

**Form 5500**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue ServiceDepartment of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security  
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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

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

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**OMB Nos. 1210-0110  
1210-0089**2020****This Form is Open to Public Inspection****Part I Annual Report Identification Information**For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2020 and ending 12/31/2020

- A** This return/report is for:  a multiemployer plan  a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of 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)

**Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information**

<b>1a</b> Name of plan <u>THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY RETIREE HEALTH CARE PLAN</u>	<b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>514</u>
	<b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2017</u>
<b>2a</b> Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>LIBERTY UTILITIES CO.</u>  <u>PUNAM MAINI</u>  <u>12725 W. INDIAN SCHOOL RD.</u> <u>SUITE D-101</u> <u>AVONDALE, AZ 85392</u>	<b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>44-0236370</u>
	<b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>905-465-4500</u>
	<b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>221100</u>

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

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

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	<u>Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.</u>	<u>10/13/2021</u>	<u>PUNAM MAINI</u>
	<b>Signature of plan administrator</b>	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	<b>Signature of employer/plan sponsor</b>	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	<b>Signature of DFE</b>	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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<p><b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor</p> <p>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE PUNAM MAINI 12725 W. INDIAN SCHOOL RD. SUITE D-101 AVONDALE, AZ 85392</p>	<p><b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN 99-0372368</p> <p><b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number 905-465-4500</p>
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<p><b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:</p> <p><b>a</b> Sponsor's name</p> <p><b>c</b> Plan Name THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY WELFARE BENEFIT WRAP PLAN</p>	<p><b>4b</b> EIN</p> <p><b>4d</b> PN</p>
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<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	488
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<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).		
<b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	0
<b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....	<b>6a(2)</b>	500
<b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	<b>6b</b>	0
<b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....	<b>6c</b>	0
<b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....	<b>6d</b>	500
<b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....	<b>6e</b>	
<b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....	<b>6f</b>	
<b>g</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....	<b>6g</b>	
<b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested .....	<b>6h</b>	

<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	<b>7</b>	
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**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 4H 4Q

<p><b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)</p> <p>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts</p> <p>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust</p> <p>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor</p>	<p><b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)</p> <p>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts</p> <p>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust</p> <p>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor</p>
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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)

<p><b>a Pension Schedules</b></p> <p>(1) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary</p> <p>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary</p>	<p><b>b General Schedules</b></p> <p>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)</p> <p>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>2</u> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information)</p> <p>(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)</p> <p>(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)</p> <p>(6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules)</p>
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**Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)**

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

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

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

**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2020 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2020 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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**SCHEDULE A  
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Insurance 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.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

OMB No. 1210-0110

**2020**

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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>LIBERTY UTILITIES CO.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>44-0236370</b>
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**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  
**STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY**

<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> NAIC code	<b>(d)</b> Contract or identification number	<b>(e)</b> Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	<b>Policy or contract year</b>	
				<b>(f)</b> From	<b>(g)</b> To
93-0242990	69019	163615	500	01/01/2020	12/31/2020

**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.

<b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid <b>32271</b>	<b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid <b>0</b>
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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  
**BURNHAM FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC**  
**2038 SARANAC AVE.**  
**LAKE PLACID, NY 12946-1177**

<b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid	<b>Fees and other commissions paid</b>		<b>(e)</b> Organization code
	<b>(c)</b> Amount	<b>(d)</b> Purpose	
32271			3

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

<b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid	<b>Fees and other commissions paid</b>		<b>(e)</b> Organization code
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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Investment and Annuity Contract Information</b>	
	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.	
<b>4</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Contracts With Allocated Funds:</b>	
<b>a</b>	State the basis of premium rates ▶	
<b>b</b>	Premiums paid to carrier .....	<b>6b</b>
<b>c</b>	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year .....	<b>6c</b>
<b>d</b>	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. .... Specify nature of costs ▶	<b>6d</b>
<b>e</b>	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies                      (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶	
<b>f</b>	If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)</b>	
<b>a</b>	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration                      (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment                      (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶	
<b>b</b>	Balance at the end of the previous year .....	<b>7b</b> <span style="float: right;">0</span>
<b>c</b>	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	<b>7c(2)</b>
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	<b>7c(3)</b>
	(4) Transferred from separate account .....	<b>7c(4)</b>
	(5) Other (specify below) .....	<b>7c(5)</b>
	▶	
	(6) Total additions .....	<b>7c(6)</b> <span style="float: right;">0</span>
<b>d</b>	Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....	<b>7d</b> <span style="float: right;">0</span>
<b>e</b>	<b>Deductions:</b>	
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	<b>7e(1)</b>
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	<b>7e(2)</b>
	(3) Transferred to separate account .....	<b>7e(3)</b>
	(4) Other (specify below) .....	<b>7e(4)</b>
▶		
	(5) Total deductions .....	<b>7e(5)</b> <span style="float: right;">0</span>
<b>f</b>	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> ) .....	<b>7f</b> <span style="float: right;">0</span>

**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:

<b>a</b> Premiums: (1) Amount received .....		<b>9a(1)</b>	346850
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid .....		<b>9a(2)</b>	-20609
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve .....		<b>9a(3)</b>	
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) .....		<b>9a(4)</b>	326241
<b>b</b> Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....		<b>9b(1)</b>	243858
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves.....		<b>9b(2)</b>	24874
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		<b>9b(3)</b>	268732
(4) Claims charged.....		<b>9b(4)</b>	
<b>c</b> Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions .....	<b>9c(1)(A)</b>	32271	
(B) Administrative service or other fees .....	<b>9c(1)(B)</b>	0	
(C) Other specific acquisition costs.....	<b>9c(1)(C)</b>	0	
(D) Other expenses .....	<b>9c(1)(D)</b>	31839	
(E) Taxes.....	<b>9c(1)(E)</b>	4306	
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies .....	<b>9c(1)(F)</b>	23631	
(G) Other retention charges.....	<b>9c(1)(G)</b>	0	
(H) Total retention.....	<b>9c(1)(H)</b>	92047	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.).....		<b>9c(2)</b>	
<b>d</b> Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement.....		<b>9d(1)</b>	
(2) Claim reserves .....		<b>9d(2)</b>	151768
(3) Other reserves .....		<b>9d(3)</b>	
<b>e</b> Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).).....		<b>9e</b>	

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b> Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier.....	<b>10a</b>
<b>b</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. ....	<b>10b</b>

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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**SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA**

(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
38-1082080	80802	069104	419	01/01/2020	12/31/2020

**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.

<b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid <b>21490</b>	<b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid <b>0</b>
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21490			3

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	▶	
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- 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:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b> Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier.....	<b>10a</b>	
<b>b</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. ....	<b>10b</b>	

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. ▶

**SCHEDULE C  
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**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.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

**2020**

**This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2020** and ending **12/31/2020**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY RETIREE HEALTH CARE PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>514</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>LIBERTY UTILITIES CO.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>44-0236370</b>	

**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

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

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

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

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

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

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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)

HEALTHSCOPE

71-0847266

(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?
13 50	NONE	533738	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)

CBIZ RETIREMENT PLAN SERVICES

31-1582098

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
11 17 50	NONE	83360	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)

CBIZ INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES

81-3968784

(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?
27 50	NONE	38773	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"/>

**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)

BENEFIT TRUST COMPANY

43-1971558

(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	NONE	36238	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

(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.

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

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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**Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**  
(complete as many entries as needed)

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b></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><b>Financial Information</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">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).</p> <p>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b></p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large;"><b>2020</b></p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;"><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p>
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For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2020 and ending 12/31/2020

<p><b>A</b> Name of plan <u>THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY RETIREE HEALTH CARE PLAN</u></p>	<p><b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p><u>514</u></p>
<p><b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>LIBERTY UTILITIES CO.</u></p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>44-0236370</u></p>	

**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.

Assets	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	<b>1a</b> <u>777239</u>	<b>1a</b> <u>544260</u>
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions.....	<b>1b(2)</b>	
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	
<b>c</b> General investments:		
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>	
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>	
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>	
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>	
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>	
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>	
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>	
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>	
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>	
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b> <u>115146304</u>	<b>1c(13)</b> <u>127570462</u>
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	<b>1c(14)</b>	
<b>(15)</b> Other.....	<b>1c(15)</b>	

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>1d</b>	Employer-related investments:		
(1)	Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>	
(2)	Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>	
<b>e</b>	Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>	
<b>f</b>	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	115923543 128114722
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b>	Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>	
<b>h</b>	Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>	
<b>i</b>	Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>	
<b>j</b>	Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>	
<b>k</b>	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	0 0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b>	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	115923543 128114722

**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.

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>Income</b>			
<b>a</b>	<b>Contributions:</b>		
(1)	Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	379511
	<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	1952347
	<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	
(2)	Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>	
(3)	Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>	2331858
<b>b</b>	<b>Earnings on investments:</b>		
(1)	Interest:		
	<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>	
	<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>	
	<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>	
	<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>	
	<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	
	<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	
	<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>	0
(2)	Dividends: <b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>	
	<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>	
	<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	2370059
	<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>	2370059
(3)	Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>	
(4)	Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: <b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>	
	<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>	
	<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>	0
(5)	Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: <b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>	
	<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>	
	<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>	0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		13084576
c Other income.....	2c		
d Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		17786493

**Expenses**

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:

(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	4259513	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	379511	
(3) Other.....	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		4639024

f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....

g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....

h Interest expense.....

i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....

(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	522919	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)	75011	
(4) Other.....	2i(4)	275000	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		956290

j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total.....

	2j		5595314
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**Net Income and Reconciliation**

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....

	2k		12191179
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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: PICKETT, CHANEY & MCMULLEN, LLP (2) EIN: 48-1246310

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1)  This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, 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.

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	

		Yes	No	Amount
<b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) .....	<b>4b</b>		X	
<b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.) .....	<b>4c</b>		X	
<b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.) .....	<b>4d</b>		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? .....	<b>4e</b>	X		10000000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? .....	<b>4f</b>		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? .....	<b>4g</b>		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? .....	<b>4h</b>		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) .....	<b>4i</b>	X		
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.) .....	<b>4j</b>	X		
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? .....	<b>4k</b>		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....	<b>4l</b>		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) .....	<b>4m</b>			
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3. ....	<b>4n</b>			

**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 \_\_\_\_\_.

**THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY  
RETIREE HEALTH CARE PLAN**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (MODIFIED CASH BASIS)  
AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019



## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator of The Empire District Electric Company Retiree Health Care Plan  
Avondale, Arizona

### Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of The Empire District Electric Company Retiree Health Care Plan (the "Plan"), which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible 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.

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on conducting the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

### Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on the Financial Statements

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 6, which was certified by Benefit Trust Company, the custodian of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the custodian holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transaction. The plan administrator has obtained a certification from the custodian as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 and for the year ended December 31, 2020 that the information provided to the plan administrator by the custodian is complete and accurate.

### Disclaimer of Opinion

Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on the financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the financial statements.

### Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our disclaimer of opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

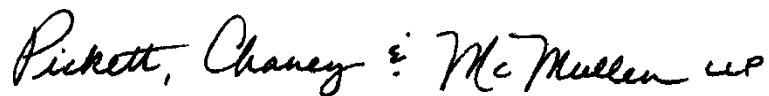


**Other Matter**

The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2020, and supplemental Schedule of Reportable Transactions for the year ended December 31, 2020 are required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we do not express an opinion on the supplemental schedules.

**Report on Form and Content in Compliance with DOL Rules and Regulations**

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedules, other than that derived from the information certified by the custodian, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.



Overland Park, Kansas  
October 13, 2021

**THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY  
RETIREE HEALTH CARE PLAN**

**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR  
BENEFITS (MODIFIED CASH BASIS)  
DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**

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	2020	2019
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash in non-interest bearing checking accounts	\$ 544,260	\$ 777,239
Investments at fair value -		
Mutual funds	<u>127,570,462</u>	<u>115,146,304</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>	<u><u>\$ 128,114,722</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 115,923,543</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

**THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY  
RETIREE HEALTH CARE PLAN**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS (MODIFIED CASH BASIS)  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

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**ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:**

Investment income:	
Dividends and interest	\$ 2,370,059
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>13,084,576</u>
Total investment income	15,454,635

Contributions:	
Employer contributions	379,511
Participants' contributions	<u>1,952,347</u>
	<u>2,331,858</u>
Total additions	17,786,493

**DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:**

Claims paid	4,259,513
Insurance premiums paid	379,511
Unrelated business income tax expense	275,000
Administrative and investment expenses	<u>681,290</u>
Total deductions	<u>5,595,314</u>

**INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS** 12,191,179

**NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:**

Beginning of year	<u>115,923,543</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 128,114,722</u>

See notes to financial statements.

# THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY RETIREE HEALTH CARE PLAN

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

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### 1. DESCRIPTION AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OF THE PLAN

The following description of The Empire District Electric Company Retiree Health Care Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Document or Summary Plan Description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions, which are available from the Plan Administrator.

The Plan provides health and welfare benefits for eligible retirees (and their dependents) of The Empire District Electric Company and its related entities (the "Company" or "Empire"). Additionally, the Plan provides life insurance benefits. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Empire is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Liberty Utilities Co.

**Eligibility** – Eligibility for retiree coverage varies depending upon the employee's date of hire, years of service at the time of retirement, and non-union or union status.

**Plan Combination** – The Plan was effective January 1, 2017, when the net assets and benefit obligations of four health and welfare plans previously sponsored by Empire were merged into this newly created health and welfare plan sponsored by Empire. The Plan's assets on January 1, 2017 were in two VEBA trusts under the custody of Russell Investments Trust Company ("Russell Trust"). On or around July 2, 2017, the assets were transferred to the custody of two VEBA trusts administered by Benefit Trust Company ("Benefit Trust"). Prior to January 1, 2018 the Plan also covered active employees. Effective January 1, 2018, the active employees of Empire participate in the Liberty Health and Welfare Benefits Plan for active employees.

**Contributions** – In addition to deductibles and co-payments, retirees contribute specified amounts based on applicable monthly premiums for their respective benefit elections. The Company may make contributions to the Plan as needed to fund claims in excess of participants' contributions and to pay for a portion of the retirees' insurance premiums, and administrative expenses. Any deficiency of the Plan's net assets over benefit obligations is funded by the Company on a "pay-as-you-go" basis.

**Insured Benefits** – Life insurance benefits are provided on a fully insured basis. The Company enters into annual insurance contracts with respect to the insured benefits. The Plan's participants and the Company pay insurance premiums for coverage (from the Plan's VEBA trusts, or from the general assets of the Company).

**Self-Insured Benefits** – Claims for the self-insured medical, prescription, dental and vision benefits are processed by third-party processors under an administrative services only (ASO) arrangement. The claims processors pay claims directly to or on behalf of the participants and is then reimbursed by either the Plan's VEBA trusts, or the general assets of the Company. Despite the Plan's utilization of third-party claim's processors, ultimate responsibility for payments to providers and participants is retained by the Plan.

**Administrative Expenses** – The Plan pays certain trust fees, actuarial fees and administrative fees. Other administrative expenses are paid by the participating employers, and such employers provide certain administrative and accounting services to the Plan for which they receive no fee.

**Plan Termination** – Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of Accounting** – The accounting records of the Plan are maintained on the modified cash basis of accounting as permitted by the Department of Labor; consequently, the accompanying financial statements do not reflect any contributions, reinsurance receipts or interest income due but not received, or expenses incurred but not paid by the Plan. The financial statements do not recognize as liabilities, or contain provision for, claims in the process of payment, claims incurred but not reported, advance employer and employee contributions and such other liabilities or reserves as may be necessary to fairly present the financial position and operating results in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Payment of Benefits** – Claims paid by either the Company or the VEBA trusts are recorded as claims payments in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits when paid. The Plan may receive rebates from its pharmacy provider, or reinsurance receipts. Such receipts are applied to payments of benefits.

**Use of Estimates** – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires of the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Investment Valuation and Income Recognition** – The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a settlement-date basis. Dividends and interest are recorded when received. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in the mutual funds are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

**Checking Accounts** – The Plan maintains three checking accounts that are non-interest bearing. At times, the Plan maintains cash balances at a financial institution in excess of FDIC insured limits. The Plan has not experienced any losses in these accounts.

**Claims Incurred But Not Reported** – The claims incurred but not reported amount represents claims against the Plan, as related to retirees, which were currently being processed at year-end but not paid by the Plan until the subsequent year and an estimated amount for covered expenses incurred by participants which had not yet been received for processing.

**Date of Management's Review** – Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 13, 2021, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and there were no material events that required recognition or disclosure.

## 3. BENEFIT OBLIGATION

The postretirement benefit obligation represents the actuarial present value of those estimated future benefits that are attributed to the employee service rendered to January 1, 2021. Postretirement benefits include future benefits expected to be paid to or for currently retired or

terminated employees and their beneficiaries and dependents and active employees and their beneficiaries and dependents after retirement from service reduced by the actuarial present value of contributions expected to be received from the current plan participants during their remaining active service and postretirement periods. Prior to an active employee's full eligibility date, the postretirement benefit obligation is the portion of the expected postretirement benefit obligation that is attributed to that employee's service rendered to the valuation date.

The actuarial present value of the expected postretirement benefit obligation is determined by an 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 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.

The Plan's benefit obligation at January 1, 2021 and 2020 is as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Amounts currently payable to or for participants, beneficiaries and dependent claims incurred but not reported	\$ 294,000	\$ 371,000
Postretirement benefit obligations		
Actives - fully eligible	3,901,873	1,904,854
Actives - not fully eligible	89,548,504	71,847,407
Inactives	<u>82,399,380</u>	<u>68,577,957</u>
Total postretirement benefit obligations	<u>175,849,757</u>	<u>142,330,218</u>
Total benefit obligations	<u>\$ 176,143,757</u>	<u>\$ 142,701,218</u>

The Plan's change in benefit obligations for the year ended December 31, 2020 is as follows:

Amounts currently payable to or for participants, beneficiaries and dependents:	
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 371,000
Claims reported and approved for payment (net of prescription reimbursements)	4,182,513
Claims paid	<u>(4,259,513)</u>
Balance at end of year	294,000
Postretirement benefit obligations:	
Balance at beginning of year	142,330,218
Increase during the year attributable to:	
Net benefits paid	(3,649,051)
Increase due to passage of time	4,771,522
Benefits accumulated net of actuarial experience	2,729,657
Changes in actuarial assumptions	<u>29,667,411</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>175,849,757</u>
Total benefit obligation at end of year	<u>\$ 176,143,757</u>

For measurement purposes, a 6.00% annual rate increase in the per capita cost of covered health care benefits was assumed for 2021, respectively; the rate was assumed to decrease gradually to 4.75% in 2031. In the prior year, a 6.25% annual rate increase in the per capita cost of covered health care benefits was assumed for 2020; the rate was assumed to decrease gradually to 4.75% in 2031.

The following were significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuation of the postretirement benefits:

Weighted-average discount rate – Rate used for 2021 was 2.60%, while the rate used for 2020 was 3.31%.

Average retirement age – 62 years old, both years.

Mortality – For 2021, Pri-2012 Total Dataset Mortality Table with MIP-2020 improvement scale adjusted by 2020 Social Security Intermediate Assumptions Ultimate improvement rates. For 2020, Pri-2012 Total Dataset Mortality Table with MIP-2019 improvement scale adjusted by 2019 Social Security Intermediate Assumptions Ultimate improvement rates.

The changes in assumptions above, and the change in the annual rate of increase in the per capita cost of covered health care benefits, caused the Plan's benefit obligation to increase by \$29,667,411.

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 postretirement benefit obligation.

On December 8, 2003, the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (the "Act") for employers that sponsor postretirement healthcare plans that provide prescription drug benefits was signed into law. The Act introduces a prescription drug benefit under Medicare as well as a federal subsidy to sponsors of retiree healthcare benefit plans that provide a benefit that is at least actuarially equivalent to Medicare Part D.1. Under the Act, the Medicare subsidy amount is received directly by the Company and not related to the Plan. Further, the Company is not required to use the subsidy amount to fund postretirement benefits and may use the subsidy for any valid business purpose. As such, the Plan's Benefit and the changes in the benefit obligation do not reflect any amount associated with the Medicare subsidy. However, the amount of the Benefit Obligation related to the Plan is reported net of the Medicare subsidy in the Company's financial statements, resulting in a difference between the two measurements.

The Plan's deficiency in net assets compared to benefit obligations, relates to the postretirement benefit obligations. Funding for the postretirement benefit began in 1994 when Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma public service commissions authorized the inclusion, within the utility rate structure, of the cost associated with the accounting guidance on postretirement benefit obligations other than pensions. The Company's postretirement benefit costs include accrual of benefits during the active service period of employees, amortization of prior service costs over the average remaining service of the active employees, and amortization of actuarial gains and losses of a ten year period. Funding will be provided over the lifetime of the Plan.

The weighted-average health care cost-trend rate assumption has a significant effect on the amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements. If the assumed rates increased by one percentage point in each year, it would increase the obligation to approximately \$211,203,000.

#### 4. STOP/LOSS INSURANCE CLAIMS

The Plan Sponsor has obtained stop/loss insurance coverage for claims incurred in excess of \$350,000 for 2020, per participant during a policy year. Claims in excess of the annual limit are paid by the Plan and subsequently reimbursed by the stop/loss carrier and netted against benefits paid.

#### 5. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

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

Level 1 – Inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets in active markets that the plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 – Inputs consist of 1) quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, 2) quoted prices for identical or similar assets in inactive markets, 3) inputs other than quoted prices that are observable, and 4) inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term.

Level 3 – Inputs consist of unobservable inputs where there is little or no market activity, and the reporting entity makes estimates and assumptions related to the pricing of the asset including assumptions regarding risk.

The assets fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

**Mutual Fund** - The fair value of these funds is based on quoted net asset values of the shares held by the Plan at year end which are traded on an active market.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The investments are reported at fair value as follows at December 31, 2020 and 2019:

	Fair Value			Fair Value
	Measurements Using:			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
<b>December 31, 2020 -</b>				
Mutual Funds	\$ 127,570,462	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 127,570,462
<b>December 31, 2019 -</b>				
Mutual Funds	\$ 115,146,304	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 115,146,304



## **6. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY CUSTODIAN**

The Plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Benefit Trust, the custodian of the Plan, has certified that the following data included in the accompanying financial statements is complete and accurate with respect to investments as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and for the year ended December 31, 2020:

- Fair value of investments
- Dividends and interest
- Net appreciation on fair value of investments
- Supplemental schedule of Assets Held for Investments
- Supplemental schedule of Reportable Transactions

The Plan's independent public accountants did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedules.

## **7. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

The Plan incurs expenses related to general administration and recordkeeping. The Plan sponsor pays certain expenses to the Plan, which are not included in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits. All benefits claims are processed and paid in accordance with plan provisions under the terms of the agreement with HealthScope. Expenses are paid from the Plan to HealthScope to administer the Plan.

Benefit Trust Company, the Plan's custodian, is paid from the Plan's assets for custodial fees. Actuarial services are provided by a third party and their fees are paid by the Plan.

## **8. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

Mutual funds invest in various investment securities that are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that some changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

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

Changes in the discount rate and investment returns can have a significant effect on the funded status of the Plan. Management continues to monitor these changes and the potential impact on future plan funding requirements and related expenses.

## **9. TAX STATUS**

The Plan maintains two separate VEBA trusts (which were carried over from the prior plans), one for union retirees and one for non-union retirees. The IRS issued two favorable determination letters dated July 19, 1996, stating that the trusts met the requirements of Section 501(c)(9) of the IRC, and are exempt from taxation. However, from time to time, the trusts may be subject to unrelated business income or other taxes. During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Plan paid \$275,000 related to income taxes.

In addition, the Plan and the trusts established under the Plan are required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain the tax-exempt status of the trusts. The plan administrator believes that the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

Generally accepted accounting principles require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if it has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

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**THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY  
RETIREE HEALTH CARE PLAN**

**FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, LINE PART IV, LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS  
(HELD AT END OF YEAR) - DECEMBER 31, 2020  
EIN: 44-0236370, PLAN IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 514**

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity of Party Involved	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Cost of Asset	Current Value of Asset	
Vanguard Group Total Bond Mkt Index Int'l	Mutual Fund	\$ 29,146,451	\$ 31,012,730	
Vanguard Group Reserve MM Fund	Mutual Fund	156,808	156,808	
Vanguard Group Total Stock Market Inst	Mutual Fund	28,465,402	44,226,094	
Vanguard Emerging Markets Index	Mutual Fund	16,894,045	20,655,938	
Vanguard Developed Markets Index	Mutual Fund	27,319,092	31,518,892	
		<u>\$ 101,981,798</u>	<u>\$ 127,570,462</u>	

\* Represents a party-in-interest (none).

**THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY  
RETIREE HEALTH CARE PLAN**

**FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, LINE PART IV, LINE 4j – SCHEDULE OF  
REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS – YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020  
EIN: 44-0236370, PLAN IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 514**

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(g)	(h)	(i)
Identity of Party Involved	Investment Type	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Cost of Asset	Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date	Net Gain (Loss)
<b>SINGLE -</b>						
None						
<b>SERIES -</b>						
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index	Mutual Fund Purchases	\$ 6,405,077		\$ 6,405,077	\$ 6,405,077	
	Sales		\$ 1,238,352	1,183,586	1,238,352	\$ 54,766
Vantuard Developed Markets Index	Mutual Fund Purchases	967,996		967,996	967,996	
	Sales		5,136,501	4,948,133	5,136,501	188,368

**THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY  
WELFARE BENEFIT WRAP PLAN**

**FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, LINE PART IV, LINE 4j – SCHEDULE OF  
REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS – YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020  
EIN: 44-0236370, PLAN IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 514**

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(g)	(h)	(i)
Identity of Party Involved	Investment Type	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Cost of Asset	Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date	Net Gain (Loss)
<b>SINGLE -</b>						
None						
<b>SERIES -</b>						
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index	Mutual Fund Purchases	\$ 6,405,077		\$ 6,405,077	\$ 6,405,077	
	Sales		\$ 1,238,352	1,183,586	1,238,352	\$ 54,766
Vantuard Developed Markets Index	Mutual Fund Purchases	967,996		967,996	967,996	
	Sales		5,136,501	4,948,133	5,136,501	188,368

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WELFARE BENEFIT WRAP PLAN**

**FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, LINE PART IV, LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS  
(HELD AT END OF YEAR) - DECEMBER 31, 2020  
EIN: 44-0236370, PLAN IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 514**

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity of Party Involved	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Cost of Asset	Current Value of Asset	
Vanguard Group Total Bond Mkt Index Int'l	Mutual Fund	\$ 29,146,451	\$ 31,012,730	
Vanguard Group Reserve MM Fund	Mutual Fund	\$ 156,808	156,808	
Vanguard Group Total Stock Market Inst	Mutual Fund	28,465,402	44,226,094	
Vanguard Emerging Markets Index	Mutual Fund	16,894,045	20,655,938	
Vanguard Developed Markets Index	Mutual Fund	<u>27,319,092</u>	<u>31,518,892</u>	
		<u>\$ 101,981,798</u>	<u>\$ 127,570,462</u>	

\* Represents a party-in-interest (none).