

<p>Form 5500</p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</p> <p>This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</p> <p>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p>	<p>OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">2024</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information
 For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

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special extension (enter description)

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

<p>1a Name of plan <u>STEVEN E. HOWELL, CPA, PC CASH BALANCE PLAN</u></p>	<p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u></p>
<p>2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>STEVEN E. HOWELL, CPA, PC</u></p> <p><u>9 NOELLE DRIVE</u> <u>WALDEN, NY 12586</u></p>	<p>1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2023</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>90-0149456</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>845-778-5393</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541211</u></p>

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/12/2025	STEVEN E. HOWELL, CPA
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
1C

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input 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)

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

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>STEVEN E. HOWELL, CPA, PC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>90-0149456</u>	
E Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information			
1 Enter the valuation date:	Month <u>12</u>	Day <u>31</u>	Year <u>2024</u>
2 Assets:			
a Market value	2a	<u>343658</u>	
b Actuarial value	2b	<u>343658</u>	
3 Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
b For terminated vested participants	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
c For active participants	<u>0</u>	<u>303084</u>	<u>303084</u>
d Total	<u>0</u>	<u>303084</u>	<u>303084</u>
4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input type="checkbox"/>			
a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a		
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b		
5 Effective interest rate	5	<u>4.75 %</u>	
6 Target normal cost			
a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	<u>291427</u>	
b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	<u>0</u>	
c Target normal cost	6c	<u>291427</u>	

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE <u>AARON VENOUIOU</u> Signature of actuary <u>PENCERT, LTD</u> Firm name <u>735 N. CASS AVENUE</u> <u>US WESTMONT, IL 60559</u> Address of the firm	<u>03/10/2025</u> Date <u>23-08976</u> Most recent enrollment number <u>630-789-0700</u> Telephone number (including area code)
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If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500 or 5500-SF.

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)		
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)		
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)		
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of _____%		
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		
	b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of _____%		
	b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		
	c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		
	d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections		
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)		

Part III Funding Percentages			
14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	113.38 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	109.46 %
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	80.00 %
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls		18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:			
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
01/24/2024	25000		07/24/2024	25000	
02/24/2024	25000		08/24/2024	25000	
03/24/2024	25000		09/24/2024	25000	
04/24/2024	25000		10/24/2024	25000	
05/24/2024	25000		11/24/2024	25000	
06/24/2024	25000		12/24/2024	25000	
			Totals ▶	18(b)	300000
					18(c)

19 Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:

a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	
b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	
c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	307110

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? Yes No

b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? Yes No

c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:

a Segment rates:	1st segment: 5.01 %	2nd segment: 5.26 %	3rd segment: 5.59 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
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b Applicable month (enter code) **21b**

22 Weighted average retirement age **22** 67

23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) Prescribed - combined Prescribed - separate Substitute

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment..... Yes No

25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment..... Yes No

26 Demographic and benefit information

a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment..... Yes No

b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment... Yes No

27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment..... **27**

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years **28**

29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)..... **29**

30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)..... **30**

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):

a Target normal cost (line 6c)	31a	291427
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	40574

32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment		
b Waiver amortization installment.....		

33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount **33**

34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).....	34	250853
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement		Total balance

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35) **36** 250853

37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c) **37** 307110

38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)

a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	56257
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances.....	38b	

39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37) **39**

40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years **40** 0

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. 2019 2020 2021

SCHEDULE I (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information—Small Plan This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 STEVEN E. HOWELL, CPA, PC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 90-0149456
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Complete Schedule I if the plan covered fewer than 100 participants as of the beginning of the plan year. You may also complete Schedule I if you are filing as a small plan under the 80-120 participant rule (see instructions). Complete Schedule H if reporting as a large plan or DFE.

Part I Small Plan Financial Information

Report below the current value of assets and liabilities, income, expenses, transfers and changes in net assets during the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Do not enter the value of the portion of an insurance contract that guarantees during this plan year to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. 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.**

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1 Plan Assets and Liabilities:			
a Total plan assets	1a	306180	650770
b Total plan liabilities	1b		
c Net plan assets (subtract line 1b from line 1a)	1c	306180	650770
2 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year:		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions received or receivable:			
(1) Employers	2a(1)	300000	
(2) Participants	2a(2)		
(3) Others (including rollovers)	2a(3)		
b Noncash contributions	2b		
c Other income	2c	44590	
d Total income (add lines 2a(1), 2a(2), 2a(3), 2b, and 2c)	2d		344590
e Benefits paid (including direct rollovers)	2e		
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, and commissions)	2h		
i Other expenses	2i		
j Total expenses (add lines 2e, 2f, 2g, 2h, and 2i)	2j		
k Net income (loss) (subtract line 2j from line 2d)	2k		344590
l Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	2l		

3 Specific Assets: If the plan held assets at any time during the plan year in any of the following categories, check "Yes" and enter the current value of any assets remaining in the plan as of the end of the plan year. Allocate the value of the plan's interest in a commingled trust containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the trust meets one of the specific exceptions described in the instructions.

		Yes	No	Amount
a Partnership/joint venture interests	3a		X	
b Employer real property	3b		X	
c Real estate (other than employer real property)	3c		X	
d Employer securities	3d		X	
e Participant loans	3e		X	
f Loans (other than to participants)	3f		X	
g Tangible personal property	3g		X	

Part II	Compliance Questions
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		Yes	No	Amount
4 During the plan year:				
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by the participant's account balance.	4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible?	4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a.)	4d		X	
e Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e		X	
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i Did the plan at any time hold 20% or more of its assets in any single security, debt, mortgage, parcel of real estate, or partnership/joint venture interest?	4i		X	
j Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4j		X	
k Are you claiming a waiver of the annual examination and report of an independent qualified public accountant (IQPA) under 29 CFR 2520.104-46? If "No," attach an IQPA's report or 2520.104-50 statement. (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.)	4k	X		
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	4n			

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

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

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

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

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2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) STEVEN E. HOWELL, CPA, PC 9 NOELLE DRIVE WALDEN NY 12586 USA	1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2023	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 90-0149456
	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 845-778-5393	2d Business code (see instructions) 541211

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SIGN HERE	<i>Steven E. Howell</i>	<i>6/12/25</i>	STEVEN E. HOWELL, CPA
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	<i>Steven E. Howell</i>	<i>6/12/25</i>	STEVEN E. HOWELL, CPA
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

Schedule SB, Part V

Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Steven E. Howell, CPA, PC
90-0149456 / 002

For the plan year 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2024

Valuation Date: 12/31/2024

Funding Method: As prescribed in IRC Section 430
Age - Eligibility age at last birthday and other ages at nearest birthday

Retrospective Compensation - Current compensation

Form of Payment - Assumed form of payment for funding is lump sum which is the Hypothetical Account Balance. Funding Target for lump sum is the current Hypothetical Account Balance projected to the assumed retirement date using the Interest Credit Rate discounted using appropriate segment rate. Lump sum on plan actuarial equivalence rates will not exceed 415 maximum allowable distribution, which is the lesser amount computed using a) 5.5% interest and the Applicable Mortality Table or b) plan actuarial equivalence interest and mortality

	Segment rates for the Valuation Date as permitted under IRC 430(h)(2)(C)	Segment rates as of September 30, 2023 As permitted under IRC 430(h)(2)(C)(iv)(II) - ARP
	Segment # Year Rate %	Segment # Year Rate %
Interest Rates -	Segment 1 0 - 5 5.01	Segment 1 0 - 5 5.01
	Segment 2 6 - 20 5.26	Segment 2 6 - 20 5.26
	Segment 3 > 20 5.36	Segment 3 > 20 5.59

Pre-Retirement - Mortality Table - None
 Improvement Scale - None
 Early Retirement Table - None
 Turnover Table - None
 Disability Table - None
 Salary Scale - None
 Interest Credit Rate - Current Yr - 4% Projected Yrs - 4%
 Expense Load - None
 Ancillary Ben Load - None

Post-Retirement - Mortality Table - 24C - 2024 Combined
 Improvement Scale - None
 Cost of Living - None

Asset Valuation Method: Fair market value of assets adjusted for contributions under IRC 430(g)(4)

Discrimination Test Assumptions:

HCE Determination - Based on all employees

Otherwise Excludable - Otherwise Excludable HCEs are included with the Not Otherwise Excludable employees

410(b)/401(a)(4) Testing:

Pre-Retirement - Interest - 8.5% CB Projection Rate - 4%

Post-Retirement - Interest - 8.5%
 Mortality Table - U84 - 1984 Unisex

Permissively Aggregated Plans - Tested as a Single Plan

Compensation - Use current compensation to calculate the benefit accrual rate (annual method)

Testing Age - Normal retirement age or attained age, if older

Normal Form for MVAR - Joint with 100% Survivor Benefits

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401(a)(26) Testing:

Compensation - Use current compensation to calculate the benefit accrual rate for 401(a)(26)

Testing Age - Normal retirement age or attained age, if older

Schedule SB, Part V Summary of Plan Provisions

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<u>Employer:</u>	Steven E. Howell, CPA, PC		
Type of Entity -	S Corporation		
EIN: 90-0149456	TIN: 92-2952340	Plan #: 002	Plan Type: Cash Balance
<u>Dates:</u>	Effective - 01/01/2023	Valuation - 12/31/2024	
<u>Eligibility:</u>	All employees excluding non-resident aliens, members of an excluded class and union		
Minimum age - 21	Months of service - 12		
Hours Required for - Eligibility - 1000	Benefit accrual - 1000	Vesting - 1000	
Plan Entry -	First day of 1st or 7th month of plan year on or next following eligibility satisfaction		
<u>Retirement:</u>	Normal - First of month coincident with or next following attainment of age 62 and completion of 5 years of participation		
	Early - Not provided		
<u>Average Compensation:</u>	Current compensation		
Top Heavy Minimum Benefit -	Highest 5 consecutive top heavy years of participation		
<u>Plan Benefits:</u>	Retirement - Actuarial equivalent of the hypothetical account balance derived from annual Pay Credits and Interest Credits		
Pay Credits - Classification	Pay Credit Formula		
A	100% of compensation limited to \$300,000		
Interest Credit Rate - Current Yr - 4%	Projected Yrs - 4%		
Accrued Benefit -	Hypothetical Account Balance		
	Minimum Benefit - None		
	Maximum Benefit - None		
	Maximum allowable distribution is lump sum equivalent of normal form not to exceed 415 maximum allowable distribution, which is the lesser amount computed using a) 5.5% interest and the Applicable Mortality Table or b) plan actuarial equivalence interest and mortality		
Early Retirement -	None		
Death Benefit -	Present Value of Accrued Benefit		
Disability Benefit -	None		
<u>Top Heavy Minimum:</u>	None		
<u>IRS Limitations:</u>	415 Limits -	Percent: 100	Dollar: \$275,000
	Maximum 401(a)(17) compensation - \$345,000		
<u>Normal Form:</u>	Life Annuity		
<u>Optional Forms:</u>	Lump Sum		
	Life Annuity Guaranteed for 10 Years		
	Joint with 50%, 75% or 100% Survivor Benefit		
<u>Vesting Schedule:</u>	100% vested in 3 years.		
	Service is calculated using all years of service		
<u>Present Value of Accrued Benefit:</u>	Based on the Hypothetical Account Balance.		

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Actuarial Equivalence:

Pre-Retirement - Interest -	4%
Mortality Table -	None
Post-Retirement - Interest -	4%
Mortality Table -	G94 - 1994 Group Annuity Reserving Proj 2002, Scale AA (unisex)

Schedule SB, line 22 -
Description of Weighted Average Retirement Age

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The age reported is the weighted average of the assumed retirement ages for all active participants as of the valuation date based on their funding target or target normal cost should the funding target of the plan be zero rounded to the nearest whole age. For an active late retiree, the assumed retirement age may be later than the Plan's normal retirement age. Each participant's rate of retirement is assumed to be 100% of his/her assumed retirement age.

**SCHEDULE SB
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan
Actuarial Information**

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

► File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.

OMB No. 1210-0110

2024

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

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

► Round off amounts to nearest dollar.

► Caution: A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan Steven E. Howell, CPA, PC		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF Steven E. Howell, CPA, PC		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 90-0149456	
E Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B		F Prior year plan size: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month <u>12</u> Day <u>31</u> Year <u>2024</u>			
2 Assets:			
a Market value	2a	343,658	
b Actuarial value	2b	343,658	
3 Funding target/participant count breakdown:	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	0	0	0
b For terminated vested participants	0	0	0
c For active participants	1	303,084	303,084
d Total	1	303,084	303,084
4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a		
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b		
5 Effective interest rate	5	5.01 %	
6 Target normal cost			
a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	291,427	
b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	0	
c Target normal cost	6c	291,427	

Statement by Enrolled Actuary
To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE	<i>Samuel Venouziou</i>	03/10/2025
	Signature of actuary	Date
	Samuel Venouziou	23-08976
	Type or print name of actuary	Most recent enrollment number
	Pencert, Ltd	(630) 789-0700
	Firm name	Telephone number (including area code)
	735 N Cass Avenue	
	US Westmont IL 60559-1100	
	Address of the firm	

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

	(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7 Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8 Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9 Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10 Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>0.00</u> %	0	0
11 Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		9,084
b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>4.75</u> % ...		0
b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		9,084
d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12 Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13 Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d - line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages

14 Funding target attainment percentage	14	113.38 %
15 Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	109.46 %
16 Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	80.00 %
17 If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls

18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
01/24/2024	25,000		02/24/2024	25,000	
03/24/2024	25,000		04/24/2024	25,000	
05/24/2024	25,000		06/24/2024	25,000	
07/24/2024	25,000		08/24/2024	25,000	
09/24/2024	25,000		10/24/2024	25,000	
11/24/2024	25,000		12/24/2024	25,000	
			Totals ▶	18(b) 300,000	18(c) 0

19 Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:

a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0
b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	307,110

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? Yes No

b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? Yes No

c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used To Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:			
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 5.01 %	2nd segment: 5.26 %	3rd segment: 5.59 %
			<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code)			21b 0
22 Weighted average retirement age			22 67
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute		

Part VI Miscellaneous items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
26 Demographic and benefit information	
a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment	27

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	28	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)	29	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)	30	0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):			
a Target normal cost (line 6c)	31a	291,427	
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	40,574	
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance		Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0	0	
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0	
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	33		
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)	34	250,853	
		Carryover balance	Prefunding Balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement		0	0
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	36	250,853	
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	37	307,110	
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	56,257	
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	38b	0	
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	39	0	
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	40	0	

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies.	<input type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021
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