

Financial Statements

June 30, 2024 and 2023

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable Mayor, Members of the City Council and Commissioners of Lansing Board of Water and Light

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Lansing Board of Water and Light Defined Contribution Plan and Trust 1 (the Plan), a fiduciary fund of the Lansing Board of Water and Light, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fiduciary net position of the Plan as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the respective changes in fiduciary net position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Plan is presenting only the financial statements of the Plan and does not purport to, and does not, present fairly the financial position of the Lansing Board of Water and Light, as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Baker Tilly US, LLP

Madison, Wisconsin October 7, 2024

Management's Discussion and Analysis June 30, 2024 and 2023 (Unaudited)

Using this Annual Report

The annual report consists of two parts: (1) Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section) and (2) the financial statements. The financial statements include notes that explain information in the statements and provide more detail.

Condensed Financial Information

The table below compares key financial information in a condensed format between the current year and the prior three fiscal years:

		2024		2023		2022
Assets held in trust:						
Cash & cash equivalents	\$	26,073,272	\$	28,195,849	\$	31,382,550
Participant-directed investments (Note 1):						
Mutual funds, bonds		17,497,649		17,745,597		16,900,960
Mutual funds, equity		152,413,555		130,774,490		122,401,760
Self-directed brokerage account:						
Equity securities/stocks		12,507,716		9,997,083		8,979,962
Mutual funds, equity		598,099		454,285		515,714
Certificates of deposit (negotiable)		100,039		349,683		-
Participant notes receivable and other		3,532,182		3,439,525		3,302,591
Net position	\$	212,722,512	\$	190,956,512	\$	183,483,537
Changes in plan assets:						
Changes in plan assets:	\$	25 001 621	\$	10 051 500	\$	(17 659 002)
Net investment income (loss)	Ф	25,881,631	Ф	18,054,588	Ф	(17,658,093)
Employer and participant contributions		9,894,164		11,864,060		11,864,174
Benefits paid to participants		(13,525,681)		(21,900,248)		(20,560,553)
Loan defaults and other changes		(484,114)		(546,425)		(728,171)
Changes in net position	\$	21,766,000	\$	7,472,975	\$	(27,082,643)

Investment Objectives

The principal purpose of the Lansing Board of Water & Light Defined Contribution Plan and Trust 1 (Plan) is to provide eligible Plan participants with a retirement income benefit at a normal retirement age. The Plan's investment funds are selected to optimize return on a risk-adjusted basis within each asset class, to provide an opportunity to create a well-diversified portfolio, to control administrative and management cost, and to comply with applicable Michigan and federal law.

Pursuant to the Plan's Investment Policy Statement, each participant may direct the investment of funds in their Plan account across various investment options. The plan is sponsored by the Lansing Board of Water & Light (BWL). The Retirement Plan Committee on behalf of the Trustee periodically reviews the performance of investment options available to participants to ensure that each option is meeting its investment objectives.

Management's Discussion and Analysis June 30, 2024 and 2023 (Unaudited)

Investment Results

The fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 saw a net investment gain of \$25.9 million. Fiscal year 2023 had a net investment gain of \$18.1 million, fiscal year 2022 had a net investment loss of \$(17.7) million. Total assets held in trust were \$213 million at the end of fiscal year 2024, \$191 million at the end of fiscal year 2023, \$183 million at the end of fiscal year 2022.

Future Events

The BWL has no plan to materially revise the terms of its Plan.

Contacting the Plan's Management

The financial report is intended to provide a general overview of the Plan's finances and to demonstrate accountability for the funds it administers. Questions about this report should be submitted to Lansing Board of Water and Light Defined Contribution Plan and Trust 1, Attn: Retirement Plan Committee, P.O. Box 13007, Lansing, Michigan 48901-3007.

Statements of Fiduciary Net Position June 30, 2024 and 2023

		2024	 2023
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	26,073,272	\$ 28,195,849
Participant-directed investments (Note 1):			
Mutual funds, bonds		17,497,649	17,745,597
Mutual funds, equity		152,413,555	130,774,490
Self-directed brokerage account:			
Equity securities/stocks		12,507,716	9,997,083
Mutual funds, equity		598,099	454,285
Certificates of deposit (negotiable)		100,039	 349,683
Total participant-directed investments		183,117,058	159,321,138
Participant notes receivable		3,532,182	 3,439,525
Net position restricted for pensions	<u>\$</u>	212,722,512	\$ 190,956,512

Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Additions		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 22.518.517	¢ 14.000.000
Interest and dividend income	Ŧ , , -	\$ 14,923,330 3 131 258
	3,363,114	3,131,258
Total investment income	25,881,631	18,054,588
Employer contributions (Note 1)	9,435,006	11,648,704
Interest from participant notes receivable	189,210	131,862
Other	269,948	84,494
Total additions	35,775,795	29,919,648
Deductions		
Benefits paid to participants	13,525,681	21,900,248
Loan defaults	331,152	396,895
Participants' note and administrative fees	152,962	149,530
Total deductions	14,009,795	22,446,673
Net increase in net position	21,766,000	7,472,975
Net Position Restricted for Pensions, Beginning	190,956,512	183,483,537
Net Position Restricted for Pensions, Ending	<u>\$ 212,722,512</u>	\$ 190,956,512

See notes to financial statements

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2024 and 2023

1. Plan Description

The following description of Lansing Board of Water and Light Defined Contribution Plan and Trust 1 (Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Documents, in conjunction with the Plan Adoption Agreement, for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan was established by the Lansing Board of Water & Light (BWL) in 1997 under Section 5-203.10 of the City Charter. Prior to its establishment, the BWL sponsored a defined benefit plan (Lansing Board of Water and Light Defined Benefit Plan and Trust for Employees' Pensions) in which substantially all employees of the BWL were participants. Effective December 1, 1997, all active participants of the defined benefit plan were required to make an irrevocable choice to either remain in the defined benefit plan or move to the newly established Plan. Those participants who elected to move to the Plan received lump-sum distributions from the defined benefit plan, which were rolled into their accounts in the Plan. Of the 760 active participants who were required to make this election, 602 elected to convert their retirement benefits to the Plan. As a result of this action, effective December 1, 1997, the Board of Commissioners transferred \$75,116,470 to the Plan, reflecting the plan participants' accumulated benefits as of said date.

Nationwide Retirement Solutions (Nationwide) serves as the Plan recordkeeper, administrator and processor of participant investments.

Contributions

For eligible employees hired before January 1, 1997, the BWL is required to contribute 15% of the employees' eligible compensation. For employees hired on or after January 1, 1997, the BWL is required to contribute 9.5% of the employees' compensation. In addition, the BWL is required to contribute an additional 3.0% of the employees' compensation for all employees who are not eligible to receive overtime pay and 0.5% of the employees' compensation for all nonbargaining employees. As part of the transition to Nationwide, effective April 25, 2021, the BWL adopted Nationwide's prototype plan documents.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's rollover contributions and withdrawals, as applicable, and allocations of the BWL's contributions and Plan earnings. Allocations are based on participants' earnings or account balances, as defined in the Plan document. Forfeited balances of terminated participants' nonvested accounts are used to reduce future BWL contributions. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's account.

As of June 30, 2024, there were 921 participants in the Plan, of which 821 were active employees. As of June 30, 2023, there were 858 participants in the Plan, of which 733 were active employees.

Vesting

The portion of employer contribution which is subject to vesting is vested on the following schedule: 25% vested after three years and an additional 25% after each subsequent completed year of service.

Investment Options

Participants may direct contributions to any of the following investment options, some of which are administered by subsidiaries (or related parties) of Nationwide. Since Nationwide is a service provider to the Plan, transactions in the Nationwide Stable Value Account qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Stable Value

Seeks safety of principal, adequate liquidity and returns superior to shorter maturity alternatives by actively managing a diversified portfolio of assets issued by highly rated financial institutions and corporations as well as obligations of the U.S. government or its agencies.

Balanced

Seeks both current income and capital appreciation by investing in a combination of stocks, bonds and money market instruments.

Growth

Seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of companies with above-average growth prospects. Current income is a secondary concern.

International

Seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of issuers located outside of the U.S.

Stock Funds

Seeks long-term growth through capital gains, although historically dividends have been an important source of total return. These funds primarily invest in the common stocks of companies based in the United States. There are many options for diversification within this category.

Bond and Equity Funds

Seeks to maximize current income with capital appreciation as a secondary consideration by investing primarily in debt securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies and domestic and foreign corporations. They are not fixed-income investments. Even when a mutual fund's portfolio is composed entirely of bonds, the fund itself has neither a fixed yield nor a contractual obligation to give investors back their principal at some later maturity date - the two key fixed characteristics of individual bonds.

Self-Directed Brokerage Account

Participants meeting minimum balance and transaction requirements may transfer funds to a self-directed brokerage account providing access to additional investment options including a large selection of mutual funds.

Participant Notes Receivable

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balances. Notes receivables are treated as transfers between the investment fund and the notes receivable fund. Note terms range from one to five years or up to 20 years for the purchase of a primary residence. The notes receivable is secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate commensurate with prevailing rates as determined periodically by the Plan administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account or choose from a variety of periodic payment options. Upon reaching normal retirement age, a participant may elect to receive in service distributions.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts presented in the prior year data may have been reclassified in order to be consistent with the current year's presentation.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

Fiduciary funds use the economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Plan participant contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. Employer contributions to the Plan are recognized when due pursuant to legal requirements. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions and deductions during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Valuation of Investments and Income Recognition

The investments are stated at fair value based on closing sales prices reported on recognized securities exchanges on the last business day of the year, or for listed securities having no sales reported and for unlisted securities, upon the last reported bid prices on that date. The mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices, which represent the fair market values of shares held by the Plan at year-end.

Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is accrued when earned. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Participant Notes Receivable

Participant notes receivable are recorded at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued interest. Participant notes receivable are written off when deemed uncollectible.

Expenses

Substantially all Plan expenses are paid by Plan participants.

Regulatory Status

The Plan is not subject to the reporting requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) as it has been established for the benefit of a governmental unit.

Comparative Data

Certain amounts presented in the prior year data may have been reclassified in order to be consistent with the current year's presentation.

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents, Investments and Fair Value Disclosure

The Plan is authorized by Michigan Public Act 314 of 1965, as amended, to invest in certain reverse repurchase agreements, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, collective investment funds, diversified investment companies, annuity investment contracts, real estate leased to public entities, mortgages, real estate, debt or equity of certain small businesses, certain state and local government obligations and certain other specified investment vehicles. Deposits in each local and area bank are insured by the FDIC in the amount of \$250,000 for time and savings accounts (including NOW accounts) and \$250,000 for demand deposit accounts (interest bearing).

The Plan's deposits and investment policies are in accordance with PA 196 of 1997 and have authorized the investments according to Michigan PA 314 of 1965, as amended.

Custodial Credit Risk of Bank Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Plan's deposits may not be returned to it. The Plan requires that financial institutions must meet minimum criteria to offer adequate safety to the Plan. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Plan has \$314,227 and \$612,865, respectively, of bank deposits that were uninsured and uncollateralized. The Plan evaluates each financial institution with which it deposits funds and only those institutions meeting minimum established criteria are used as depositories.

Custodial Credit Risk of Investments

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Plan will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Plan does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. At year end, all investments of the Plan were held in the name of the Plan and are therefore not subject to custodial credit risk.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. As of June 30, 2024, the credit quality ratings of investments subject to credit risk are as follows:

Investment	 Fair Value	Rating	Rating Organization
Mutual funds, bond funds	\$ 17,497,649	Not rated	Not rated
Certificates of deposit (negotiable)	100,039	Not rated	Not rated

As of June 30, 2023, the credit quality ratings of investments subject to credit risk are as follows:

Investment	Fair	Value	Rating	Rating Organization
Mutual funds, bond funds	\$ 17	,745,597	Not rated	Not rated
Certificates of deposit (negotiable)		349,683	Not rated	Not rated

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of investments. The Plan's investment policy does not address this risk. At June 30, 2024, the average maturities of investments subject to interest rate risk are as follows:

Investment	Fair Value	Weighted Average Maturity
Mutual funds, bond funds	\$ 17,497,649	6.7 years
Certificates of deposit (negotiable)	100,039	0.6 years

At June 30, 2023, the average maturities of investments subject to interest rate risk are as follows:

Investment	Fair Value	Weighted Average Maturity
Mutual funds, bond funds	\$ 17,745,597	6.9 years
Certificates of deposit (negotiable)	349,683	0.6 years

Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. The Plan has no investments subject to concentration of credit risk as of June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023. The Plan's investment policy does not address concentration of credit risk.

4. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intention to terminate the Plan, the BWL has the right to do so at any time. In the event of any termination of the Plan, or upon complete or partial discontinuance of contributions, the accounts of each affected participant shall become fully vested.

5. Tax Status

The Plan utilizes Nationwide's prototype plan document. The prototype plan has received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that the prototype plan, as designed, is qualified for federal income tax-exempt status. The Plan has not individually sought its own determination letter.

6. Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under authoritative guidance are described as follows:

Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted market prices for identical assets in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means; and
- if the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observables and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2024 and 2023:

Mutual Funds - Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily fair value and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Deposits (Stable Value Fund) - The Vantagepoint PLUS Fund is a collective fund that seeks to maintain a stable net asset value (NAV). It invests primarily in a diversified portfolio of stable-value investments, including traditional guaranteed investment contracts (traditional GICs), separate account GICs, synthetic GICs backed by fixed income securities or investments and short-term investment funds, including money market mutual funds. The Nationwide Stable Value Account (Account) is a Separate Account Product that seeks to provide a low-risk, stable investment option offering consistently competitive returns for retirement plan investors. The Account invests in a diversified portfolio of fixed income securities. Nationwide Life Insurance Company provides a crediting rate guarantee each quarter, which is backed by the assets in the Account and the claims paying ability of Nationwide Life Insurance Company.

Self-Directed Brokerage Account - The self-directed brokerage account allows participants of the Plan the option of selecting a more personalized and broad range of investment choices. The investments within the account consist of corporate stocks, which are valued at the most recent closing price reported on the market on which individual securities are traded, certificates of deposits (negotiable), valued at cost and mutual funds (see above).

The preceding methods may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while 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 following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of June 30, 2024 and 2023:

		2024						
Investment Type	Level 1			Level 2	Level 3		Total	
Mutual funds:								
Bond funds	\$	17,497,649	\$	-	\$	-	\$	17,497,649
Equity funds		152,413,555		-		-		152,413,555
Self-directed brokerage account:								
Equity securities/stocks		12,507,716		-		-		12,507,716
Mutual funds, equity		598,099		-		-		598,099
Certificates of deposit								
(negotiable)		-		100,039		-		100,039
Total investments by fair								
value level	\$	183,017,019	\$	100,039	\$	-	\$	183,117,058

	2023							
Investment Type	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total	
Bond funds	\$	17,745,597	\$	-	\$	-	\$	17,745,597
Equity funds		130,774,490		-		-		130,774,490
Self-directed brokerage account:								
Equities		9,997,083		-		-		9,997,083
Mutual funds		454,285		-		-		454,285
Certificates of deposit		,						,
(negotiable)		-		349,683		-		349,683
Total investments by fair								
value level	\$	158,971,455	\$	349,683	\$	-	\$	159,321,138

7. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities 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 the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position.

8. Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events occurring through October 7, 2024, the date that the Plan's financial statements were approved and available to be issued, for events requiring recording or disclosure in the Plan's financial statements. There are no subsequent events warranting disclosures.