

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 <div style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">2024</div> This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

A This return/report is for: a multiemployer plan a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)

a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____

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

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

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

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

special extension (enter description)

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

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
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1a Name of plan <u>MOUNTAIN STATES EMPLOYERS COUNCIL, INC. PENSION PLAN AND TRUST</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u>
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>EMPLOYERS COUNCIL</u> <u>1290 BROADWAY, SUITE 1500</u> <u>DENVER, CO 80203-1310</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1965</u> 2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>84-0172643</u> 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>303-839-5177</u> 2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541600</u>

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.	10/13/2025	KIM KOY
	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	303
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)	103
	6a(2)	88
	6b	69
	6c	220
	6d	377
	6e	4
	6f	381
	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:
1A

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**
- (1) **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
 - (2) **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
 - (3) **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
 - (4) **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
 - (5) **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

- b General Schedules**
- (1) **H** (Financial Information)
 - (2) **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
 - (3) **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
 - (4) **C** (Service Provider Information)
 - (5) **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
 - (6) **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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▶ **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 <u>MOUNTAIN STATES EMPLOYERS COUNCIL, INC. PENSION PLAN AND TRUST</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>EMPLOYERS COUNCIL</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>84-0172643</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 type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information

1	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2024</u>		
2	Assets:		
	a Market value	2a	<u>40726503</u>
	b Actuarial value	2b	<u>41108163</u>
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	<u>69</u>	<u>10323563</u>
	b For terminated vested participants	<u>133</u>	<u>14296226</u>
	c For active participants	<u>103</u>	<u>6203206</u>
	d Total	<u>305</u>	<u>30822995</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>5.18 %</u>
6	Target normal cost		
	a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	<u>783670</u>
	b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	<u>52500</u>
	c Target normal cost	6c	<u>836170</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 Signature of actuary <u>JOEL E. STEWART, FSA, EA</u> Type or print name of actuary <u>MILLIMAN, INC.</u> Firm name <u>1400 WEWATTA STREET, SUITE 900</u> <u>DENVER, CO 80202</u> Address of the firm	<u>10/02/2025</u> Date <u>23-06534</u> Most recent enrollment number <u>303-299-9400</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

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)	3509185	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)	3509185	0
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>16.58</u> %	581823	0
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		230801
	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>5.25</u> %		12117
	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		242918
	d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		
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)	4091008	0

Part III Funding Percentages			
14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	118.61 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	131.71 %
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	137.42 %
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	
Totals ▶			18(b)	0	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	0

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: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 4.96 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code)			21b 0
22 Weighted average retirement age			22 63
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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	836170	
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	836170	
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	0	
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	36	0	
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	37	0	
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	0	
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	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			

SCHEDULE C (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>	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 EMPLOYERS COUNCIL	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-0172643	

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

VANGUARD LONG TERM INV GRADE

51-0071687

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

ALLSPRING 100% TREASURY MMKT INST

95-3692822

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

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

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

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?
11 17	NONE	47456	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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510 N VALLEY MILLS DRIVE
SUITE 400
WACO, TX 76710-6075

(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 19 21	NONE	24417	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) 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)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (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 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 EMPLOYERS COUNCIL	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-0172643

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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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
Assets			
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	-117147	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)	138476	12460
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	4824244	3345443
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	35880930	35002756
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other.....	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	40726503	38360659
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	40726503	38360659

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)		
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		0
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	208420	
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		208420
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	1830948	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		1830948
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		-2328989
c Other income	2c		-120101
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		-409722

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1884249	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		1884249
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	24417	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	47456	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		71873
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1956122

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-2365844
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: EIDE BAILLY

(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
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.)		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		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?		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?		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
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.			

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 0.

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 553742.

SCHEDULE R (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>	Retirement Plan Information 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). ▶ 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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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

A Name of plan <u>MOUNTAIN STATES EMPLOYERS COUNCIL, INC. PENSION PLAN AND TRUST</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>EMPLOYERS COUNCIL</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>84-0172643</u>	

Part I	Distributions
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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.....

1		0
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2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):
 EIN(s): 84-0187632

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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Part II	Funding Information (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.

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

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

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

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

Part III	Amendments
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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

Part IV	ESOPs (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:

a 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).....	14a	
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).....	14b	
c 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).....	14c	

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:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	

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

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
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.....	16b	

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.
Pension Plan and Trust**

Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Pension Plan and Trust

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Retirement, Thrift, and Investment Committee of the
Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Pension 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. Pension Plan and Trust, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the 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 and accumulated plan benefits (in liquidation) as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits and changes in accumulated plan benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024 (in liquidation), and the related notes to the financial statements in liquidation (collectively, the financial statements).

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of Mountain States Employers Council Inc. Pension Plan and Trust'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 certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 and for the year December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 7 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 Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Pension Plan and Trust 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 Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Pension Plan and Trust'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 Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Pension Plan and Trust'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 Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Pension Plan and Trust'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 Matter – Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule H, line 4i-schedule of assets held at end of year as of December 31, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the 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 schedule, 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 schedule 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 schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, is 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 schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is 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 schedule 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. Pension Plan and Trust
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits in Liquidation
December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 38,348,199	\$ 40,588,027
Accrued income receivable	<u>12,460</u>	<u>138,476</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u>\$ 38,360,659</u>	<u>\$ 40,726,503</u>

Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Pension Plan and Trust
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits in Liquidation
Year Ended December 31, 2024

Investment Income (Loss)	
Interest and dividends	\$ 2,039,368
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	<u>(2,449,090)</u>
	<u>(409,722)</u>
Deductions	
Benefits paid to participants	1,884,249
Administrative expenses	<u>71,873</u>
Total deductions	<u>1,956,122</u>
Net Decrease	(2,365,844)
Net Assets Available for Benefits	
Beginning of year	<u>40,726,503</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 38,360,659</u></u>

Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Pension Plan and Trust
 Statements of Accumulated Plan Benefits in Liquidation
 December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits		
Vested benefits		
Participants currently receiving payments	\$ 9,991,880	\$ 10,389,299
Other participants	20,556,939	20,953,385
	30,548,819	31,342,684
Nonvested benefits	-	421,190
Total actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits	\$ 30,548,819	\$ 31,763,874

Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Pension Plan and Trust
Statement of Changes in Accumulated Plan Benefits in Liquidation
Year Ended December 31, 2024

Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits, Beginning of Year	<u>\$ 31,763,874</u>
Increases (decreases) during the year attributable to:	
Benefits accumulated and actuarial gains/losses	830,955
Reduction in discount period	1,582,635
Benefits paid	(1,884,249)
Change in assumptions	<u>(1,744,396)</u>
Net decrease	<u>(1,215,055)</u>
Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 30,548,819</u></u>

Note 1 - Description of Plan

The following brief description of the Mountain States Employers Council Inc. Pension 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 noncontributory defined benefit plan covering substantially all employees of Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. (the Company/Sponsor) who have completed one year of service with at least 1,000 hours. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The Plan is administered by Employers Council Management or the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The Employers Council Management or CEO has overall responsibility for the operation and administration of the Plan. The Employers Council Management or CEO determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings and monitors investment performance.

Pension Benefits

Employees with five or more years of service are entitled to annual pension benefits beginning at normal retirement age (62) equal to the sum of (a) 1.85% times the participant's final average compensation multiplied by the years of credited service of the participant and (b) 0.45% of the final average compensation of the participant in excess of covered compensation multiplied by the participant's years of credited service with a maximum of 35 years. The Plan permits early retirement at ages 55-61 with a minimum of 10 years of service. If employees terminate before rendering five years of service, they forfeit the right to receive their accumulated plan benefits attributable to the Company's contributions. The normal form of benefit payment is a joint and 50% survivor annuity for married participants and a life annuity for participants who are not married. Participants may elect to receive the vested value of their accumulated plan benefits in the form of one lump-sum payment (if hired before September 2009), payments in a period certain monthly annuity, or monthly installments in the form of a life annuity. Certain spousal options are available.

Death and Disability Benefits

In the event of a death of a participant prior to retirement, the beneficiary will receive a death benefit equal to the value of the employee's accumulated pension benefits. Active employees who become totally disabled receive annual disability benefits that are equal to the normal retirement benefits they have accumulated as of the time they become disabled. Disability benefits are paid until normal retirement age at which time disabled participants begin receiving normal retirement benefits computed as though they had been employed to normal retirement age with their annual compensation remaining the same as at the time they became disabled.

Plan Termination

On September 30, 2024, the Plan was amended to freeze and terminate the Plan. The Plan is awaiting the IRS determination letter before final liquidation of Plan assets. See Note 5.

Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

As a result of the decision to terminate the Plan described in Note 1, Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Pension Plan and Trust has prepared the financial statements on the liquidation basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein, disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities, and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income (Loss) 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 Retirement, Thrift, and Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by its investment advisers. See Note 6 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net depreciation 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 above and 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.

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 assets available for benefits. In addition, certain investment related expenses are included in net depreciation of 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 - Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits

Accumulated plan benefits are those future periodic payments, including lump sum distributions that are attributable under the Plan's provisions to the service employees have rendered. Accumulated plan benefits include benefits expected to be paid to (a) retired or terminated employees or their beneficiaries, (b) beneficiaries of employees who have died, and (c) present employees or their beneficiaries. Benefits under the Plan are accumulated based on employees' compensation during each year of credited service. The accumulated plan benefits for active employees will equal the accumulation, with interest, of the annual benefit accruals as of the benefit information date. Benefits payable under all circumstances (retirement, death, disability, and termination of employment) are included to the extent they are deemed attributable to employee service rendered to the valuation date.

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is determined by an independent actuary and is that amount which results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan benefits to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, disability, withdrawal, or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment. The effect of plan amendments on accumulated plan benefits is recognized during the year in which such amendments are adopted.

The significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuation as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

Mortality	PRI-2012 mortality tables, projected using scale MP-2021
Retirement age	62
Discount rate and expected rate of return	5%
Expenses of administration	\$70,000 in 2024 and 2023; Expected to be paid from the trust

The 2024 foregoing actuarial assumptions are based on the presumption that the Plan will not continue. With the Plan termination, actuarial assumptions were applicable in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated Plan benefits.

The 2023 foregoing actuarial assumptions are based on the presumption that the Plan will continue. Were the Plan to terminate, different actuarial assumptions and other factors might be applicable in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated Plan benefits.

The computation of the actuarial present value of accumulated Plan benefits was made as of January 1, 2025. Had the valuation been performed as of December 31 there would be no material differences.

Note 4 - Funding Policy

The Plan's funding policy is for the Company to make annual contributions to the Plan equal to or greater than the Net Periodic Pension Cost as determined annually by the Plan actuary, in an amount that will meet or exceed ERISA minimum funding requirements. During 2024 and 2023, the Company was not required to make any contributions.

Note 5 - Plan Termination

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 ERISA. As discussed in Notes 1 and 2, the Plan was frozen and terminated on September 30, 2024. The net assets of the Plan are to be allocated as prescribed by ERISA and its related regulations, generally to provide the following benefits in the order indicated:

1. Annuity benefits that former employees or their beneficiaries have been receiving for at least three years, or that employees eligible to retire for that three-year period would have been receiving if they had retired with benefits in the normal form of annuity under the Plan. The priority amount is limited to the lowest benefit that was payable (or would have been payable) during those three years. The amount is further limited to the lowest benefit that would be payable under the Plan provisions in effect at any time during the five years preceding the Plan termination.
2. Other vested benefits insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (the PBGC) (a U.S. government agency) up to the applicable limitations.
3. All other vested benefits (that is, vested benefits not insured by the PBGC).
4. All non-vested benefits.

As a result of the decision to terminate the Plan, participants became fully vested in all benefits earned up to the date of termination, regardless of service.

Certain benefits under the Plan are insured by the PBGC if the Plan terminates. Generally, the PBGC guarantees most vested normal age retirement benefits, early retirement benefits, and certain disability and survivors' pensions. However, the PBGC does not guarantee all types of benefits under the Plan and the amount of benefit protection is subject to certain limitations. Vested benefits under the Plan are guaranteed at the level in effect at the date of the Plan's termination.

Whether all participants receive their benefits will depend on the sufficiency of the Plan's net assets to provide for accumulated benefit obligations and may also depend on the financial condition of the Plan Sponsor and the level of benefits guaranteed by the PBGC.

No funds can be returned to the Company unless all earned benefits have been fully provided.

Note 6 - 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.

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

Mutual funds (including money market mutual fund) – 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.

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Notes to Financial Statements in Liquidation

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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

	2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 35,002,756	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,002,756
Money market fund	3,345,443	-	-	3,345,443
	<u>\$ 38,348,199</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 38,348,199</u>
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 38,348,199</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 38,348,199</u>
	2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 35,880,930	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,880,930
Money market fund	4,707,097	-	-	4,707,097
	<u>\$ 40,588,027</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 40,588,027</u>
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 40,588,027</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 40,588,027</u>

Note 7 - Certified Investments

Certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments held at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and net depreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends for the year ended December 31, 2024, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Principal Trust Company (the custodian of the plan).

Note 8 - Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated November 21, 2014, that the Plan and related trust were designed in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Subsequent to this issuance of the determination letter, the Plan was amended. However, the Company and Plan management believes that the Plan is currently designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC, and the Plan and related trust continue to be tax-exempt.

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 tax 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 9 - Related Party and Party-in-Interest Transactions

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 the ERISA.

Note 10 - Risk 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 international 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 the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Plan contributions are made, and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits are reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates, and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements.

Supplementary Information
December 31, 2024

**Mountain States Employers Council Inc.
Pension Plan and Trust**

Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Pension Plan and Trust

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

December 31, 2024

Plan Number: 001

EIN: 84-0172643

(a)	(b)	(c)	2024	2024
	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
	Vanguard Long Term Investment Grade Fund Admiral Class	Mutual fund	\$ 28,194,811	\$ 29,047,828
	Vanguard Intermediate - Term C	Mutual fund	5,625,571	5,937,732
	AllSpring Treasury Plus Money Market Inst	Money market fund	3,345,443	3,345,443
	Dodge & Cox Stock Fund	Mutual fund	10,810	17,196
	Total assets held at end of year		<u>\$ 37,176,635</u>	<u>\$ 38,348,199</u>

* A party-in-interest as defined by the ERISA.

Attachment to the Schedule SB
 Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Pension Plan and Trust
 EIN/PN: 84-0172643/001
 Schedule SB, line 26(a) – Schedule of Active Participant Data

The number of active participants, summarized by attained age and years of credited service as of January 1, 2024, is shown below.

Age	Years of Credited Service										Total
	0	1–4	5–9	10–14	15–19	20–24	25–29	30–34	35–39	40+	
0–24	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
25–29	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
30–34	-	8	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
35–39	1	9	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
40–44	2	6	2	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	15
45–49	1	6	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
50–54	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	-	-	-	11
55–59	1	8	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	13
60–64	1	6	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
65–69	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
70+	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Total	8	54	22	10	5	2	2	-	-	-	103

Actuarial Cost Method

The actuarial cost method used for determining the Plan's ERISA funding requirements and the FASB ASC Topic 960 values is the Unit Credit method. Under this method, an accrued benefit is determined at each active participant's assumed retirement age based on compensation and service at both the beginning and the end of the current year. The Plan's Normal Cost is the sum of the present value of the excess of each active participant's accrued benefit at the end of the current year over that at the beginning of the current year. The Plan's accrued liability is the sum of (a) the present value of each active participant's accrued benefit at the beginning of the current year plus (b) the present value of each inactive participant's benefits. This method is prescribed for ERISA funding requirements by the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

Asset Valuation Method

The Actuarial Value of Assets used for determining the Plan's ERISA funding requirements is equal to the average of the Market Value of Assets and the expected Market Value of Assets for each of the two immediately preceding plan years, but it must be within 90% to 110% of the Market Value of Assets.

The Market Value of Assets is equal to the Fair Value of Assets as of the valuation date plus the discounted value of employer contributions made after the valuation date. These contributions are discounted to the valuation date using the Effective Interest Rate for the prior plan year.

The expected investment return for a plan year is based on the lesser of the expected rate of return on plan assets (6.00% per year for 2023 and prior and 5.00% for 2024) or the applicable statutory interest rate for the year.

PBGC Variable-Rate Premium Method

The standard method is used for the PBGC variable-rate premium calculation.

Amortization Method

For the Plan's ERISA funding requirements, incremental Funding Shortfall amounts are amortized over a fifteen-year period, and the related shortfall amortization payment is determined on the first valuation date following the plan year in which it arises based on the segment rates used for ERISA minimum funding purposes on that date, as prescribed under IRC Section 430.

ECONOMIC ASSUMPTIONS

Interest Rates

The current funding and PBGC interest rates are as follows. The funding interest rates are prescribed under IRS regulations based on the Plan Sponsor's interest rate election. The PBGC interest rates are based on the Plan Sponsor's elected method for determining the premium funding target.

	Minimum Funding	Maximum Deductible	PBGC Premium
Segment 1 (0–5 years)	4.75%	4.37%	5.01%
Segment 2 (5–20 years)	4.96%	4.96%	5.13%
Segment 3 (20+ years)	5.59%	4.95%	5.15%
Effective Interest Rate	5.18%	4.92%	5.13%

ERISA minimum funding: 24-month average segment rates as of the valuation date, adjusted to reflect the applicable segment rate stabilization corridor.

Maximum Deductible Contribution: 24-month average segment rates as of the valuation date, but not adjusted to reflect segment rate stabilization.

PBGC premium: Spot segment rates for the month preceding the valuation date, but not adjusted to reflect segment rate stabilization. The standard method is used for the PBGC variable-rate premium calculation.

FASB ASC Topic 960: 5.00% per year. This is the assumed rate of return for the Plan's entire portfolio of assets, net of investment expenses. It is based on the Plan's investment policy, including target asset allocation, and Milliman's capital market expectations.

Long-Term Investment Return

ERISA minimum funding: 5.00% per year. It is based on the Plan's investment policy, including target asset allocation, and Milliman's capital market expectations.

The investment return assumption for funding purposes was selected based on the Plan's target asset allocation as of the valuation date and capital market assumptions from several sources, including published studies summarizing the expectations of various investment experts. This information was used to develop forward-looking long-term expected returns, producing a range of reasonable expectations according to industry experts. Based on the resulting range of potential assumptions, in our professional judgment the selected investment return assumption is reasonable and is not expected to have any significant bias.

FASB ASC Topic 715: 5.00% per year. This assumption is prescribed by the Plan Sponsor.

Compensation Increases

4.00% per year, with increases assumed to occur at beginning of year. This assumption is based on historical participant behavior and expectations of future plan experience. Actual experience is annually compared to that expected to ensure the assumed future salary increase rate continues to be reasonable.

Inflation (CPI)

2.50% per year. It is based on Milliman's capital market expectations.

Postretirement Benefit Increases

None. (The Plan does not provide for automatic postretirement benefit increases.)

Maximum Benefit and Annual Compensation Limitation Increases

ERISA minimum funding and Maximum Deductible Contribution: 0% per year as required by statute.

FASB ASC Topic 715: The assumed inflation assumption of 3.00% per year.

Administrative Expenses

An allowance of \$70,000 for administrative expenses has been included in the Target Normal Cost.

DEMOGRAPHIC ASSUMPTIONS

Demographic assumptions are based on historical participant behavior and expectations of future plan experience. Actual experience is annually compared to that expected to ensure these assumptions remain reasonable. Details of these assumptions are shown below.

Mortality

ERISA minimum funding, Maximum Deductible Contribution, PBGC premium, and FASB ASC Topics 715 and 960: Statutory generational tables for 2024 based on the PRI-2012 amount weighted Employee and Retiree Mortality Tables, with projections to anticipate greater future longevity using projection scale MP-2021 with adjustments. This assumption is prescribed by the IRS for ERISA purposes.

Retirement

All active participants are assumed to retire according to the following table of rates.

Age	% of Eligible Retiring at Given Year of Age
60	10%
61	10
62	35
63	65
64	20
65	75
66	20
67	20
68	20
69	20
70+	100

Terminated vested participants are assumed to retire at Normal Retirement Date (age 62).

This assumption is based on historical participant behavior and expectations of future plan experience. Actual experience is annually compared to that expected to ensure the assumed retirement rates continue to be reasonable.

Termination

Annual rates of termination are based on years of service, as shown below

Service	Termination
1	20.0%
2	20.0%
3	25.0%
4	25.0%
5	25.0%
6	15.0%
7	10.0%
8	10.0%
9	5.0%
10	5.0%
11	5.0%
12	2.0%
13	1.0%
14	1.0%
15+	0.0%

This assumption is based on historical participant behavior and expectations of future plan experience. Actual experience is annually compared to that expected to ensure the assumed withdrawal rates continue to be reasonable.

Disability

None assumed.

Decrement Timing

Decrements are assumed to occur at the middle of the year, except that 100% retirement (see above) is assumed to occur at the beginning of the year.

Form of Payment

60% of all participants withdrawing or retiring and eligible to elect a lump sum are assumed to do so, payable at the earliest age eligible. The other 40% are assumed to elect benefits payable in the normal form, a single life annuity. 100% of those participants not eligible for the lump sum are assumed to elect a single life annuity.

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 <small>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).</small> ▶ 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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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

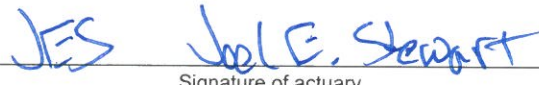

▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**
▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan MOUNTAIN STATES EMPLOYERS COUNCIL, INC. PENSION PLAN AND TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF Employers Council	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-0172643	
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 type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2024</u>			
2 Assets:			
a Market value	2a	40,726,503	
b Actuarial value	2b	41,108,163	
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	69	10,323,563	10,323,563
b For terminated vested participants	133	14,296,226	14,296,226
c For active participants	103	6,203,206	6,589,106
d Total	305	30,822,995	31,208,895
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	5.18%	
6 Target normal cost			
a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	783,670	
b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	52,500	
c Target normal cost	6c	836,170	

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	 Signature of actuary	 Date
	JOEL E. STEWART, FSA, EA Type or print name of actuary	2306534 Most recent enrollment number
	MILLIMAN, INC. Firm name	303-299-9400 Telephone number (including area code)
	1400 WEWATTA STREET, SUITE 900 DENVER CO 80202 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)	3,509,185	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)	3,509,185	0
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>16.58</u> %	581,823	0
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		230,801
	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>5.25</u> %		12,117
	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.....		242,918
	d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		
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).....	4,091,008	0

Part III Funding Percentages			
14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	118.61 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	131.71 %
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	137.42 %
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	
Totals ▶			18(b)	0	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	0

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: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 4.96 %	3rd segment: 5.59 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
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b Applicable month (enter code)..... **21b** 0

22 Weighted average retirement age **22** 63

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** 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** 836,170

b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a **31b** 836,170

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** 0

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)..... **36** 0

37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)..... **37** 0

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

a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)..... **38a** 0

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** 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. 2019 2020 2021

Attachment to the Schedule SB
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Schedule SB, line 22 – Description of Weighted Average Retirement Age

The weighted average retirement age for active participants is 62.7. This equals the sum, over all retirement ages, of the retirement age multiplied by the probability of retiring at that age, as shown in the following table.

(a) Possible Retirement Age "r"	(b) Assumed Rate of Retirement at Age "r"	(c) Probability of Person Age 60 Still Working at "r"	(d) (b) x (c) = Probability of Person Age 60 Retiring at "r"	(e) (a) x (d) = Component of Weighted Average Retirement Age
60	0.10	1.0000	0.1000	6.0000
61	0.10	0.9000	0.0900	5.4900
62	0.35	0.8100	0.2835	17.5770
63	0.65	0.5265	0.3422	21.5586
64	0.20	0.1843	0.0369	2.3616
65	0.75	0.1474	0.1106	7.1890
66	0.20	0.0369	0.0074	0.4884
67	0.20	0.0295	0.0059	0.3953
68	0.20	0.0236	0.0047	0.1960
69	0.20	0.0189	0.0038	0.6220
70	1.00	0.0151	0.0151	1.0500
Weighted Average Retirement Age:				62.7

Effective Date

January 1, 1965. Most recently restated effective in 2013 and most recently amended effective October 1, 2015.

Plan Year

January 1 - December 31.

Plan Sponsor

Employer's Council

Eligibility

Employees become eligible to participate on the January 1 or July 1 coincident with or following the first anniversary of employment if the employee completes 1,000 hours of service.

Employees of Industrial Relations Council of Utah ("IRCU") who became employees of the Employer as a result of the merger reflected in the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated October 1, 2015 ("Utah Employees") shall become Participants upon the date the Employee first performs an Hour of Service with the Employer.

Years of Service

- (a) Years of Vesting Service - A Year of Vesting Service is credited for each Plan Year in which an employee completes 1,000 or more hours of service.
- (b) Years of Benefit Service - A Year of Benefit Service is credited for each Plan Year in which an employee completes 2,080 or more hours of service. If an employee works between 1,000 and 2,080 hours in a Plan Year, a partial Year of Benefit Service will be credited at a rate of 1/2,080 for each hour of service. Additionally, if an employee works less than 1,000 hours during their first and/or last years of employment, a partial Year of Benefit Service will be credited at a rate of 1/2,080 for each hour of service.

Average Compensation

The average of a Participant's monthly compensation during the five consecutive calendar years out of the last ten calendar years which produce the highest Average Compensation. Compensation during any of the last ten complete calendar years during which the employee completes less than 2,080 hours of service will be annualized assuming 2,080 hours of service. For Participants with less than five consecutive plan years as a Participant, the Average Compensation is determined for the period as a Participant.

Normal Retirement Date

A Participant's normal retirement date will be the first of the month following his attainment of age 62.

Normal Retirement Benefit

A monthly income equal to 1.85% of Average Compensation times Years of Benefit Service, plus 0.45% of Average Compensation in excess of Covered Compensation times Years of Benefit Service up to 35 years.

Normal Form of Benefit

The normal form of benefit is a "life only" annuity. Married participants will receive a reduced benefit payable in the form of a qualified joint and 50% survivor annuity unless an alternate form of annuity is elected.

Early Retirement Date

A Participant may retire at any time after attainment of age 55 providing he has 10 years of service.

Early Retirement Benefit

The early retirement benefit will be equal to his accrued pension reduced by 0.33% for each month earlier than age Normal Retirement Date.

Disability Benefit

A Participant who becomes totally disabled while employed by the Employer is eligible to receive a benefit at his Normal Retirement Age equal to his accrued benefit at his date of termination due to disability calculated using Credited Service through his Normal Retirement Date, or if earlier, his cessation of total disability.

Pre-Retirement Death Benefit

If a Participant is married at his date of death and is vested, an annuity will be payable to the surviving spouse. The amount will be equal to 50% of the amount payable had the Participant retired on the day prior to his date of death, and elected a joint and 50% survivor annuity. The benefit will be payable no earlier than the date the Participant would have become eligible for early retirement.

Lump Sum Distributions

Effective September 1, 2009, if a Participant is eligible for early or normal retirement, the Participant's accrued benefit may be paid in a lump sum distribution, provided that the Participant first performed an Hour of Service for the Employer before September 1, 2009.

Vesting

A Participant who terminates employment prior to his Normal Retirement Date shall be eligible to receive the following percentage of his accrued benefit:

Years of Vesting Service	Vested Percentage
Less than 5	0%
5 or more	100%

Utah Employees shall be 100% vested upon the date the Employee first performs an Hour of Service with the Employer.

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Schedule SB, Part V – Summary of Plan Provisions

Changes in Principal Plan Provisions Since Prior Valuation

The Plan was automatically amended to reflect the increases to the 401(a)(17) maximum compensation and 415 maximum benefit limits.

Mountain States Employers Council, Inc. Pension Plan and Trust

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

December 31, 2024

Plan Number: 001

EIN: 84-0172643

(a)	(b)	(c)	2024	2024
	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
	Vanguard Long Term Investment Grade Fund Admiral Class	Mutual fund	\$ 28,194,811	\$ 29,047,828
	Vanguard Intermediate - Term C	Mutual fund	5,625,571	5,937,732
	AllSpring Treasury Plus Money Market Inst	Money market fund	3,345,443	3,345,443
	Dodge & Cox Stock Fund	Mutual fund	10,810	17,196
	Total assets held at end of year		<u>\$ 37,176,635</u>	<u>\$ 38,348,199</u>

* A party-in-interest as defined by the ERISA.

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Schedule SB, line 24 – Change in Actuarial Assumptions

Long-term investment return assumption: This assumption was reduced from 6.0% to 5.0% to reflect the Plan Sponsor's change in Plan investment strategy in preparation of the plan termination process.