Statutory Accounting Principles (E) Working Group

**Maintenance Agenda Submission Form**

**Form A**

## **Issue: ASU 2023-09, Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures**

**Check (applicable entity):**

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Modification of existing SSAP

New Issue or SSAP

Interpretation

Description of Issue: In December 2023, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued *Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2023-09, Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures* (the ASU) to enhance the transparency and decision usefulness of income tax disclosures. The ASU amends and expands the disclosures for rate reconciliation between income tax expense and statutory expectations for both public and private entities. Per the ASU, “The objective of these disclosure requirements is for an entity, particularly an entity operating in multiple jurisdictions, to disclose sufficient information to enable users of financial statements to understand the nature and magnitude of factors contributing to the difference between the effective tax rate and the statutory tax rate.” Public entities are required to provide detailed quantitative and qualitative disclosures, while private are only required to provide qualitative rate reconciliation disclosures on certain specified categories. Additionally, the ASU also requires all entities to provide additional disclosures on income tax expense and income taxes paid, and removes the disclosure requirement for positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will significantly increase or decrease within 12 months of the reporting date (ASC 740-10-50-15d), and the cumulative amount of each type of temporary difference related to unrecognized deferred tax liabilities (ASC 740-30-50-2b).

Existing Authoritative Literature:

*SSAP No. 101—Income Taxes:*

### Disclosures

1. Statutory financial statement disclosures shall be made in a manner consistent with the provisions of paragraphs 43-45 and 48 of FAS 109. However, required disclosures with regard to a reporting entity’s GAAP valuation allowance shall be replaced with disclosures relating to the statutory valuation allowance adjustment and the nonadmittance of some portion or all of a reporting entity’s DTAs. The financial statements shall include the disclosures required by paragraph 47 of FAS 109 for non-public companies. Paragraphs 22-28 describe the disclosure requirements as modified for the difference between the requirements of FAS 109 and those prescribed by this statement.
2. The components of the net DTA or DTL recognized in a reporting entity’s financial statements shall be disclosed as follows:
3. The total of all DTAs (gross, adjusted gross, admitted and nonadmitted) by tax character;
4. The total of all DTLs by tax character;
5. The total DTAs nonadmitted as the result of the application of paragraph 11;
6. The net change during the year in the total DTAs nonadmitted;
7. The amount of each result or component of the calculation, by tax character of paragraphs 11.a., 11.b.i., 11.b.ii., and 11.c., and the ExDTA ACL RBC Ratio, the ExDTA Surplus plus Contingency Reserves/Required Aggregate Risk Capital Ratio, or the Adjusted Gross DTA/Adjusted Capital and Surplus Ratio used in the applicable *Realization Threshold Limitation Table* (the RBC Reporting Entity Table, the Financial Guaranty or Mortgage Guaranty Non-RBC Reporting Entity Table, or the Other Non-RBC Reporting Entity Table) in paragraph 11.b., as applicable; and
8. The impact of tax-planning strategies on the determination of adjusted gross DTAs and the determination of net admitted DTAs, by percentage and by tax character, and whether the tax-planning strategies include the use of reinsurance-related tax planning strategies.
9. To the extent that DTLs are not recognized for amounts described in paragraph 31 of FAS 109, the following shall be disclosed:
10. A description of the types of temporary differences for which a DTL has not been recognized and the types of events that would cause those temporary differences to become taxable;
11. The cumulative amount of each type of temporary difference;
12. The amount of the unrecognized DTL for temporary differences related to investments in foreign subsidiaries and foreign corporate joint ventures that are essentially permanent in duration if determination of that liability is practicable or a statement that determination is not practicable; and
13. The amount of the DTL for temporary differences other than those in paragraph 23.c. that is not recognized in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 31 of FAS 109.
14. The significant components of income taxes incurred (i.e., current income tax expense) and the changes in DTAs and DTLs shall be disclosed. Those components would include, for example:
15. Current tax expense or benefit;
16. The change in DTAs and DTLs (exclusive of the effects of other components listed below);
17. Investment tax credits;
18. The benefits of operating loss carryforwards;
19. Adjustments of a DTA or DTL for enacted changes in tax laws or rates or a change in the tax status of the reporting entity; and
20. Adjustments to gross deferred tax assets because of a change in circumstances that causes a change in judgment about the realizability of the related deferred tax asset, and the reason for the adjustment and change in judgment.
21. Additionally, to the extent that the sum of a reporting entity’s income taxes incurred and the change in its DTAs and DTLs is different from the result obtained by applying the federal statutory rate to its pretax net income, a reporting entity shall disclose the nature of the significant reconciling items.
22. A reporting entity shall also disclose the following:
23. The amounts, origination dates and expiration dates of operating loss and tax credit carryforwards available for tax purposes;
24. The amount of federal income taxes incurred in the current year and each preceding year, which are available for recoupment in the event of future net losses; and
25. The aggregate amount of deposits admitted under Section 6603 of the Internal Revenue Service Code.
26. For any federal or foreign income tax loss contingencies as determined in accordance with paragraph 3.a. for which it is reasonably possible that the total liability will significantly increase within 12 months of the reporting date, the reporting entity shall disclose an estimate of the range of the reasonably possible increase or a statement that an estimate of the range cannot be made.
27. If a reporting entity’s federal income tax return is consolidated with those of any other entity or entities, the following shall be disclosed:
28. A list of names of the entities with whom the reporting entity’s federal income tax return is consolidated for the current year; and
29. The substance of the written agreement, approved by the reporting entity’s Board of Directors, which sets forth the manner in which the total combined federal income tax for all entities is allocated to each entity which is a party to the consolidation. (If no written agreement has been executed, explain why such an agreement has not been executed.) Additionally, the disclosure shall include the manner in which the entity has an enforceable right to recoup federal income taxes in the event of future net losses which it may incur or to recoup its net losses carried forward as an offset to future net income subject to federal income taxes.

**Activity to Date (issues previously addressed by the Working Group, Emerging Accounting Issues (E) Working Group, SEC, FASB, other State Departments of Insurance or other NAIC groups**):

None.

**Information or issues (included in *Description of Issue*) not previously contemplated by the Working Group:**

None.

**Convergence with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS):**

None.

Staff Recommendation:

NAIC staff recommends that the Working Group move this item to the active listing of the maintenance agenda categorized as a SAP clarification and expose revisions, as detailed below, to reject *ASU 2023-09 Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures* in *SSAP No. 101—Income Taxes*. NAIC staff does recommend that the Working Group remove the disclosure detailed in paragraph 23b as it is no longer considered relevant due to changes in federal tax law.

The disclosure detailed in ASC 740-30-50-2(b) (SSAP No. 101, paragraph 23b) was removed by ASU 2023-09 as it requires disclosure of the cumulative amount of each type of temporary tax difference when a deferred tax liability is not recognized for undistributed foreign earnings. Based on discussion within the ASU, Stakeholders indicated that the changes as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act reduces the relevance of the existing disclosure of the cumulative temporary differences related to foreign subsidiaries when a deferred tax liability is not recognized. As the rationales detailed within the ASU would also be relevant under statutory accounting, we have recommended that paragraph 23b disclosures be removed.

The disclosure detailed in ASC 740-10-50-15(d) (SSAP No. 101, paragraph 27) was removed by ASU 2023-09 due to a conflict with Chapter 8 of the FASB Concepts Statement 8, however the FASB Concepts Statements have not been adopted within the statutory accounting framework. As this conflict does not exist within statutory accounting, we do not recommend removal of the disclosure detailed in SSAP 101 paragraph 27.

Staff Review Completed by:

NAIC Staff – William Oden, February 2024

Status:

On March 16, 2024, the Statutory Accounting Principles (E) Working Group exposed revisions to adopt, with modification, *ASU 2023-09 Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures* in *SSAP No. 101—Income Taxes*, as illustrated below.

**Spring National Meeting - Proposed Revisions to SSAP No. 101:**

### Disclosures

1. To the extent that DTLs are not recognized for amounts described in paragraph 31 of FAS 109, the following shall be disclosed:
2. A description of the types of temporary differences for which a DTL has not been recognized and the types of events that would cause those temporary differences to become taxable;
3. A reporting entity shall also disclose the following:
4. The amounts, origination dates and expiration dates of operating loss and tax credit carryforwards available for tax purposes;
5. The amount of federal income taxes incurred in the current year and each preceding year, which are available for recoupment in the event of future net losses; and
6. The aggregate amount of deposits admitted under Section 6603 of the Internal Revenue Service Code.
7. Income (or loss) from continuing operations before income tax expense (or benefit) disaggregated between domestic and foreign shall.
8. Income tax expense (or benefit) from continuing operations disaggregated by federal (national), state, and foreign. Income taxes on foreign earnings that are imposed by the jurisdiction of domicile shall be included in the amount for that jurisdiction of domicile (that is, the jurisdiction imposing the tax).
9. The amount of income taxes paid (net of refunds received) disaggregated by federal (national), state, and foreign.
10. The amount of income taxes paid (net of refunds received) to each individual jurisdiction in which income taxes paid (net of refunds received) is equal to or greater than 5% of total income taxes paid (net of refunds received)
11. Nothing in this statement is intended to discourage an entity from reporting additional information specific to the disclosures detailed below to further an understanding of the entity and the related disclosures. If not already disclosed in paragraph 24, the reporting entity shall disclose the following:
    1. The nature and effect of specific categories of reconciling items, as listed below, and individual jurisdictions that result in a significant difference between the tax rate and the effective tax rate. The objective of this disclosure requirement is for an entity, particularly an entity operating in multiple jurisdictions, to disclose sufficient information to enable users of financial statements to understand the nature and magnitude of factors contributing to the difference between the effective tax rate and the tax rate.
       1. State and local income tax, net of federal (national) income tax effect
       2. Foreign tax effects
       3. Effect of changes in tax laws or rates enacted in the current period
       4. Effect of cross-border tax laws
       5. Tax credits
       6. Changes in valuation allowances
       7. Nontaxable or nondeductible items
       8. Changes in unrecognized tax benefits.

### Relevant Literature

1. This statement adopts, with modification, *ASU 2023-09 Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures*. The statutory modifications include:
   1. Did not include public entity only disclosures as statutory accounting does not a the private/public company concept. Additionally, the public entity rate reconciliation was determined to be too onerous to apply to all insurance companies.
   2. Did not delete the disclosure detailed in paragraph 27 from this statement as the conceptual conflict between the disclosure and FASB Concepts Statement 8, Chapter 8, does not exist within statutory accounting.

**Summer National Meeting - Proposed Revisions to SSAP No. 101:**

### Disclosures

1. To the extent that DTLs are not recognized for amounts described in paragraph 31 of FAS 109, the following shall be disclosed:
2. A description of the types of temporary differences for which a DTL has not been recognized and the types of events that would cause those temporary differences to become taxable;

### Relevant Literature

1. This statement rejects *ASU 2023-09 Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures*. The disclosure detailed in paragraph 23b was deleted from statutory accounting guidance as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act made this disclosure effectively irrelevant.

https://naiconline.sharepoint.com/teams/FRSStatutoryAccounting/National Meetings/A. National Meeting Materials/2024/08-13-24 Summer National Meeting/Hearing/18 - 24-11 - ASU 2023-09 Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures.docx