

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6047(e), 6057(b), and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). <p style="text-align: center;">▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p>	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2011 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2011</u> and ending <u>12/31/2011</u>	
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan; ☐ a multiple-employer plan; or ☒ 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				
1a Name of plan <u>THE YANKEE CANDLE CO., INC. 401(K) PLAN</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>001</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1993</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1993</u>	
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1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1993</u>					
2a Plan sponsor's name and address, including room or suite number (Employer, if for single-employer plan) <u>THE YANKEE CANDLE CO., INC.</u> <u>P.O. BOX 110</u> <u>SOUTH DEERFIELD, MA 01373</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>04-2591416</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2c Sponsor's telephone number <u>413-665-8306</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>339900</u></td> </tr> </table>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>04-2591416</u>	2c Sponsor's telephone number <u>413-665-8306</u>	2d Business code (see instructions) <u>339900</u>	
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2c Sponsor's telephone number <u>413-665-8306</u>					
2d Business code (see instructions) <u>339900</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.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/11/2012	JOSEPH KILMARTIN JR.
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/11/2012	JOSEPH KILMARTIN JR.
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address (if same as plan sponsor, enter "Same") THE YANKEE CANDLE CO., INC. P.O. BOX 110 SOUTH DEERFIELD, MA 01373	3b Administrator's EIN 04-2591416 3c Administrator's telephone number 413-665-8306
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4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name	4b EIN 4c PN
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5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	4384
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6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year (welfare plans complete only lines 6a , 6b , 6c , and 6d).		
a Active participants.....	6a	3139
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	6b	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....	6c	2206
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a , 6b , and 6c	6d	5345
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.....	6e	0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f	5345
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....	6g	5098
h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6h	336

7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	
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8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3H

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) ☐ Insurance	(1) ☐ Insurance
(2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) ☒ Trust	(3) ☒ Trust
(4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	(4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)

(2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

(3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
(2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3) ☐ **A** (Insurance Information)
(4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
(5) ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
(6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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
		2011
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2011 and ending 12/31/2011

A Name of plan THE YANKEE CANDLE CO., INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE YANKEE CANDLE CO., INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-2591416	

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
AMERICAN
95-1411037

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosure on eligible indirect compensation
PRINCIPAL
42-1520346

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS
06-1194217

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
RIDGEWORTH
58-1604573

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

T ROWE PRICE

52-2264646

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

THORNBURG

85-0301299

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

PIMCO FUNDS

95-2632339

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

OAKMARK

04-3276558

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

MAINSTAY

52-2206685

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

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

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

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)

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A

94-1347393

(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?
15 21 37 49 50 52 60 62 63 64	SERVICE PROVIDER	36429	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

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1325 SATELLITE BLVD
BLDG 1300, STE 1301
SUWANEE, GA 30024

(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	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	24168	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(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 ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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)

(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 ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(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 ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(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 ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

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

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
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Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
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Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
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d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">2011</div> This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal plan year beginning	01/01/2011	and ending	12/31/2011
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A Name of plan THE YANKEE CANDLE CO., INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN)	001
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE YANKEE CANDLE CO., INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-2591416
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Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a	Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: ENHANCED STOCK MARKET FUND
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b	Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
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c EIN-PN 56-6288528-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 199124
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a	Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: STABLE RETURN FUND G
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b	Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
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c EIN-PN 41-6202499-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5879982
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a	Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:
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b	Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):
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c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a	Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:
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b	Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):
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c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a	Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:
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b	Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):
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c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a	Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:
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b	Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):
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c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a	Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:
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b	Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):
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c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a	Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:
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code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2011 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>THE YANKEE CANDLE CO., INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>04-2591416</u>	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
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	Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b	Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
	(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
	(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
	(3) Other	1b(3)		
c	General investments:			
	(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
	(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
	(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
	(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
	(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
	(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
	(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
	(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
	(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
	(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
	(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
	(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	2112792	2199994
	(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	5352988	6079106
	(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
	(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
	(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
	(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	47770930	50607756
	(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
	(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	55236710	58886856

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	55236710	58886856
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income**a Contributions:**

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	1370555	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	4801523	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	388622	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		6560700

b Earnings on investments:**(1) Interest:**

(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	77768	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		77768

(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	464397	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		464397

(3) Rents	2b(3)		
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(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
2b (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		0
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		168272
(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)		-403946
c Other income.....	2c		166558
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		7033749

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	3039073	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		3039073
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		73874
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		42986
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)	227670	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		227670
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		3383603

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		3650146
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) ☐ Unqualified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☒ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

(2) EIN: 13-3891517

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 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete 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	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.).....		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.).....		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	X		10000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?.....		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.).....		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n			

- 5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year..... ☐ Yes ☒ No Amount:

- 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)

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2011 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2011 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2011 and ending 12/31/2011

A Name of plan <u>THE YANKEE CANDLE CO., INC. 401(K) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>THE YANKEE CANDLE CO., INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>04-2591416</u>

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	<u>0</u>
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): <u>56-1354495</u>		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?.....	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?.....	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?.....	☐ Yes	☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.).....	☐ Yes	☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice and OMB Control Numbers, see the instructions for Form 5500.

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2011
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Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete items 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 14** Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	14b	
c The second preceding plan year	14c	

- 15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	

- 16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If item 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	

- 17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

- 18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

- 19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete items (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate item 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator and Participants of
The Yankee Candle Company, Inc. 401(k) Plan
South Deerfield, Massachusetts

We were engaged to audit the financial statements of The Yankee Candle Company, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and for the year ended December 31, 2011 and the supplemental schedule as of December 31, 2011, listed in the table of contents. These financial statements and supplemental schedule are the responsibility of the Plan's management.

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 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing the information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained certifications from the trustee that the information as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 and for the year ended December 31, 2011 provided to the plan administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

Because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we are unable to express, and we do not express, an opinion on the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule. The supplemental schedule is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee, 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.

Deloitte + Touche LLP

October 1, 2012

THE YANKEE CANDLE COMPANY, INC. 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

	2011	2010
ASSETS:		
Participant-directed investments — at fair value	\$ 56,837,442	\$ 53,123,918
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants	2,242,980	2,112,792
Employer contributions receivable and other receivable	<u>667,531</u>	<u>690,110</u>
Total receivables	<u>2,910,511</u>	<u>2,802,902</u>
LIABILITIES — Excess contributions payable	<u>63,007</u>	<u>76,905</u>
NET ASSETS REFLECTING ALL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE	59,684,946	55,849,915
ADJUSTMENTS FROM FAIR VALUE TO CONTRACT VALUE FOR FULLY BENEFIT-RESPONSIVE STABLE VALUE FUND	<u>(150,580)</u>	<u>(114,722)</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 59,534,366</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 55,735,193</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

THE YANKEE CANDLE COMPANY, INC. 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

ADDITIONS:

Contributions:

Participant contributions	\$ 4,815,421
Employer contributions	1,347,813
Rollover contributions	388,622

Total contributions	6,551,856
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Investment activity:

Net depreciation in fair value of investments	(179,640)
Interest and dividends	689,821

Net investment activity	510,181
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Interest income on notes receivable from participants	77,768
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Total additions	7,139,805
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DEDUCTIONS:

Benefits paid to participants	(3,113,126)
Administrative expenses	(227,506)

Total deductions	(3,340,632)
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INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	3,799,173
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:

Beginning of year	55,735,193
End of year	\$ 59,534,366

See notes to financial statements.

THE YANKEE CANDLE COMPANY, INC. 401(K) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010, AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of The Yankee Candle Company, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for more complete information.

General — The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering employees of The Yankee Candle Company, Inc., Yankee Candle Restaurant Corp. and Yankee Candle Brand Management, Inc. (collectively referred to as the “Company”) over the age of twenty-one who meet the eligibility requirements. Participants who are regularly scheduled to work 32 hours a week are eligible to make deferral contributions the first of the month following 30 days after hire with the Company. They are eligible to participate in Company discretionary matching contributions after meeting the match requirements of 1,000 hours of service in their first year of employment (anniversary year) or subsequent plan (calendar) year. Those employees over the age of twenty-one who are not regularly scheduled to work 32 hours a week are eligible to make deferral contributions and participate in the Company discretionary matching contributions the first of the month following 30 days of eligibility. Eligibility is defined as reaching 1,000 hours either in the employee’s first year of employment (anniversary year) or in any subsequent plan (calendar) year. Those participants meeting the eligibility requirements but not actively contributing to the Plan are eligible to make deferral contributions as soon as administratively feasible after making a deferral election. Once newly eligible, the employee will be automatically enrolled at a 2% deferral, unless they “opt out” prior to the first of the month following 30 days from their eligibility date. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”).

Contributions — Each year, participants may contribute up to 100% of their pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, subject to certain Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) limitations. The Company may make discretionary matching contributions in an amount to be determined annually by the Company’s Board of Directors (the “Board”). Effective pay periods beginning on or after April 5, 2009, the Board authorized a discretionary weekly match of 25% of the first 4% of salary and an annual discretionary match. For 2011, the Board approved an annual discretionary matching contribution of an additional 25% of the first 4% of salary for pay checks dated in 2011, for a total 2011 discretionary matching contribution of 50% of the first 4% of salary. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans.

Participant Accounts — Individual accounts are maintained for each Plan participant. Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contribution, and allocations of Company discretionary contributions and Plan earnings, and charged with withdrawals and an allocation of Plan losses and administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account.

Investments — Participants direct the investment of their contributions and Company discretionary contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers several mutual funds, and two common collective trusts as investment options for participants.

Vesting — Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company’s discretionary contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of

continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after five years of credited service (20% per year of credited service). Aggregated service was utilized through December 31, 2006. For plan years starting January 1, 2007, a participant must have 1,000 hours of service in a plan year to receive vesting for that year. In error, vesting was not changed from the aggregated service method to the hours based vesting method until January 1, 2011. In order to not harm participants, the method that results in the higher vesting of the two methods was utilized through December 31, 2010. Effective January 1, 2011, vesting is earned by the hours based method (See Note 9).

Participant Loans — Participants may borrow from their fund accounts up to a maximum of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance, whichever is less. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime interest rate at the time funds are borrowed. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Loan terms shall not exceed five years, except for loans to purchase a primary residence, which shall not exceed ten years. Participants may not have more than two loans outstanding at any time. As of December 31, 2011, participant loans have maturities through 2021 at interest rates ranging from 3.25 percent to 8.25 percent.

Payment of Benefits — On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, 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 annual installments over a ten-year period. For termination of service for other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution.

Forfeited Accounts — At December 31, 2011 and 2010, forfeited, vested accounts totaled \$9,849 and \$3,185, respectively, which will be used to reduce future Company contributions or to cover future administrative expenses. During the year ended December 31, 2011, administrative expenses of \$38,014 were paid from the Forfeiture Account.

Excess Contributions Payable — The Plan is required to return contributions received during the Plan year in excess of the IRC limits.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting — The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Use of Estimates — The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes therein. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties — The Plan utilizes various investment instruments, including mutual funds, and common collective trusts. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition — The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value of a financial instrument 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. Shares of mutual

funds are valued at quoted market prices, which represent the net asset value (“NAV”) of shares held by the Plan at year end. The stable value fund is stated at fair value and then adjusted to contract value as described below. Fair value of the stable fund is the net asset value of its underlying investments, and contract value is principal plus accrued interest.

Investments in common collective trust funds (“CCT’s”) are valued based upon the redemption price of units held by the Plan, which is based on the current fair value of the CCT’s underlying assets. The Wells Fargo Stable Return Fund G Fund may invest in benefit-responsive investment contracts, including fixed insurance investment contracts, money market funds, corporate and government bonds, mortgage-backed securities, bond funds and other fixed income securities.

In accordance with GAAP, the stable value fund is included at fair value in participant-directed investments in the statements of net assets available for benefits, and an additional line item is presented representing the adjustment from fair value to contract value. The statement of changes in net assets available for benefits is presented on a contract value basis.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in the mutual funds and common collective trusts 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.

Notes Receivable from Participants — Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are recorded as distributions based on the terms of the Plan document.

Administrative Expenses — Administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Plan or the Company as provided in the Plan Document.

Payment of Benefits — Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution. All withdrawals initiated prior to December 31, 2011 were distributed to participants as of December 31, 2011. All withdrawals initiated prior to December 31, 2010 were distributed to participants as of December 31, 2010.

New Accounting Standards — In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-04, *Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs*, which amends ASC 820. ASU 2011-04 also requires the categorization by level for items that are only required to be disclosed at fair value and information about transfers between Level 1 and Level 2. In addition, the ASU provides guidance on measuring the fair value of financial instruments managed within a portfolio and the application of premiums and discounts on fair value measurements. The ASU requires additional disclosure for Level 3 measurements regarding the sensitivity of fair value to changes in unobservable inputs and any interrelationships between those inputs. The new guidance is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The adoption will not have a material effect on the statement of net assets available for benefits and statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. Plan management has not determined the impact on the disclosures in the financial statements.

3. INVESTMENTS

The Plan's investments that represented 5% or more of the Plan's net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, are as follows:

	2011	2010
Fidelity Contra Fund	\$ 8,010,663	\$ 7,896,215
T Rowe Price Dividend Growth Fund	7,263,749	6,909,127
Wells Fargo Stable Return Fund G *	5,879,982	5,225,061
Principal Midcap Blended Fund	5,331,845	4,827,504
Oakmark Equity and Income Fund II	5,264,503	5,177,336
PIMCO Total Return Fund	4,440,806	4,030,726
Wells Fargo Dow Jones Target 2040 Fund *	4,151,400	3,750,403
Wells Fargo Dow Jones Target 2020 Fund *	3,644,685	3,172,328
Wells Fargo Dow Jones Target 2030 Fund *	3,139,659	2,825,158
Thornburg International Value Fund	-	3,170,124

* Represents a party-in-interest to the Plan.

During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in value as follows:

Fidelity Contrafund	\$ (12,272)
Wells Fargo Dow Jones Target 2040 Fund *	(210,971)
Oakmark Equity & Income Fund II	(42,923)
Thornburg International Value Fund	(460,468)
Wells Fargo Dow Jones Target 2030 Fund *	(104,071)
PIMCO Total Return FD CCA	157,492
American Beacon Funds Large Cap Value	(114,229)
Wells Fargo Dow Jones Target 2020 Fund *	(20,748)
T Rowe Price Dividend Growth	141,562
American - The Growth Fund of America	(7,715)
Principal Midcap Blend	353,027
Wells Fargo Dow Jones Target 2010 Fund *	11,119
Ridgeworth S/C Val Equity	(92,609)
Wells Fargo Dow Jones Target Today Fund *	8,249
Wells Fargo Enhanced Stock Market G *	4,886
Wells Fargo Adv Dow Jones Target 2050 *	(2,464)
Wells Fargo Stable Return Fund G *	249,762
Mainstay Large Cap Growth	(37,267)
	<u>\$ (179,640)</u>

* Represents a party-in-interest to the Plan.

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value, as follows: Level 1, which refers to securities valued using unadjusted quoted prices from active markets for identical assets; Level 2, which refers to securities not traded on an active market but for which observable market inputs are readily available; and Level 3, which refers to securities valued based on significant unobservable inputs. Assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Plan's policy is to recognize significant transfers between levels at the end of the reporting period.

Asset Valuation Techniques

Shares of mutual funds held are categorized as Level 1. They are valued at quoted market prices that represent the net asset value of shares held at Plan year-end.

Investments in CCT's are valued based upon the redemption price of units held by the Plan, which is based on the current fair value of the CCT's underlying assets. Unit values are determined by the financial institution sponsoring such funds by dividing the fund's net assets at fair value by its units outstanding at the valuation dates. Investments in CCT's are categorized as Level 2.

The following tables sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy a summary of the Plan's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010.

	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2011 using:			Total
	Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
Mutual funds				
Equity funds	\$ 38,042,118	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,042,118
International equity fund	2,860,329	-	-	2,860,329
Balanced fund	4,440,806	-	-	4,440,806
Other	5,264,503	-	-	5,264,503
Total mutual funds	50,607,756	-	-	50,607,756
Common collective trust funds	-	6,229,686	-	6,229,686
Total	\$ 50,607,756	\$ 6,229,686	\$ -	\$ 56,837,442

	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2010 using:			Total
	Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
Mutual funds				
Equity funds	\$ 35,392,744	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,392,744
International equity fund	3,170,124	-	-	3,170,124
Balanced fund	4,030,726	-	-	4,030,726
Other	5,177,336	-	-	5,177,336
Total mutual funds	47,770,930	-	-	47,770,930
Common collective trust funds	-	5,352,988	-	5,352,988
Total	\$ 47,770,930	\$ 5,352,988	\$ -	\$ 53,123,918

For the year ended December 31, 2011, there were no significant transfers in or out of Levels 1, 2 or 3.

Assets whose fair value is estimated using the net asset value per share that do not have readily determinable fair value as defined by ASU 2009-12 as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 are as follows:

Enhanced Stock Market Fund: to provide certain qualified employee benefit plans with a vehicle for collective investment and reinvestment primarily in a portfolio of stocks with market capitalizations within the range of stocks in the S&P 500 Index with the objective of seeking to achieve long-term total return greater than the return on the S&P 500 Index while maintaining risk characteristics similar to the risk characteristics of the stocks in the S&P 500 Index. Fair value estimated using the net asset value of the investment at December 31, 2011 and 2010 was \$199,124 and \$127,937, respectively.

Stable Return G Fund: to provide a medium for collective investments of certain qualified employee benefit plans. The investment objective is to provide a relatively high income rate of return consistent with the preservation of principal. To accomplish this objective, the trustee will normally invest and reinvest primarily in contracts known variously as guaranteed income contracts, guaranteed investment contracts and group annuity contracts issued by insurance companies. Fair value estimated using the net asset value of the investment at December 31, 2011 and 2010 was \$6,030,562 and \$5,225,051, respectively.

None of the CCT's have any redemption restrictions or unfunded commitments as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and can be redeemed at any time at the request of the participant.

5. WELLS FARGO STABLE RETURN FUND G

The Wells Fargo Stable Return G Fund (the "Fund") is a collective trust fund sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. The Fund invests in a variety of investment contracts such as guaranteed investment contracts ("GICs") issued by insurance companies and financial institutions and other investment products (such as separate account contracts and synthetic GICs, including wrapper contracts) with similar characteristics. The Funds' investment contracts are fully benefit-responsive and the issuer guarantees that all qualified Plan participant initiated withdrawals will be paid at contract value. Contract value represents contributions made to the Fund, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses.

The Fund imposes certain restrictions on the Plan, and the Fund itself may be subject to circumstances that impact its ability to transact at contract value, as described in the following paragraphs. Plan management believes that the occurrence of events that would cause the Fund to transact at less than contract value is not probable.

Limitations on the Ability of the Fund to Transact at Contract Value:

Restrictions on the Plan — Participant-initiated transactions are those transactions allowed by the Plan, including withdrawals for benefits, loans, or transfers to noncompeting funds within a plan, but excluding withdrawals that are deemed to be caused by the actions of the Plan Sponsor. The following employer initiated events may limit the ability of the Fund to transact at contract value:

- Amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another plan)
- A failure of the Fund or its trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA
- Any communication given to Plan participants designed to influence a participant not to invest in the Fund or to transfer assets out of the Fund
- Changes to the Fund's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions
- Bankruptcy of the Plan Sponsor or other Plan Sponsor events (such as a group layoff, closing or sale of a subsidiary or the establishment of a defined contribution plan that competes with the Plan for employee contributions) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan; or
- Any change in law, regulation, ruling, administrative or judicial position or accounting requirement applicable to the Fund or participating Plans.

Circumstances That Impact the Fund — The Fund invests in wrapper contracts issued by third parties. A wrap contract is an agreement issued by a third party, such as a bank or insurance company backed by a portfolio of investments that are owned by the Funds. Wrap contracts are designed to allow a stable value portfolio to maintain a constant NAV and protect a portfolio in extreme circumstances. Wrapper agreements permit the Funds' investment manager or issuer to terminate upon notice at any time at fair value and provide for automatic termination of the wrapper contract if the fair value of the contract equals zero. In addition, if the Funds default in their obligations under the agreement (including the determination that the agreement constitutes a non-exempt transaction as defined under ERISA) and such default is not cured, then the wrapper contract may be terminated by the issuer and the Funds will receive the fair value at the date of termination.

In the event that the wrap contracts fail to perform as intended, the Fund's NAV may decline if the market value of its assets declines. The Fund's ability to receive amounts due pursuant to these wrap contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet their financial obligations. The wrap issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations under the wrap contracts may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

6. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE

The following is a summary of the unaudited information regarding the Plan as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and for the year ended December 31, 2011, included in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule, that was prepared by or derived from information prepared by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A, the trustee of the Plan, and furnished to the Plan administrator. The Plan administrator has obtained certifications from the trustee that such information is complete and accurate.

Statements of net assets available for benefits:	2011	2010
Investments at fair value:		
Mutual funds	\$ 50,607,756	\$ 47,770,930
Common collective trust funds	6,229,686	5,352,988
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive stable value fund	(150,580)	(114,722)
Statement of changes in net assets available for benefits — investment activity:		
Interest and dividends	\$ 689,821	
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	77,768	
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	(179,640)	

In addition, all investment balances and information included in the supplemental schedule and in Notes 3 and 4 were certified by the trustee except for the level classification of each investment as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, disclosed in Note 4.

7. EXEMPT PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds and common collective trusts managed by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management services were included as a reduction of the return earned on each fund.

8. 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. In the event that the Plan is terminated, participants would become 100% vested in their accounts.

9. FEDERAL INCOME TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated January 28, 2008, that the Plan and related trust were designed in accordance with the applicable regulations of the IRC. The Plan has been amended since receiving this letter; however, the Plan's management believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income tax has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

The Company has evaluated the vesting error that has occurred in the Plan as disclosed in Note 1 and management believes that this error does not impact the tax exempt status of the Plan.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2011, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes that all Plan years remain open and subject to audit.

10. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

Reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 is as follows.

	2011	2010
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 59,534,366	\$ 55,735,193
Excess contributions payable	63,007	76,905
Loans deemed distributions	(42,986)	-
Employer contribution receivable and other receivable	(667,531)	(690,110)
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for stable value fund	-	114,722
Net assets per Form 5500	<u>\$ 58,886,856</u>	<u>\$ 55,236,710</u>

For the year ended December 31, 2011, the following is a reconciliation of increase in net assets per the financial statements to net income per the Form 5500:

Increase in net assets per the financial statements	\$ 3,799,173
Change in excess contributions payable	(13,898)
Change in loans deemed distributions	(42,986)
Change in employer contributions	22,579
Change in adjustment from contract value to fair value for stable value fund	<u>(114,722)</u>
Net income per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 3,650,146</u>

11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On January 31, 2012, the Company filed for a favorable Letter of Determination from the IRS due to the restatement of the Plan Document and Plan amendments. On June 25, 2012, the Company received a favorable Letter of Determination from the IRS.

THE YANKEE CANDLE COMPANY, INC. 401(k) PLAN
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i—
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011
Plan number: 001
EIN: 04-2591416

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
		Mutual Funds:		
	Principal	Midcap Blended Fund	**	\$ 5,331,845
	Fidelity Management Trust Company	Contrafund	**	8,010,663
*	Wells Fargo	Dow Jones Target Today	**	446,675
		Dow Jones Target 2010	**	689,239
		Dow Jones Target 2020	**	3,644,685
		Dow Jones Target 2030	**	3,139,659
		Dow Jones Target 2040	**	4,151,400
		Dow Jones Target 2050	**	98,717
	Mainstay Investments	Large Cap Growth	**	1,105,587
	Ridgeworth	S/C Value Equity Fund	**	1,853,084
	American Funds	Beacon Large Cap Value Fund	**	2,306,815
	T Rowe Price	Dividend Growth Fund	**	7,263,749
	Thornburg Investment Management	International Value Fund	**	2,860,329
	The Oakmark Funds	Equity and Income Fund II	**	5,264,503
	Pacific Investment Management Co., LLC	Total Return Fund CCA	**	4,440,806
		Total mutual funds		<u>50,607,756</u>
		Common Collective Trust Funds:		
*	Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	Enhanced Stock Market Fund	**	199,124
		Wells Fargo Stable Return Fund G	**	6,030,562
		Total common collective trust funds		<u>6,229,686</u>
		Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully-benefit responsive stable value fund		<u>(150,580)</u>
*	Participants	Participant loans with interest rates ranging from 3.25% to 8.25% maturing at various dates through 2021, net of deemed distributions of \$42,986.	**	<u>2,199,994</u>
		Total investments per form 5500		<u>\$ 58,886,856</u>

See Accompanying Independent Auditor's Report.