Form 5500-SF

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed 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-SF.**

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1210-0089

2025

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

A This return/report is for: [X] a single-employer plan [ ] a multiple-employer plan (not multiemployer) (Pension Plan filers checking this box must attach Schedule MEP. Other plans must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)

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 Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension [ ] DFVC program
[ ] special extension (enter description)

D If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here ▶ [ ]

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
CONTINENTAL CARBON COMPANY PENSION PLAN FOR HOURLY PAID BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES AT PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA PLANT

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 006

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1996

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)
CONTINENTAL CARBON COMPANY

16850 PARK ROW
HOUSTON, TX 77084-5023

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 76-0471782

2c Sponsor's telephone number 281-647-3700

2d Business code (see instructions) 324190

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor.

3b Administrator's EIN

3c Administrator's telephone number

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report.
a Sponsor's name
c Plan Name

4b EIN

4d PN

5a Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5a**	19
b Total number of participants at the end of the plan year	**5b**	18
c(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**5c(1)**	
c(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**5c(2)**	
d(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5d(1)**	0
d(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**5d(2)**	0
e Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**5e**	0

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, if applicable, a Schedule SB or Schedule MB completed and signed by an enrolled actuary, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/09/2026	MARK MILLS
	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

6a Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.) [X] Yes [ ] No

b Are you claiming a waiver of the annual examination and report of an independent qualified public accountant (IQPA) under 29 CFR 2520.104-46? (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.) [X] Yes [ ] No

If you answered "No" to either line 6a or line 6b, the plan cannot use Form 5500-SF and must instead use Form 5500.

c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? [X] Yes [ ] No [ ] Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 584680. (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information

7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	337163	358166
b Total plan liabilities	7b	31	839
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	337132	357327
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		**(a) Amount**	**(b) Total**
a Contributions received or receivable from: (1) Employers	8a(1)	0	
(2) Participants	8a(2)		
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)		
b Other income (loss)	8b	46910	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		46910
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	26715	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions)	8e		
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f		
g Other expenses	8g		
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		26715
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		20195
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j		

Part IV Plan Characteristic Codes

9a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
1A 1I 3H

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

Part V Compliance Questions

10 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)	10a		X	
b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)	10b		X	
c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c	X		3000000
d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	10d		X	
e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)	10e		X	
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		X	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g		X	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h		X	
i If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	10i			

Part VI Pension Funding Compliance

11 Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and lines 11a and b below.) If this is a defined contribution pension plan, leave line 11 blank and complete line 12 below. [X] Yes [ ] No

a Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 | **11a** | 0

b **PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If the plan is covered by PBGC and the amount reported on line 11a is greater than $0, has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

- [ ] Yes.
- [ ] No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.
- [ ] No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.
- [ ] No. Other. Provide explanation _____

12 Is this a defined contribution plan subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Code or section 302 of ERISA? (If "Yes," complete line 12a or lines 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e below, as applicable.) If this is a defined benefit pension plan, leave line 12 blank and complete line 11 above. [ ] Yes [X] No

a If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions, and enter the date of the letter ruling granting the waiver. Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 5500), and skip to line 13.

b Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year	**12b**	
c Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	**12c**	
d Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	**12d**	
e Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline?		[ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] N/A

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

13a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year?		[ ] Yes [X] No
a If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year	**13a**	
b Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		[ ] Yes [X] No

c 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.)

13c(1) Name of plan(s):	**13c(2)** EIN(s)	**13c(3)** PN(s)

Part VIII IRS Compliance Questions

14a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? [ ] Yes [X] No

14b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

- [ ] Design-based safe harbor method
- [ ] "Prior year" ADP test
- [ ] "Current year" ADP test
- [X] N/A

15 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter ___/___/_____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number_____.

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 006

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF
CONTINENTAL CARBON COMPANY

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
76-0471782

E Type of plan: [X] Single [ ] Multiple-A [ ] Multiple-B

F Prior year plan size: [X] 100 or fewer [ ] 101-500 [ ] More than 500

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month 01 Day 01 Year 2025

2 Assets:

a Market value	**2a**	337132
b Actuarial value	**2b**	318746

3 Funding target/participant count breakdown

	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	2	48752	48752
b For terminated vested participants	17	297834	297834
c For active participants	0	0	0
d Total	19	346586	346586

4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) [ ]

a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	**4a**	
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	**4b**	

5 Effective interest rate	**5**	5.39 %
6 Target normal cost		
a Present value of current plan year accruals	**6a**	0
b Expected plan-related expenses	**6b**	0
c Target normal cost	**6c**	0

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

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

SIGN HERE

Signature of actuary

10/05/2026
Date

JAKE YETZER
Type or print name of actuary

26-09215
Most recent enrollment number

GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES, INC.
Firm name

952-356-0724
Telephone number (including area code)

3600 AMERICAN BLVD WEST
SUITE 500
BLOOMINGTON, MN 55431
Address of the firm

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

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	20494
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	2972
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	17522
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of 10.04 %	0	1759
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a	Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		0
b(1)	Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of 5.21 %		0
b(2)	Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
c	Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		0
d	Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	19281

Part III Funding Percentages

14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	86.40 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	86.40 %
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	91.07 %
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls

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

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
			Totals ► 18(b)	0	18(c) 0

19	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
a	Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0
b	Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
c	Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	0

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

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

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

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

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year

(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th
0	0	0	0

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

21 Discount rate:

a Segment rates:	1st segment: 5.07 %	2nd segment: 5.31 %	3rd segment: 5.50 %	☐ N/A, full yield curve used

b Applicable month (enter code)	**21b**	4
22 Weighted average retirement age	**22**	65

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

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

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

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

26 Demographic and benefit information

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

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

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

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

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

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

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

a Target normal cost (line 6c)	**31a**	0
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	**31b**	0

32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment	47121	4528
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0

33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____)_and the waived amount	**33**	
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)	**34**	4528

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	4528	4528

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	**36**	0
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	**37**	0
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)		
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	**38a**	0
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	**38b**	0
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	**39**	0
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	**40**	0

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

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

CONTINENTAL CARBON COMPANY PENSION PLAN FOR HOURLY PAID BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES AT PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA PLANT

EIN#: 76-0471782 PLAN#: 006

Schedule SB, Part V

Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Prescribed Funding/PBGC Assumptions and Methods

The following assumptions and methods are prescribed by ERISA, as currently amended.

Interest rates

	2025 Plan Year	2024 Plan Year
Funding Rates – Constrained*		
First Segment Rate	5.07%	4.75%
Second Segment Rate	5.31%	4.87%
Third Segment Rate	5.50%	5.59%
Effective Interest Rate	5.39%	5.21%
Funding Rates – Unconstrained**		
First Segment Rate	5.07%	3.62%
Second Segment Rate	5.33%	4.46%
Third Segment Rate	5.36%	4.52%
Effective Interest Rate	5.34%	4.48%
PBGC Premium Funding Target Rates		
First Segment Rate	5.07%	3.62%
Second Segment Rate	5.33%	4.46%
Third Segment Rate	5.36%	4.52%
Effective Interest Rate	5.34%	4.48%

* Used for minimum funding and benefit restriction purposes.

** Used for maximum tax-deduction and low-default-risk obligation measure purposes.

The interest rates used for funding purposes are the Segment Rates with 4-month lookback, constrained in accordance with relevant legislation.

Mortality

Mortality tables for non-disabled participants mandated by applicable law and regulation as specified in IRS Regulation 1.430(h)(3)-1, as amended in the Federal Register on October 20, 2023, in TD 9983, 88 FR 72357, and as amended by IRS Notice 2024-42, applied on a fully generational basis using the IRS 2024 Adjusted Scale MP-2021 Rates mortality improvement scale. For disabled participants, mortality is based on the mortality tables provided in IRS Notice 2008-29.

Lump Sum interest and mortality:

Interest Rate:	Forward rates implied by the funding interest rates (annuity substitution rule)
Mortality:	2025 IRC 417(e) Applicable Mortality table, as amended by IRS Notice 2024-42

Prescribed Funding/PBGC Assumptions and Methods (continued)

Actuarial cost method

The Funding Target is the present value of accrued benefits based on compensation and service to date. The Target Normal Cost is the present value of benefits expected to be accrued during the current plan year, reflecting the effect of expected compensation increases during the year and including expenses expected to be paid from plan assets during the year. Since the plan is frozen and no expenses are paid from plan assets, the Target Normal Cost is zero for this plan.

Non-Prescribed Funding Assumptions and Methods

Expenses

The Target Normal Cost includes expected administrative expenses of $0. No expenses have been paid using plan assets in prior years.

Frequency of optional payment forms

Active participants are expected to receive a lump sum when first eligible upon termination or retirement
Terminated vested participants are expected to receive life annuity

Marital percentage

100% of participants are assumed to be married at death. Husbands are assumed to be 3 years older than their wives.

Retirement rates

Based on historical Continental Carbon Company experience, sample rates are as follows:

Age	Assumption
55 -59	5.0%
60	10.0%
61	10.0%
62	30.0%
63	10.0%
64	10.0%
65	100.0%

Terminated vested participants are assumed to commence receiving benefits at age 65

Non-Prescribed Funding Assumptions and Methods (continued)

Disability rates

Based on historical Continental Carbon Company experience, sample rates are as follows:

Age	Assumption
20	0.1%
30	0.1%
40	0.2%
50	0.3%
60	1.2%

Withdrawal rates for active participants not eligible for retirement

Based on historical Continental Carbon Company experience, sample rates as follows:

Age	Assumption
20	25.00%
30	18.9%
40	4.9%
50	1.0%
60	0.0%

Asset valuation method

The Actuarial Value of Assets is market value as of the valuation date, including the discounted value of accrued contributions, reduced by 2/3 of the gain/(loss) for the immediately preceding plan year and reduced by 1/3 of the gain/(loss) for the plan year before that. The gain/(loss) for each period is determined as the actual return on market value during the period less the expected return on market value based on an assumed earnings rate chosen by the actuary but required by current law and regulation to be not greater than the applicable third Segment Rate. The resulting value is constrained to be within a corridor of 90% to 110% of market value, including discounted receivable contributions.

	Actuary's Assumption	Third Segment Rate	Reflecting Limit
2025 Expected Return	6.00%	5.50%	5.50%
2024 Expected Return	6.00%	5.59%	5.59%
2023 Expected Return	6.00%	5.74%	5.74%

Summary of Changes from the January 1, 2024 Valuation

The Segment Rates and Mortality assumptions were updated for the 2025 plan year, as required by IRS Regulations under IRC Section 430 for minimum funding purposes. This decreased the funding target by $9,403.

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CONTINENTAL CARBON COMPANY

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
76-0471782

E Type of plan: [X] Single [ ] Multiple-A [ ] Multiple-B

F Prior year plan size: [X] 100 or fewer [ ] 101-500 [ ] More than 500

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month 01 Day 01 Year 2025

2 Assets:

a Market value	**2a**	337,132
b Actuarial value	**2b**	318,746

3 Funding target/participant count breakdown

	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	2	48,752	48,752
b For terminated vested participants	17	297,834	297,834
c For active participants	0	0	0
d Total	19	346,586	346,586

4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) [ ]

a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	**4a**	
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	**4b**	

5 Effective interest rate	**5**	5.39%
6 Target normal cost		
a Present value of current plan year accruals	**6a**	0
b Expected plan-related expenses	**6b**	0
c Target normal cost	**6c**	0

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

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SIGN HERE

Signature of actuary

10-5-2026
Date

Jake Yetzer
Type or print name of actuary

2609215
Most recent enrollment number

Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc.
Firm name

952-356-0724
Telephone number (including area code)

3600 American Blvd West
Suite 500
Bloomington MN 55431
Address of the firm

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

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	20,494
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	2,972
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	17,522
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of 10.04%	0	1,759
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		0
	b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of 5.21%		0
	b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
	c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		0
	d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	19,281

Part III Funding Percentages

14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	86.40%
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	86.40%
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	91.07%
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls

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

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
			Totals ▶ 18(b)	0	18(c) 0

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

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

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

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

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

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

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year

(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th
0	0	0	0

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

21 Discount rate:

a Segment rates:

1st segment:	2nd segment:	3rd segment:	☐ N/A, full yield curve used
5.07 %	5.31 %	5.50%	

b Applicable month (enter code)	**21b**	4
22 Weighted average retirement age	**22**	65

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

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

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

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

26 Demographic and benefit information

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

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

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

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

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

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):		
a Target normal cost (line 6c)	**31a**	0
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	**31b**	0

32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment	47,121	4,528
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0

33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	**33**	
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)	**34**	4,528

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	4,528	4,528

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	**36**	0
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	**37**	0
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)		
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	**38a**	0
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	**38b**	0
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	**39**	0
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	**40**	0

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

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

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Schedule SB, Part V

Summary of Plan Provisions

Definitions

Accrued Benefit	A benefit payable at Normal Retirement Date equal to the sum of the benefit amounts for each year of eligible service. Benefit accruals were frozen effective November 15, 2003.
Disability	Provided if Employee has attained age 50 and has accumulated 15 years of service.
Early Retirement Date	A Participant may retire early after attaining age 55.
Normal Form of Payment	A monthly annuity payable for life.
Optional Forms of Payment	Monthly life annuity with payments guaranteed for 120 months, joint and 50% to survivor income, joint and 75% to survivor income, joint and 100% to survivor income, lump sum. All options are converted on an actuarial basis based on 8% interest and UP-84 mortality; lump sums are subject to 417e.
Normal Retirement Date	The first day of the month coincident with or following the Participant's 65th birthday.
Plan Year	January 1st to December 31st

Plan Provisions

Eligibility	Employees become eligible to participate in the Plan on January 1 or July 1 coincident with or following the attainment of age 21 and one year of eligibility service. Participation was frozen effective November 15, 2003.
Vesting Service	Participants become vested in their Accrued Benefit according to the following schedule:

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

Normal Retirement Benefit	A monthly benefit equal to 1/12 times the sum of the amounts determined for each Plan Year under the following schedule:

Compensation for Plan Year	Benefit Amount
Up to $600	0%
Between $600 and $3,000	1.10%
Greater than $3,000	1.65%

Early Retirement Benefit	The Early Retirement Benefit is calculated in the same manner as the Normal Retirement Benefit, but is reduced by 1/15 for each of the first 5 years and 1/30 for each of the next 5 years that commencement precedes age 65.

Late Retirement Benefit	A Participant may work past Normal Retirement Date. However, benefit payments will not begin until a Participant actually retires. A Participant will continue to earn years of service and compensation towards their accrued benefit.
Disability Benefits	If a Participant becomes totally and permanently disabled after attainment of age 50 with 15 years of Vesting Service, he or she will receive as an immediate monthly benefit the unreduced accrued benefit in effect at the date of such disability.
Death Benefit	If a vested Participant dies prior to actual retirement, there are two death benefit plans. A surviving spouse may elect to receive: 1. A life annuity with benefit payable of 1/2 the early retirement reduced benefit of a 50% joint and survivor annuity at the greater of the participants age at death, or age 55. 2. For death of an active employee after attainment of age 55, 50% of the unreduced accrued benefit, payable as a 10-year temporary annuity.
Deferred Vested Benefit	Any Employee whose employment terminates prior to becoming eligible for the Normal Retirement Benefit, Early Retirement Benefit, or Disability Benefit and who has at least five years of Vesting Service, shall be entitled to a deferred vested benefit commencing at age 65. Such deferred vested benefit shall be based on the Accrued Benefit at the time the Participant's employment terminates. If the Participant elects to have the benefit commence between the ages of 55 and 65, such benefit will be reduced in accordance to the Early Retirement Benefit.

Summary of Changes from the January 1, 2024 Valuation

None.

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Schedule SB, Line 32

Schedule of Amortization Bases

Type of Base	Present Value of Remaining Installments as of January 1, 2025	Date Established	Remaining Installments	Shortfall Amortization Installment
Shortfall	$16,687	1/1/2025	15	$1,556
Shortfall	$30,434	1/1/2024	14	$2,972