

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

2024

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

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

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: LUMEN RETIREE AND INACTIVE HEALTH PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 511
1c Effective date of plan: 11/01/1978
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 72-0651161
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 318-388-9000
2d Business code (see instructions): 517000

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

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

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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

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| 3a Plan administrator's name and address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor LUMEN EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE C/O LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 214 E. 24TH ST VANCOUVER, WA 98663 | 3b Administrator's EIN 72-0651161 3c Administrator's telephone number 360-905-7972 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 78813 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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..... | <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width:10%;">6a(1)</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>6a(2)</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>6b</td><td style="text-align: right;">75189</td></tr> <tr><td>6c</td><td style="text-align: right;">0</td></tr> <tr><td>6d</td><td style="text-align: right;">75189</td></tr> <tr><td>6e</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>6f</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>6g(1)</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>6g(2)</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>6h</td><td></td></tr> </table> | 6a(1) | 0 | 6a(2) | 0 | 6b | 75189 | 6c | 0 | 6d | 75189 | 6e | | 6f | | 6g(1) | | 6g(2) | | 6h | |
| 6a(1) | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6a(2) | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6b | 75189 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6c | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6d | 75189 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6e | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6f | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6g(1) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6g(2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6h | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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:

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
 4A 4B 4D 4E 4U

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| 9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | 9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

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| a Pension Schedules (1) <input type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____ (5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information) | b General Schedules (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>7</u> (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) (5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules) |
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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 _____

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| <p style="text-align: center;">SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p> | <p>Insurance Information</p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p> | <p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large;">2024</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p> |
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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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| <p>A Name of plan LUMEN RETIREE AND INACTIVE HEALTH PLAN</p> | <p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p> | <p>511</p> |
| <p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES, INC.</p> | <p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-0651161</p> | |

Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
UNITED HEALTHCARE INSURANCE COMPANY

| (b) EIN | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year | |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|------------|
| | | | | (f) From | (g) To |
| 36-2739571 | 79413 | 192086 | 8 | 01/01/2024 | 12/31/2024 |

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

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| (a) Total amount of commissions paid | (b) Total amount of fees paid |
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
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| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

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| 4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | 4 | |
| 5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... | 5 | |

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier **6b**

c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c**

d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
 Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
 (3) other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
 (3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶

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| b Balance at the end of the previous year | 7b | 0 |
| c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | |
| | 7c(2) | |
| | 7c(3) | |
| | 7c(4) | |
| | 7c(5) | |
| (6) Total additions | 7c(6) | 0 |
| d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | 7d | 0 |
| e Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year | 7e(1) | |
| | 7e(2) | |
| | 7e(3) | |
| | 7e(4) | |
| | (5) Total deductions | |
| f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)..... | 7f | 0 |

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information
 If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** Health (other than dental or vision)
- b** Dental
- c** Vision
- d** Life insurance
- e** Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
- f** Long-term disability
- g** Supplemental unemployment
- h** Prescription drug
- i** Stop loss (large deductible)
- j** HMO contract
- k** PPO contract
- l** Indemnity contract
- m** Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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| a | Premiums: (1) Amount received | 9a(1) | 15120 |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid | 9a(2) | |
| | (3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve | 9a(3) | 0 |
| | (4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) | 9a(4) | 15120 |
| b | Benefit charges (1) Claims paid | 9b(1) | 1507 |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves | 9b(2) | 0 |
| | (3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) | 9b(3) | 1507 |
| | (4) Claims charged | 9b(4) | 1507 |
| c | Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) -- | | |
| | (A) Commissions | 9c(1)(A) | |
| | (B) Administrative service or other fees | 9c(1)(B) | 1920 |
| | (C) Other specific acquisition costs | 9c(1)(C) | 0 |
| | (D) Other expenses | 9c(1)(D) | 0 |
| | (E) Taxes | 9c(1)(E) | 348 |
| | (F) Charges for risks or other contingencies | 9c(1)(F) | |
| | (G) Other retention charges | 9c(1)(G) | 0 |
| | (H) Total retention | 9c(1)(H) | 2268 |
| | (2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) | 9c(2) | 11345 |
| d | Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement | 9d(1) | 0 |
| | (2) Claim reserves | 9d(2) | 4388 |
| | (3) Other reserves | 9d(3) | 0 |
| e | Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) | 9e | 0 |

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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| a | Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier | 10a | 0 |
| b | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. Specify nature of costs. | 10b | |

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? Yes No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
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| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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| 4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | 4 | |
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6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier **6b**

c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c**

d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
 Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
 (3) other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
 (3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶

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| b Balance at the end of the previous year | 7b | 0 |
| c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | |
| | 7c(2) | |
| | 7c(3) | |
| | 7c(4) | |
| | 7c(5) | |
| (6) Total additions | 7c(6) | 0 |
| d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | 7d | 0 |
| e Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year | 7e(1) | |
| | 7e(2) | |
| | 7e(3) | |
| | 7e(4) | |
| | (5) Total deductions | |
| f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)..... | 7f | 0 |

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information
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8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** Health (other than dental or vision)
- b** Dental
- c** Vision
- d** Life insurance
- e** Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
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- h** Prescription drug
- i** Stop loss (large deductible)
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- k** PPO contract
- l** Indemnity contract
- m** Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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| a | Premiums: (1) Amount received | 9a(1) | | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid | 9a(2) | | |
| | (3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve | 9a(3) | | |
| | (4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) | | 9a(4) | 0 |
| b | Benefit charges (1) Claims paid | 9b(1) | | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves | 9b(2) | | |
| | (3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) | | 9b(3) | 0 |
| | (4) Claims charged | | 9b(4) | |
| c | Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) -- | | | |
| | (A) Commissions | 9c(1)(A) | | |
| | (B) Administrative service or other fees | 9c(1)(B) | | |
| | (C) Other specific acquisition costs | 9c(1)(C) | | |
| | (D) Other expenses | 9c(1)(D) | | |
| | (E) Taxes | 9c(1)(E) | | |
| | (F) Charges for risks or other contingencies | 9c(1)(F) | | |
| | (G) Other retention charges | 9c(1)(G) | | |
| | (H) Total retention | | 9c(1)(H) | 0 |
| | (2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) | | 9c(2) | |
| d | Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement | | 9d(1) | |
| | (2) Claim reserves | | 9d(2) | |
| | (3) Other reserves | | 9d(3) | |
| e | Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) | | 9e | |

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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|----------|--|------------|--|------|
| a | Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier | 10a | | 5888 |
| b | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. | 10b | | |

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? Yes No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

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| <p>SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)</p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p> | <p>Insurance Information</p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p> | <p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p>2024</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p> |
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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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| <p>A Name of plan LUMEN RETIREE AND INACTIVE HEALTH PLAN</p> | <p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p> | <p>511</p> |
| <p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES, INC.</p> | <p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-0651161</p> | |

Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
SIERRA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.

| (b) EIN | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year | |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|------------|
| | | | | (f) From | (g) To |
| 94-0734860 | 71420 | H2001-24318 | 2080 | 01/01/2024 | 12/31/2024 |

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

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| (a) Total amount of commissions paid | (b) Total amount of fees paid |
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

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| 4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | 4 | |
| 5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... | 5 | |

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier **6b**

c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c**

d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
 Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
 (3) other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
 (3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶

| | | |
|---|----------------------------|---|
| b Balance at the end of the previous year | 7b | 0 |
| c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | |
| | 7c(2) | |
| | 7c(3) | |
| | 7c(4) | |
| | 7c(5) | |
| (6) Total additions | 7c(6) | 0 |
| d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | 7d | 0 |
| e Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year | 7e(1) | |
| | 7e(2) | |
| | 7e(3) | |
| | 7e(4) | |
| | (5) Total deductions | |
| f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)..... | 7f | 0 |

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information
 If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** Health (other than dental or vision)
- b** Dental
- c** Vision
- d** Life insurance
- e** Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
- f** Long-term disability
- g** Supplemental unemployment
- h** Prescription drug
- i** Stop loss (large deductible)
- j** HMO contract
- k** PPO contract
- l** Indemnity contract
- m** Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

| | | | | |
|----------|--|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| a | Premiums: (1) Amount received | 9a(1) | | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid | 9a(2) | | |
| | (3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve | 9a(3) | | |
| | (4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) | | 9a(4) | 0 |
| b | Benefit charges (1) Claims paid | 9b(1) | | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves | 9b(2) | | |
| | (3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) | | 9b(3) | 0 |
| | (4) Claims charged | | 9b(4) | |
| c | Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) -- | | | |
| | (A) Commissions | 9c(1)(A) | | |
| | (B) Administrative service or other fees | 9c(1)(B) | | |
| | (C) Other specific acquisition costs | 9c(1)(C) | | |
| | (D) Other expenses | 9c(1)(D) | | |
| | (E) Taxes | 9c(1)(E) | | |
| | (F) Charges for risks or other contingencies | 9c(1)(F) | | |
| | (G) Other retention charges | 9c(1)(G) | | |
| | (H) Total retention | | 9c(1)(H) | 0 |
| | (2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) | | 9c(2) | |
| d | Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement | | 9d(1) | |
| | (2) Claim reserves | | 9d(2) | |
| | (3) Other reserves | | 9d(3) | |
| e | Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) | | 9e | |

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

| | | | | |
|----------|--|------------|--|---------|
| a | Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier | 10a | | 4534805 |
| b | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. | 10b | | |

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? Yes No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

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| <p>SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)</p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p> | <p>Insurance Information</p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p> | <p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p>2024</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p> |
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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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| <p>A Name of plan LUMEN RETIREE AND INACTIVE HEALTH PLAN</p> | <p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p> | <p>511</p> |
| <p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES, INC.</p> | <p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-0651161</p> | |

Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

| (b) EIN | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year | |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|------------|
| | | | | (f) From | (g) To |
| 13-5581829 | 65978 | 0148164 | 9967 | 01/01/2024 | 12/31/2024 |

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

| | |
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| <p>(a) Total amount of commissions paid 4032</p> | <p>(b) Total amount of fees paid 148937</p> |
|---|--|

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
AON CONSULTING INC **29840 NETWORK PL**
CHICAGO, IL 60673-1298

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| 0 | 143981 | SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION, PRODUCER SERVICE FEES, MARKETING, NON-MONETARY COMPENSATION | 3 |

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
BSC AGENCY LLC **1025 ASHWORTH RD STE 101**
WEST DES MOINES, IA 50265-3542

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| 0 | 4845 | PRODUCER SERVICE FEES | 3 |

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| 4032 | 111 | NON-MONETARY COMPENSATION | 3 |

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

| | | |
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| 4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | 4 | |
| 5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... | 5 | |

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier **6b**

c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c**

d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
 Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
 (3) other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
 (3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶

| | | |
|---|----------------------------|---|
| b Balance at the end of the previous year | 7b | 0 |
| c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | |
| | 7c(2) | |
| | 7c(3) | |
| | 7c(4) | |
| | 7c(5) | |
| (6) Total additions | 7c(6) | 0 |
| d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | 7d | 0 |
| e Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year | 7e(1) | |
| | 7e(2) | |
| | 7e(3) | |
| | 7e(4) | |
| | (5) Total deductions | |
| f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)..... | 7f | 0 |

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information
 If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** Health (other than dental or vision)
 b Dental
 c Vision
 d Life insurance
e Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f Long-term disability
 g Supplemental unemployment
 h Prescription drug
i Stop loss (large deductible)
 j HMO contract
 k PPO contract
 l Indemnity contract
m Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

| | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| a Premiums: (1) Amount received | 9a(1) | | |
| (2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid | 9a(2) | | |
| (3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve | 9a(3) | | |
| (4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) | | 9a(4) | 0 |
| b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid | 9b(1) | | |
| (2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves | 9b(2) | | |
| (3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) | | 9b(3) | 0 |
| (4) Claims charged | | 9b(4) | |
| c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) -- | | | |
| (A) Commissions | 9c(1)(A) | | |
| (B) Administrative service or other fees | 9c(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Other specific acquisition costs | 9c(1)(C) | | |
| (D) Other expenses | 9c(1)(D) | | |
| (E) Taxes | 9c(1)(E) | | |
| (F) Charges for risks or other contingencies | 9c(1)(F) | | |
| (G) Other retention charges | 9c(1)(G) | | |
| (H) Total retention | | 9c(1)(H) | 0 |
| (2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) | | 9c(2) | |
| d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement | | 9d(1) | |
| (2) Claim reserves | | 9d(2) | |
| (3) Other reserves | | 9d(3) | |
| e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) | | 9e | |

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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|---|------------|----------|
| a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier | 10a | 10443937 |
| b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. Specify nature of costs. | 10b | |

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? Yes No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| 0 | 1015 | SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION, PRODUCER SERVICE FEES, MARKETING FEES, NON-MONETARY COMPENSATION | 3 |

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
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| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

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| 4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | 4 | |
| 5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... | 5 | |

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier **6b**

c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c**

d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
 Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
 (3) other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
 (3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶

| | | |
|---|----------------------------|---|
| b Balance at the end of the previous year | 7b | 0 |
| c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | |
| | 7c(2) | |
| | 7c(3) | |
| | 7c(4) | |
| | 7c(5) | |
| (6) Total additions | 7c(6) | 0 |
| d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | 7d | 0 |
| e Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year | 7e(1) | |
| | 7e(2) | |
| | 7e(3) | |
| | 7e(4) | |
| | (5) Total deductions | |
| f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)..... | 7f | 0 |

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information
 If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** Health (other than dental or vision)
- b** Dental
- c** Vision
- d** Life insurance
- e** Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
- f** Long-term disability
- g** Supplemental unemployment
- h** Prescription drug
- i** Stop loss (large deductible)
- j** HMO contract
- k** PPO contract
- l** Indemnity contract
- m** Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

| | | | | | |
|----------|--|-----------------|-----------------|--|---|
| a | Premiums: (1) Amount received | 9a(1) | | | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid | 9a(2) | | | |
| | (3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve | 9a(3) | | | |
| | (4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) | | 9a(4) | | 0 |
| b | Benefit charges (1) Claims paid | 9b(1) | | | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves | 9b(2) | | | |
| | (3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) | | 9b(3) | | 0 |
| | (4) Claims charged | | 9b(4) | | |
| c | Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) -- | | | | |
| | (A) Commissions | 9c(1)(A) | | | |
| | (B) Administrative service or other fees | 9c(1)(B) | | | |
| | (C) Other specific acquisition costs | 9c(1)(C) | | | |
| | (D) Other expenses | 9c(1)(D) | | | |
| | (E) Taxes | 9c(1)(E) | | | |
| | (F) Charges for risks or other contingencies | 9c(1)(F) | | | |
| | (G) Other retention charges | 9c(1)(G) | | | |
| | (H) Total retention | | 9c(1)(H) | | 0 |
| | (2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) | | 9c(2) | | |
| d | Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement | | 9d(1) | | |
| | (2) Claim reserves | | 9d(2) | | |
| | (3) Other reserves | | 9d(3) | | |
| e | Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) | | 9e | | |

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

| | | | | | |
|----------|--|------------|--|--|-------|
| a | Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier | 10a | | | 68289 |
| b | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. | 10b | | | |

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? Yes No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

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| <p style="text-align: center;">SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p> | <p>Insurance Information</p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p> | <p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large;">2024</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p> |
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

| | | |
|--|--|-------------------|
| <p>A Name of plan LUMEN RETIREE AND INACTIVE HEALTH PLAN</p> | <p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p> | <p>511</p> |
| <p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES, INC.</p> | <p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-0651161</p> | |

Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

| (b) EIN | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year | |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|------------|
| | | | | (f) From | (g) To |
| 13-5581829 | 65978 | 0148166 | 39016 | 01/01/2024 | 12/31/2024 |

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>(a) Total amount of commissions paid</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21624</p> | <p>(b) Total amount of fees paid</p> <p style="text-align: right;">333071</p> |
|---|---|

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| 0 | 308097 | SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION, PRODUCER SERVICE FEES, MARKETING FEES, NON-MONETARY COMPENSATION | 3 |

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

BSC AGENCY LLC **1025 ASHWORTH RD STE 101**
WEST DES MOINES, IA 50265-3542

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| 0 | 24863 | PRODUCER SERVICE FEES | 3 |

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| 21624 | 111 | NON-MONETARY COMPENSATION | 3 |

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
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| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

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| 4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | 4 | |
| 5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... | 5 | |

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier **6b**

c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c**

d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
 Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
 (3) other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
 (3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶

| | | |
|---|----------------------------|---|
| b Balance at the end of the previous year | 7b | 0 |
| c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | |
| | 7c(2) | |
| | 7c(3) | |
| | 7c(4) | |
| | 7c(5) | |
| (6) Total additions | 7c(6) | 0 |
| d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | 7d | 0 |
| e Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year | 7e(1) | |
| | 7e(2) | |
| | 7e(3) | |
| | 7e(4) | |
| | (5) Total deductions | |
| f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)..... | 7f | 0 |

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information
 If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** Health (other than dental or vision)
- b** Dental
- c** Vision
- d** Life insurance
- e** Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
- f** Long-term disability
- g** Supplemental unemployment
- h** Prescription drug
- i** Stop loss (large deductible)
- j** HMO contract
- k** PPO contract
- l** Indemnity contract
- m** Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

| | | | | |
|----------|--|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| a | Premiums: (1) Amount received | 9a(1) | | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid | 9a(2) | | |
| | (3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve | 9a(3) | | |
| | (4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) | | 9a(4) | 0 |
| b | Benefit charges (1) Claims paid | 9b(1) | | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves | 9b(2) | | |
| | (3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) | | 9b(3) | 0 |
| | (4) Claims charged | | 9b(4) | |
| c | Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) -- | | | |
| | (A) Commissions | 9c(1)(A) | | |
| | (B) Administrative service or other fees | 9c(1)(B) | | |
| | (C) Other specific acquisition costs | 9c(1)(C) | | |
| | (D) Other expenses | 9c(1)(D) | | |
| | (E) Taxes | 9c(1)(E) | | |
| | (F) Charges for risks or other contingencies | 9c(1)(F) | | |
| | (G) Other retention charges | 9c(1)(G) | | |
| | (H) Total retention | | 9c(1)(H) | 0 |
| | (2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) | | 9c(2) | |
| d | Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement | | 9d(1) | |
| | (2) Claim reserves | | 9d(2) | |
| | (3) Other reserves | | 9d(3) | |
| e | Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) | | 9e | |

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

| | | | | |
|----------|--|------------|--|----------|
| a | Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier | 10a | | 17660919 |
| b | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. | 10b | | |

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? Yes No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

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| <p>SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)</p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p> | <p>Insurance Information</p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p> | <p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p>2024</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p> |
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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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| <p>A Name of plan LUMEN RETIREE AND INACTIVE HEALTH PLAN</p> | <p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p> | <p>511</p> |
| <p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES, INC.</p> | <p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-0651161</p> | |

Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
SIERRA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.

| (b) EIN | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year | |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|------------|
| | | | | (f) From | (g) To |
| 94-0734860 | 71420 | H2001-25537 | 2919 | 01/01/2024 | 12/31/2024 |

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

| | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| (a) Total amount of commissions paid | (b) Total amount of fees paid |
|---|--------------------------------------|

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

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| 4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | 4 | |
| 5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... | 5 | |

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier **6b**

c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c**

d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
 Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
 (3) other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
 (3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶

| | | |
|---|----------------------------|---|
| b Balance at the end of the previous year | 7b | 0 |
| c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | |
| | 7c(2) | |
| | 7c(3) | |
| | 7c(4) | |
| | 7c(5) | |
| (6) Total additions | 7c(6) | 0 |
| d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | 7d | 0 |
| e Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year | 7e(1) | |
| | 7e(2) | |
| | 7e(3) | |
| | 7e(4) | |
| | (5) Total deductions | |
| f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)..... | 7f | 0 |

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information
 If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** Health (other than dental or vision)
- b** Dental
- c** Vision
- d** Life insurance
- e** Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
- f** Long-term disability
- g** Supplemental unemployment
- h** Prescription drug
- i** Stop loss (large deductible)
- j** HMO contract
- k** PPO contract
- l** Indemnity contract
- m** Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

| | | | | |
|----------|--|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| a | Premiums: (1) Amount received | 9a(1) | | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid | 9a(2) | | |
| | (3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve | 9a(3) | | |
| | (4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) | | 9a(4) | 0 |
| b | Benefit charges (1) Claims paid | 9b(1) | | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves | 9b(2) | | |
| | (3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) | | 9b(3) | 0 |
| | (4) Claims charged | | 9b(4) | |
| c | Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) -- | | | |
| | (A) Commissions | 9c(1)(A) | | |
| | (B) Administrative service or other fees | 9c(1)(B) | | |
| | (C) Other specific acquisition costs | 9c(1)(C) | | |
| | (D) Other expenses | 9c(1)(D) | | |
| | (E) Taxes | 9c(1)(E) | | |
| | (F) Charges for risks or other contingencies | 9c(1)(F) | | |
| | (G) Other retention charges | 9c(1)(G) | | |
| | (H) Total retention | | 9c(1)(H) | 0 |
| | (2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) | | 9c(2) | |
| d | Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement | | 9d(1) | |
| | (2) Claim reserves | | 9d(2) | |
| | (3) Other reserves | | 9d(3) | |
| e | Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) | | 9e | |

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

| | | | | |
|----------|--|------------|--|---------|
| a | Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier | 10a | | 5285704 |
| b | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. | 10b | | |

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? Yes No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

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| 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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| A Name of plan LUMEN RETIREE AND INACTIVE HEALTH PLAN | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | 511 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES, INC. | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-0651161 | |

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

13-4008324

| (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? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 10 50 | ACCOUNTING | 24530 | 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)

NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY

36-1561860

| (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? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 21 50 | CUSTODY & FEES | 15707 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

| (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.

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| (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. | |
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

| (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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| (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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| (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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| (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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| (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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| (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 |
| | | |

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: |
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Explanation:

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

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| SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> | DFE/Participating Plan 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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| A Name of plan <u>LUMEN RETIREE AND INACTIVE HEALTH PLAN</u> | B Three-digit plan number (PN) | <u>511</u> |
| C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES, INC.</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>72-0651161</u> | |

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| Part I | Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs) |
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| | | |
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| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>COM SHORT TERM INVT FUND</u> | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>NORTHERN TRUST</u> | | |
| c EIN-PN <u>36-6452394-001</u> | d Entity code <u>C</u> | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>435450</u> |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | |
| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | |
| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | |
| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | |
| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | |
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|-----------------|----------------------|---|
| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
|-----------------|----------------------|---|

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| 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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| For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024 | |
| A Name of plan LUMEN RETIREE AND INACTIVE HEALTH PLAN | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 511 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES, INC. | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 72-0651161 |

| | |
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| Part I | Asset and Liability Statement |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|

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 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| a Total noninterest-bearing cash | 1a | | |
| b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts): | | | |
| (1) Employer contributions | 1b(1) | | |
| (2) Participant contributions | 1b(2) | | |
| (3) Other | 1b(3) | | |
| c General investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) | 1c(1) | | |
| (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) | 214 | 214 |
| (B) Common | 1c(4)(B) | | |
| (5) Partnership/joint venture interests | 1c(5) | 983917 | 812841 |
| (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) | 337463 | 435450 |
| (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) | | |
| (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 | 1321594 | 1248505 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| g Benefit claims payable..... | 1g | 511472 | 193499 |
| h Operating payables..... | 1h | | |
| i Acquisition indebtedness..... | 1i | | |
| j Other liabilities..... | 1j | 0 | 0 |
| k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)..... | 1k | 511472 | 193499 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)..... | 1l | 810122 | 1055006 |

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) | 195018220 | |
| (B) Participants..... | 2a(1)(B) | 27476891 | |
| (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) | | 222495111 |
| b Earnings on investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest: | | | |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)..... | 2b(1)(A) | | |
| (B) U.S. Government securities..... | 2b(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments..... | 2b(1)(C) | | |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants)..... | 2b(1)(D) | | |
| (E) Participant loans..... | 2b(1)(E) | | |
| (F) Other..... | 2b(1)(F) | | |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F) | 2b(1)(G) | | 0 |
| (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) | | |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C) | 2b(2)(D) | | 0 |
| (3) Rents..... | 2b(3) | | |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: | | | |
| (A) Aggregate proceeds..... | 2b(4)(A) | 27138 | |
| (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) | -79598 | |
| (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) | 18834 |
| (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) | |
| c Other income | 2c | 780 |
| d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2d | 222462265 |

Expenses

| | | |
|--|--------|-----------|
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers..... | 2e(1) | 162259872 |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits | 2e(2) | 59917265 |
| (3) Other..... | 2e(3) | |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) | 2e(4) | 222177137 |
| 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) | 24530 |
| (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) | 15707 |
| (7) Actuarial fees | 2i(7) | |
| (8) Legal fees | 2i(8) | |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees | 2i(9) | |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses | 2i(10) | |
| (11) Other expenses..... | 2i(11) | 7 |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) | 2i(12) | 40244 |
| j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2j | 222217381 |

Net Income and Reconciliation

| | | |
|--|-------|--------|
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d..... | 2k | 244884 |
| 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: **EISNERAMPER LLP**

(2) EIN: **87-1363769**

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 | | 50000000 |
| 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.) | | X | |
| n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3. | | | |

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

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

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

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) Yes No Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

LUMEN RETIREE AND INACTIVE HEALTH PLAN
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES
December 31, 2024 and 2023
(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator, Participants and Beneficiaries
of the Lumen Retiree and Inactive Health Plan

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Lumen Retiree and Inactive Health Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for each of the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for each of the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our 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.

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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 auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

Other Matter

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024, and the schedule of reportable transactions, category I and the schedule of reportable transactions, category II for the year ended December 31, 2024, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.



In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

EisnerAmper LLP

EISNERAMPER LLP
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
October 10, 2025

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**LUMEN RETIREE AND INACTIVE HEALTH PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

As of December 31,

2024 2023

(Dollars in thousands)

Assets

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Investments, at fair value: | | |
| Cash and short-term investments | \$ 436 | 338 |
| Private equity | 813 | 984 |
| Total investments, at fair value | 1,249 | 1,322 |
| Total assets | 1,249 | 1,322 |

Liabilities

| | | |
|--|-----------------|------------|
| Other payables | 194 | 512 |
| Total liabilities | 194 | 512 |
| Net assets available for benefits | \$ 1,055 | 810 |

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

**LUMEN RETIREE AND INACTIVE HEALTH PLAN
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

| | Years Ended December 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2024 | 2023 |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| Additions (deductions) to net assets attributed to: | | |
| Contributions: | | |
| Employer contributions | \$ 195,018 | 200,274 |
| Participant contributions | 27,477 | 32,719 |
| Total contributions | 222,495 | 232,993 |
| Investment income: | | |
| Interest | 20 | 118 |
| Investment expenses | (40) | (34) |
| Net investment (loss) income | (20) | 84 |
| Total net depreciation in the fair value of investments | (53) | (44) |
| Total additions, net | 222,422 | 233,033 |
| Deductions from net assets attributed to: | | |
| Benefits payments, net | 162,260 | 175,801 |
| Insurance premiums and third-party administrator fees | 46,707 | 46,444 |
| Medicare Part B premiums | 13,210 | 14,361 |
| Total benefits and fees paid | 222,177 | 236,606 |
| Administrative expenses, net of refunds | — | 3 |
| Total deductions, net | 222,177 | 236,609 |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets available for benefits | 245 | (3,576) |
| Net assets available for benefits: | | |
| Beginning of year | 810 | 4,386 |
| End of year | \$ 1,055 | 810 |

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

LUMEN RETIREE AND INACTIVE HEALTH PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Plan Description

The Lumen Retiree and Inactive Health Plan (the “Plan”) provides certain retiree benefits to eligible participants of legacy entities of Lumen Technologies, Inc., formerly named CenturyLink, Inc., (the “Company” or “Lumen”), including CenturyTel, Embarq Corporation (“Embarq”), Qwest Communications International Inc. (“Qwest”) and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph (“CT&T”). The Plan is subject to the regulations and requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”). The purpose of the Plan is to provide certain health and medical benefits to eligible retirees, other inactive participants, long-term disability (“LTD”) participants and their eligible dependents. The Plan is intended to be a stand-alone “exempt” retiree health care plan for purposes of the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act of 2010 (“PPACA”). Accordingly, the Plan is not subject to the requirements and market reforms of PPACA. The Plan, however, voluntarily complies with certain PPACA provisions, but this does not waive its exempt status.

During the second quarter of 2024, Lumen reduced a portion of its work force, and offered enhanced retirement benefits to certain employees who met specified age and service requirements (less than 500 participants). The enhanced benefits included accelerated medical coverage for certain employees currently eligible for retiree medical benefits and life insurance benefits to certain employees who were previously ineligible for life insurance benefits. The enhanced benefits for the eligible employees who accepted the offer resulted in an immaterial increase in the post-retirement benefit obligation.

The administration of the Plan is divided between the Lumen Employee Benefits Committee as the Plan Administrator and CenturyLink Investment Management Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Lumen Technologies, Inc., as the Investment Fiduciary. The Lumen Plan Design Committee has responsibility for corporate functions such as plan amendment and termination.

The following description of the Plan provides general information only and is subject to and qualified by the more complete information and description of the Plan provisions in the Plan document. Participants should refer to the retiree benefits enrollment guides, the Summary Plan Description and the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan provisions. Participants may request a copy of the Plan document at www.lumenbenefits.com.

General

Benefits and Eligibility

Benefits are serviced and administered through various third-party claims administrators.

Certain retirees and their dependents of Lumen and Embarq are eligible to participate, although certain classes of former employees may not be eligible for any or all benefits offered under the Plan. Eligibility is based on Plan-established age and service requirements being met by set dates, which vary by population. The Plan provides LTD medical benefits to certain eligible bargained and non-bargained employees and provides life insurance coverage to certain eligible bargained and non-bargained retirees up to certain limitations. The Plan also provides medical, dental and prescription drug benefits to certain eligible bargained retirees through several options based on age and location of service. Certain legacy Embarq participants are eligible for Plan funded health reimbursement accounts for eligible out-of-pocket health care expenses.

Certain retirees and disabled former employees of Qwest and their dependents are eligible to participate in the Plan based on meeting certain age and service requirements by specified dates. The Plan provides certain retiree medical and dental benefits. Benefits coverage and contribution levels are provided based on participant classifications upon termination of employment. Participation may also be dependent on terms of collective bargaining agreements. Effective January 1, 2024, newly hired represented Qwest Corporation employees are no longer eligible to earn retiree benefits under the Plan. The retiree benefits under the Plan are therefore closed to new participants, except for certain limited circumstances.

Certain retirees of CT&T are eligible to participate in the Plan based on meeting certain requirements. The Plan provides a death benefit to the beneficiary of an eligible deceased retiree. The death benefit is equal to a participant's annual rate of pay received immediately prior to retirement and applies only to those participants whose death was caused by sickness or an accident not compensable under the North Carolina Worker's Compensation Act.

Funding Policy and Retiree Contributions

The Plan post-employment benefits and certain post-retirement health care benefits are unfunded. However, Plan management has paid, and intends to continue to pay, certain post-retirement benefits as incurred directly from the general assets of the Company. In addition, participants may be required to contribute toward their benefits.

The Plan includes a voluntary employees' beneficiary association ("VEBA") trust, the Qwest Occupational Health Trust ("QOHT"). The trust's assets will be used to fund certain expenses and/or benefit payments of the Plan. In 2023, the Plan depleted the assets and terminated two other VEBA trusts, the CenturyTel, Inc. Employees' Benefits Trust and the CenturyTel, Inc. Bargained Employees' Retirees Trust (collectively, the "CenturyTel VEBA trusts").

The Company did not make any supplemental cash contributions to the Plan's VEBA trusts in 2024 or 2023 for the purpose of accumulating assets and does not expect to make any such cash contributions to the VEBA trust in the future. In August, 2023, distributions from the cash and short-term investments held by the Plan in the QOHT of \$2.0 million and \$1.3 million from the CenturyTel VEBA trusts were made to reimburse Lumen for certain benefit payments of the Plan paid from the general assets of the Company. As additional balances of cash and short-term investments become available in the QOHT, additional reimbursements may be made to Lumen.

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to modify the benefits provided, to discontinue its contributions or to terminate the Plan subject to provisions set forth in ERISA and specific written agreements covering bargained participants. Were the Plan to terminate, the assets will continue to be used for the exclusive purpose of paying benefits to covered participants and any related administrative expenses, subject to the provisions set forth in the Plan and ERISA.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

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

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between independent and knowledgeable participants who are willing and able to transact for an asset or liability at the financial statement date. Plan management uses valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when determining fair value and then Plan management ranks the values based on the reliability of the inputs used following the fair value hierarchy set forth by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB").

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.

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

| Input Level | Description of Input |
|--------------------|--|
| Level 1 | Observable inputs such as quoted market prices in active markets. |
| Level 2 | Inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are either directly or indirectly observable. |
| Level 3 | Unobservable inputs in which little or no market data exists. |

Interests in commingled funds are fair valued using a practical expedient to the net asset value ("NAV") per unit (or its equivalent) of each fund. The NAV reported by the fund manager is based on the market value of the underlying investments owned by each fund, minus its liabilities, divided by the number of fund shares outstanding. Investments in commingled funds can be redeemed at NAV. Investments in private funds represent long-term commitments with a fixed maturity date, typically ten years, and are also valued at NAV. Valuation inputs for these private fund interests are generally based on assumptions and other information not observable in the market.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the Plan financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") requires the Plan management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, benefit obligation and changes therein, claims incurred but not reported, claims payable and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, if applicable. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The disclosure of post-employment benefit obligation and post-retirement benefit obligation is based upon information provided by the outside actuaries using assumptions set by the Company.

Income Recognition

Net realized and unrealized gains and losses are reflected in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits as net appreciation or depreciation in fair value of investments. Net realized and unrealized gains and losses are the difference between the fair value at the beginning of the year or date purchased during the year and the selling price or the fair value at the end of the year.

Interest income is accrued when earned. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade date basis.

Administrative and Plan Expenses

Plan expenses are generally paid by the Plan with the exception of certain expenses incurred by the Company, such as Plan design and corporate functions, which are paid for by the Company. Direct expenses paid by the Plan include trustee fees, investment management fees, administration fees and certain other expenses.

Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments are recorded upon distribution to the participant or benefit provider. The Plan does receive Medicare Part B subsidies, as well as certain other rebates, and the subsidy and rebates are recognized as a reduction of benefit payments.

Note 3. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Plan assets, which are held in the VEBA trust, are invested in a short-term investment fund, and private equity funds in various asset categories utilizing multiple investment managers. The assumptions and valuation methodologies of the pricing vendors, account managers, fund managers and general partners are monitored and evaluated for reasonableness. The following is an overview of the asset categories, the underlying strategies and valuation inputs used to value Plan assets in the tables below:

(a) *Cash and short-term investments* represent investments that are used to provide liquidity for the payment of benefits or other purposes.

(b) *Private equity* represents non-public investments in domestic and foreign buy out and venture capital funds. Private equity funds are primarily structured as limited partnerships and are valued according to the valuation policy of each partnership, subject to prevailing accounting and other regulatory guidelines.

The tables below present the fair value of Plan assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis. The Plan held no assets valued utilizing the input levels within the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. The fair value of investments as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 is presented net of estimated selling costs, such as brokerage commissions, which were nominal for both the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, in the tables following and on the statement of net assets available for benefits.

Investments Valued at NAV

The table below presents the fair value of Plan assets valued at NAV as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

| | Fair value of Plan assets at December 31, | |
|---------------------------------|--|-------|
| | 2024 | 2023 |
| Total investments valued at NAV | \$ 1,249 | 1,322 |

For commingled funds and private funds described above, the Plan owns units in funds that invest in various types of assets. Commingled funds give investors the right, subject to predetermined redemption procedures, to redeem their investment at NAV.

The table below presents a summary of the fair value, redemption frequency and redemption notice period of commingled funds as of December 31, 2024:

| Commingled Funds | Fair Value (Dollars in thousands) | Redemption Frequency | Redemption Notice Period | Redemption Restrictions as of December 31, 2024 |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Cash and short-term investments | \$ 436 | Daily | Same day | None |
| Total commingled funds | <u>\$ 436</u> | | | |

The table below presents a summary of the fair value, redemption frequency and redemption notice period of commingled funds as of December 31, 2023:

| Commingled Funds | Fair Value (Dollars in thousands) | Redemption Frequency | Redemption Notice Period | Redemption Restrictions as of December 31, 2023 |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Cash and short-term investments | \$ 338 | Daily | Same day | None |
| Total commingled funds | <u>\$ 338</u> | | | |

Unlike commingled funds, private funds do not have redemption features. Investments in private funds represent long-term commitments, draw capital for investments in the first several years and make distributions to investors in the last several years of the life of the private fund (as investments are liquidated). The distributions from our private fund portfolios are dependent on market conditions and unpredictable by nature, but some level of distributions can be expected each year. Plan management estimates that the majority of the currently outstanding fair value of the private funds would be distributed over a period of one to three years.

The following table presents a summary of fair value, redemption frequency, unfunded commitments and average life of distribution of private funds as of December 31, 2024:

| Private Funds | Fair Value (Dollars in thousands) | Redemption Frequency | Unfunded Commitments (Dollars in thousands) | Average Life of Distribution |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Private equity | \$ 813 | No redemption feature | \$ 726 | Approximately 1 to 2 years |
| Total private funds | <u>\$ 813</u> | | <u>\$ 726</u> | |

The table below presents a summary of the fair value, redemption frequency, unfunded commitments, and average life of distribution of private funds as of December 31, 2023:

| Private Funds | Fair Value (Dollars in thousands) | Redemption Frequency | Unfunded Commitments (Dollars in thousands) | Average Life of Distribution |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Private equity | \$ 984 | No redemption feature | \$ 726 | Approximately 1 to 2 years |
| Total private funds | <u>\$ 984</u> | | <u>\$ 726</u> | |

As detailed above, the private funds have been valued using NAV as reported in the audited financial statements of the respective investments as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and therefore meet the exceptions to disclosing the quantitative information about significant unobservable inputs.

Note 4. Plan Qualified Tax Status and Income Taxes

The QOHT holds Plan assets and is qualified pursuant to Section 501(c)(9) of the Code, and accordingly, the trusts' net investment income (loss) is exempt from income taxes. The QOHT obtained its latest determination letter in November 1999, in which the IRS stated that the Trust, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code. The Plan and Trust have been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan and Trust are currently designed as being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code.

Through the date of their termination, the CenturyTel VEBA trusts established under the Plan held a portion of the Plan assets and were qualified pursuant to Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"), and accordingly, the trusts' net investment income (loss) is exempt from income taxes. The Plan Administrator obtained favorable determination letters from the IRS dated February 16, 1996, which indicate the trusts were designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Code. The trusts had been amended since the application for the determination letter was filed. However, the Plan Administrator believes that the trusts were designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code.

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

Note 5. Post-retirement and Post-employment Benefit Obligations

Post-employment Benefits

The Plan's obligation for future disability payments to participants with long-term disabilities at December 31, 2024 and 2023 are estimated by the Plan actuary in accordance with accepted actuarial principles. Such estimated amounts are reported in the accompanying Plan benefit obligation at present value, based on the discount rate disclosed in the below table. Claims incurred but not reported are estimated by the Plan's actuary in accordance with accepted actuarial principles. Such estimated amounts are reported in the accompanying Plan benefit obligation at present value based on data provided by the Plan's third-party administrator. These amounts are paid by the Plan only if claims are submitted and approved for payment.

Post-retirement Benefits

The post-retirement benefit obligation represents the actuarial present value of those estimated future benefits that are attributed by the terms of the Plan to employee service rendered to the date of the financial statements, reduced by the actuarial present value of contributions expected to be received in the future from current Plan participants. Post-retirement benefits include future benefits expected to be paid to or for: 1) currently retired eligible employees and their beneficiaries and dependents and 2) eligible active employees and their beneficiaries and dependents after retirement from service with the Company. Prior to an active employee's full eligibility date, the post-retirement benefit obligation is the portion of the expected post-retirement benefit obligation that is attributable to that employee's service rendered to the valuation date. The post-retirement benefit obligation represents the amount that is to be funded by contributions from the Company and from existing Plan assets.

The actuarial present value of the expected post-employment and post-retirement benefit obligation is determined by the Plan actuary and is the amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to historical claims cost data to estimate future annual incurred claims costs per participant and to adjust such estimates for the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as those for death, disability, withdrawal, or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment and to reflect the portion of those costs expected to be borne by Medicare, the retired participants and other providers.

During the preparation of the 2024 Plan financial statements, Plan management determined that the Plan had inadvertently excluded certain beneficiaries from the calculation of the post-retirement benefit obligation in the 2022 and 2023 Plan financial statements. In 2022, Lumen and certain of its wholly owned subsidiaries sold some of its incumbent local exchange business. As part of that transaction, certain retiree benefits previously covered under a separate CT&T Sickness Death Benefit Plan were transferred into the Plan. This error understated the post-retirement benefit obligation by \$79.5 million at both December 31, 2022 and 2023. Plan management has determined the error was immaterial to the previously issued Plan financial statements on both a quantitative and qualitative basis. The Plan has therefore restated the 2023 post-retirement benefit obligation in these financial statements. Insurance premiums paid by the Plan include benefits for those retirees for the years ended December 31,

2024 and 2023. This change had no impact on net assets available for benefits or the net increase (decrease) in net assets available for benefits for any period.

Significant Actuarial Assumptions

The significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuations as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, consist of the following:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Mortality | Pri-2012 headcount weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality projection starting in 2012 using mortality improvement scale MP-2021 | Pri-2012 headcount weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality projection starting in 2012 using mortality improvement scale MP-2021 |
| Average retirement age | 62 | 62 |
| Discount rate | 5.60% | 5.20% |
| Discount rate (LTD) | 4.68% | 4.06% |
| Return on assets | 3.00% | 3.00% |
| Health care cost trend rate: | | |
| Medical costs prior to age 65 | 7.9% in 2024, and grading to an ultimate rate of 4.5% in 2031 | 7.9% in 2023, and grading to an ultimate rate of 4.5% in 2031 |
| Medical costs age 65 and later | 6.2% in 2024, and grading to an ultimate rate of 4.5% in 2031 | 5.5% in 2023, and grading to an ultimate rate of 4.5% in 2031 |

A one percent increase in the assumed health care cost trend rates for each future year would have increased the 2024 accumulated post-retirement benefit obligation by approximately \$23 million.

The foregoing 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 the post-retirement benefit obligation.

The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (the “Act”) introduced a prescription drug benefit under Medicare (“Medicare Part D”) as well as a federal subsidy to sponsors of retiree health care benefit plans that provide a benefit that is at least actuarially equivalent to Medicare Part D. The Company and its actuarial advisers determined that benefits provided to certain participants are expected to be at least actuarially equivalent to Medicare Part D and, accordingly, the Company expects to be entitled to a federal subsidy under the Act.

The Plan post-retirement benefit obligation as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in the post-retirement benefit obligation for the years then ended, do not reflect any amount associated with the Medicare subsidy because the Plan is not directly entitled to the Medicare subsidy. The post-retirement benefit obligation differs from that disclosed in the Company’s financial statements since the Company amounts are reported net of the Medicare subsidy in accordance with U.S. GAAP for the preparation of such financial statements.

The Plan's benefit obligation as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in the benefit obligation for the years then ended, include claims incurred by not paid which are estimated by the Plan's actuary. These amounts are paid by the Plan only if claims are submitted and approved for payment.

The following tables present the Plan post-retirement benefit obligation as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in the post-retirement benefit obligation for the years then ended:

Plan Benefit Obligation as of December 31:

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| Plan benefit obligation: | | |
| Amounts currently payable: | | |
| Claims incurred but not paid | \$ 5,106 | 5,821 |
| Total currently payable | <u>5,106</u> | <u>5,821</u> |
| Post-employment benefit obligation - net of amounts currently payable: | | |
| Long-term disability payments balance | <u>30,526</u> | <u>30,786</u> |
| Total post-employment benefit obligation | <u>30,526</u> | <u>30,786</u> |
| Post-retirement benefit obligation - net of amounts currently payable: | | |
| Current retirees | 1,591,367 | 1,745,310 |
| Active employees fully eligible for benefits | 96,276 | 96,063 |
| Other active employees | 72,038 | 88,772 |
| Total post-retirement benefit obligation | <u>1,759,681</u> | <u>1,930,145</u> |
| Plan total benefit obligation | <u>\$ 1,795,313</u> | <u>1,966,752</u> |

Changes in Plan Benefit Obligation for the years ended December 31:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|------------------------|------------------|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| Changes in Plan benefit obligation: | | |
| Amounts currently payable - beginning of year | \$ 5,821 | 6,985 |
| Change in claims incurred but not reported | (715) | (1,164) |
| Balance - end of year | <u>5,106</u> | <u>5,821</u> |
| Post-employment benefit obligation: | | |
| Net of amounts currently payable - beginning of year | 30,786 | 28,982 |
| Interest | 1,239 | 1,190 |
| Benefits reclassified to amounts currently payable | (7,451) | (8,368) |
| Changes in discount rates | (643) | 60 |
| Actuarial losses | <u>6,595</u> | <u>8,922</u> |
| Balance - end of year | <u>30,526</u> | <u>30,786</u> |
| Post-retirement benefit obligation: | | |
| Net of amounts currently payable - beginning of year | 1,930,145 | 2,010,025 |
| Net decrease during the year attributable to: | | |
| Benefits earned | 4,065 | 4,801 |
| Benefits reclassified to amounts currently payable | (186,274) | (188,679) |
| Interest | 95,586 | 101,978 |
| Special termination benefits | 1,524 | — |
| Change in actuarial assumptions | (48,284) | 21,571 |
| Actuarial (gains) losses | <u>(37,081)</u> | <u>(19,551)</u> |
| Balance - end of year | <u>1,759,681</u> | <u>1,930,145</u> |
| Plan total benefit obligation - end of year | <u>\$ 1,795,313</u> | <u>1,966,752</u> |

At December 31, 2024, the Plan benefit obligation exceeded net assets. The Plan's excess benefit obligation over net assets may be funded in amounts determined to be tax deductible under the Code. The unfunded benefit obligation will continue to be paid from the general assets of the Company, subject to the Company's reserved rights under the Plan.

Anticipated future benefit changes have been reflected in the above calculations.

Note 6. Related Party and Party-In-Interest Transactions

The Plan pays administrative expenses with the exception of certain expenses incurred by the Company, such as Plan design and corporate functions, which are paid for by the Company. Direct expenses paid by the Plan include trustee fees, investment management fees, administration fees and certain other expenses. Investment and related fees totaled \$40 thousand and \$34 thousand for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Administration fees, trustee fees and other expenses net of refunds were nominal and \$3 thousand for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The Plan maintains administrative services arrangements with several service providers for the Plan's self-insured policies, including United Health Care, MetLife and others which totaled \$6.7 million and \$6.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. These transactions, which qualify as party-in-interest or related party transactions, are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules.

The Plan did not directly own any shares of the Company common stock as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Note 7. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of total additions as reported on the financial statements to total income as reported on Form 5500:

| | Years Ended December 31, | |
|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | 2024 | 2023 |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| Total additions as reported on the financial statements | \$ 222,422 | 233,033 |
| Investment expenses | 40 | 34 |
| Total income as reported on Form 5500 (unaudited) | <u>\$ 222,462</u> | <u>233,067</u> |

The following is a reconciliation of total deductions as reported on the financial statements to total expenses as reported on Form 5500:

| | Years Ended December 31, | |
|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| | 2024 | 2023 |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| Total deductions as reported on the financial statements | \$ 222,177 | 236,609 |
| Investment expenses | 40 | 34 |
| Total expenses as reported on Form 5500 (unaudited) | <u>\$ 222,217</u> | <u>236,643</u> |

Note 8. Concentrations, Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, inflation, market and credit risk. Market risks include global events which could impact the value of investments, such as a pandemics, increasing tariffs, 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 change could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The actuarial present value of benefit obligations is determined based on certain assumptions including interest rates, inflation rates and employee demographics, which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements.

Note 9. Subsequent Events

Plan management has evaluated subsequent events through October 10, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No matters were determined to require additional disclosure or modification to the financial statements as issued.

LUMEN RETIREE AND INACTIVE HEALTH PLAN
EIN:72-0651161 PLAN NO: 511
Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |
|--|---|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party | Description of Investment | Share/Par Value | Cost | Current Value |
| Corporate Stock - Preferred | | | | |
| US AIRWAYS GROUP INC PFD SER A NEW | Corporate Stock - Preferred | 214 | — | 214 |
| Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | | | | |
| ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY VENTURES VII | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 495,572 | 495,572 | 2,776 |
| APOLLO INVESTMENT FUND IV | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 1,399,282 | 1,399,282 | 2,289 |
| BC EUROPEAN CAPITAL VII | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 862,647 | 862,647 | 31,076 |
| HARBOURVEST INTL PEP III-PSHP FD | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 896,564 | 896,564 | — |
| HARBOURVEST PTRS VI - DIRECT | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 568,424 | 568,424 | 20,228 |
| HARBOURVEST PTRS VI - PSHP FD | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 1,376,644 | 1,376,644 | — |
| HARBOURVEST PTRS VII - VENT PSHP FD | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 2,255,984 | 2,255,984 | 52,217 |
| PACVEN WALDEN VENTURES V | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 264,711 | 264,711 | 214,625 |
| PEGASUS PARTNERS III, LP | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 3,858,852 | 3,858,852 | 460,552 |
| POLARIS VENTURE PTRS III | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 2,606,355 | 2,606,355 | 1 |
| POLARIS VENTURE PTRS IV | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 748,790 | 748,790 | 28,569 |
| POMONA CAPITAL V | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 2,870,471 | 2,870,471 | 507 |
| Value of Interest in Common/Collective Trusts | | | | |
| * NT COMMON SHORT TERM INVT FD | Value of Interest in Common/Collective Trusts | | 435,451 | 435,451 |
| Total assets per Form 5500 | | | | <u><u>\$ 1,248,505</u></u> |

* Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan.

LUMEN RETIREE AND INACTIVE HEALTH PLAN
EIN:72-0651161 PLAN NO: 511
Schedule H, Line 4j – Schedule of Reportable Transactions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Category I Reportable Transactions: A single transaction within the plan year in excess of 5% of the current value of the plan assets:

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (f) | (g) | (h) | (i) |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Identity of party involved | Description of Asset | Purchase Price per Share | Selling Price per Share | Expenses Incurred | Cost of Asset | Current Value on Transaction Date | Net Gain(Loss) |

None

LUMEN RETIREE AND INACTIVE HEALTH PLAN
EIN:72-0651161 PLAN NO: 511
Schedule H, Line 4j – Schedule of Reportable Transactions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Category II Reportable Transactions - Series of Transactions by Issue in Excess of 5%

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (f) | (g) | (h) | (i) | |
|----------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Identity of party involved | Description of Asset | Number of Transactions | Purchase Price | Selling Price | Expenses Incurred | Cost of Asset | Current Value on Transaction Date | Net Gain/Loss |
| * | Northern Trust NT Common Short-term Investment Fund CUSIP: 66586U437 | | | | | | | |
| | Total acquisitions | 35 | \$ 317,926 | | — | \$ 317,926 | \$ 317,926 | — |
| | Total dispositions | 16 | | \$ 220,102 | — | 220,102 | 220,102 | — |

* Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan

Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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

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

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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


- A** This return/report is for: a multiemployer plan a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
 a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____
- B** This return/report is: the first return/report the final return/report
 an amended return/report a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
- C** If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here:▶
- D** Check box if filing under: Form 5558 automatic extension the DFVC program
 special extension (enter description)
- E** If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here:▶

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

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| 1a Name of plan LUMEN RETIREE AND INACTIVE HEALTH PLAN | 1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 511 |
| | 1c Effective date of plan 11/01/1978 |
| 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) LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FINANCE DEPT. 2 NE700 100 CENTURLINK DR P. O. BOX 4065 MONROE LA 71203 | 2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 71-0651161 |
| | 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 318-388-9000 |
| | 2d Business code (see instructions) 517000 |

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

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

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|-----------|---|----------|--|
| SIGN HERE |  | 10/13/25 | Marina Pearson |
| | 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 |

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LUMEN RETIREE AND INACTIVE HEALTH PLAN
EIN:72-0651161 PLAN NO: 511
Schedule H, Line 4j – Schedule of Reportable Transactions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Category I Reportable Transactions: A single transaction within the plan year in excess of 5% of the current value of the plan assets:

| (a) Identity of party involved | (b) Description of Asset | (c) Purchase Price per Share | (d) Selling Price per Share | (f) Expenses Incurred | (g) Cost of Asset | (h) Current Value on Transaction Date | (i) Net Gain(Loss) |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------------|
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None

LUMEN RETIREE AND INACTIVE HEALTH PLAN
EIN:72-0651161 PLAN NO: 511
Schedule H, Line 4j – Schedule of Reportable Transactions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Category II Reportable Transactions - Series of Transactions by Issue in Excess of 5%

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (f) | (g) | (h) | (i) | |
|----------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Identity of party involved | Description of Asset | Number of Transactions | Purchase Price | Selling Price | Expenses Incurred | Cost of Asset | Current Value on Transaction Date | Net Gain/Loss |
| * | Northern Trust NT Common Short-term Investment Fund CUSIP: 66586U437 | | | | | | | |
| | Total acquisitions | 35 | \$ 317,926 | | — | \$ 317,926 | \$ 317,926 | — |
| | Total dispositions | 16 | | \$ 220,102 | — | 220,102 | 220,102 | — |

* Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan

LUMEN RETIREE AND INACTIVE HEALTH PLAN
EIN:72-0651161 PLAN NO: 511
Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |
|--|---|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party | Description of Investment | Share/Par Value | Cost | Current Value |
| Corporate Stock - Preferred | | | | |
| US AIRWAYS GROUP INC PFD SER A NEW | Corporate Stock - Preferred | 214 | — | 214 |
| Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | | | | |
| ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY VENTURES VII | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 495,572 | 495,572 | 2,776 |
| APOLLO INVESTMENT FUND IV | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 1,399,282 | 1,399,282 | 2,289 |
| BC EUROPEAN CAPITAL VII | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 862,647 | 862,647 | 31,076 |
| HARBOURVEST INTL PEP III-PSHP FD | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 896,564 | 896,564 | — |
| HARBOURVEST PTRS VI - DIRECT | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 568,424 | 568,424 | 20,228 |
| HARBOURVEST PTRS VI - PSHP FD | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 1,376,644 | 1,376,644 | — |
| HARBOURVEST PTRS VII - VENT PSHP FD | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 2,255,984 | 2,255,984 | 52,217 |
| PACVEN WALDEN VENTURES V | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 264,711 | 264,711 | 214,625 |
| PEGASUS PARTNERS III, LP | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 3,858,852 | 3,858,852 | 460,552 |
| POLARIS VENTURE PTRS III | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 2,606,355 | 2,606,355 | 1 |
| POLARIS VENTURE PTRS IV | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 748,790 | 748,790 | 28,569 |
| POMONA CAPITAL V | Partnership/Joint Venture Interests | 2,870,471 | 2,870,471 | 507 |
| Value of Interest in Common/Collective Trusts | | | | |
| * NT COMMON SHORT TERM INVT FD | Value of Interest in Common/Collective Trusts | | 435,451 | 435,451 |
| Total assets per Form 5500 | | | <u><u>\$ 1,248,505</u></u> | |

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