during the 2023 Plan year. The contributions were remitted during 2023. The Plan Sponsor is in the process of filing Form 5330 and correcting lost earnings.

Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Thrift Plan and Trust

Schedule H, Line 4a – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions

Year Ended December 31, 2024

EIN: 84-0172643

Plan: 002

	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions				Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
	Late Participant Loan Repayments Included (Yes/No)	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
Participant contributions transferred late to the Plan					
2024	Y	\$ 112,808 *	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2023	Y	\$ -	\$ 6,019 **	\$ -	\$ -

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Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year

December 31, 2024

EIN: 84-0172643

Plan: 002

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	Cost	Current Value
	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	Mutual Funds	N/A	\$ 3,296,749
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2030TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	2,966,578
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2040TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	2,038,016
	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth R6	Mutual Funds	N/A	1,819,911
	Dodge & Cox Stock Fund Class I	Mutual Funds	N/A	1,382,722
	Dodge & Cox Balanced Fund Class I	Mutual Funds	N/A	1,208,355
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2050TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	1,142,679
	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund	Mutual Funds	N/A	857,580
	American Beacon Small Cap Value Fund	Mutual Funds	N/A	817,250
	Vanguard Explorer Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Funds	N/A	783,366
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2035TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	505,041
*	Galliard Stable Return Fund C	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	480,589
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2020TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	366,030
	Vanguard Treasury Money Market Fund	Money Market Mutual Fund	N/A	333,746
	Vanguard Inflation - Protected Securities Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Funds	N/A	251,806
	Fidelity Extended Market Index Fund	Mutual Funds	N/A	234,547
	T. Rowe Price High Yield Fund	Mutual Funds	N/A	226,849
	Frost Total Return Bond Fund Class Institutional	Mutual Funds	N/A	189,363
	DFA Global Real Estate Securities Portfolio	Mutual Funds	N/A	180,320
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2055TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	162,504
	Fidelity Total International Index Fund	Mutual Funds	N/A	150,924
	Fidelity Short-Term Bond Index Fund	Mutual Funds	N/A	126,336
	Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund	Mutual Funds	N/A	93,385
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2045TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	63,364
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2060TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	50,780
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Income FundTM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	46,831
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2025TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	43,288
	Vanguard Total Internation Bond Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Funds	N/A	29,099
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2065TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	15,863
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2015TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	4,684
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2010TM	Common Collective Trust Funds	N/A	4,088
*	Notes receivable from participants	Maturing 2025 - 2034 at interest rates of 3.25% - 8.5%	\$ -	153,345
				\$ 20,025,988

\*A party-in-interest as defined by the ERISA.  
N/A - Not applicable for participant-directed plan.

**Form 5500**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security  
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan**

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110  
1210-0089

**2024**

**This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

**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**

<b>1a</b> Name of plan Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Thrift Plan & Trust	<b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
	<b>1c</b> Effective date of plan 01/01/1984
<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) DBA Employers Council  1799 Pennsylvania Street  Denver CO 80203	<b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-0172643
	<b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number (303) 223-5419
	<b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) 541600

**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>		<u>10/9/2025</u>	Kim Koy
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>		<u>10/9/2025</u>	Kim Koy
	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