

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). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2012 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2012 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2012</u> and ending <u>12/31/2012</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 NORTHERN TIER ENERGY RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	<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;">001</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan 02/01/2011</td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001	1c Effective date of plan 02/01/2011	
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2a Plan sponsor's name and address; include room or suite number (employer, if for a single-employer plan) NORTHERN TIER ENERGY LLC 38C GROVE STREET SUITE 100 RIDGEFIELD, CT 06877	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-3005162</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2c Sponsor's telephone number 203-244-6496</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2d Business code (see instructions) 424700</td> </tr> </table>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-3005162	2c Sponsor's telephone number 203-244-6496	2d Business code (see instructions) 424700	
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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.	09/13/2013	DAVID ORT
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/13/2013	DAVID ORT
	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
Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address; include room or suite number. (optional)			Preparer's telephone number (optional)

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor Name ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor Address NORTHERN TIER ENERGY LLC 38C GROVE STREET SUITE 100 RIDGEFIELD, CT 06877		3b Administrator's EIN 27-3005162
		3c Administrator's telephone number 203-244-6496
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
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5 885
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	1111
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	6b	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....	6c	59
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a , 6b , and 6c	6d	1170
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.....	6e	1
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f	1171
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....	6g	1037
h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6h	49
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)		7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D 3H		
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:		
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (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
		2012
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For calendar plan year 2012 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2012 and ending 12/31/2012

A Name of plan NORTHERN TIER ENERGY RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NORTHERN TIER ENERGY LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-3005162

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

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

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(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?
64 65 37 60	RECORDKEEPER	12639	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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			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
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
COL/ACORN INTL Z - COLUMBIA MGT INV 52-2269240	0.40%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
DFA EMG MKTS VAL R2 - BNY MELLON IN P.O. BOX 9793 PROVIDENCE, RI 02940	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
EATON LG CAP VALUE A - BNY MELLON I P.O. BOX 9793 PROVIDENCE, RI 02940	0.50%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
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JPM MIDCAP VALUE IS - BOSTON FINANC	330 W. 9TH STREET KANSAS CITY, MO 66160	0.15%
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2		(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.
KALMAR GR W/VAL SMCP - BNY MELLON I	P.O. BOX 9793 PROVIDENCE, RI 02940	0.25%
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2		(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.
MAINSTAY LGCP GR R1 - NYLIM SERVICE	52-2206685	0.35%

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
MFS VALUE R4 - MFS SERVICE CENTER I 04-2865649	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
MSIF MID CAP GRTH P - MORGAN STANLE 13-3799749	0.40%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(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.	
PIMCO TOT RETURN ADM - BOSTON FINAN P.O. BOX 8480 BOSTON, MA 02266	0.27%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(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.
TRP BLUE CHIP GR ADV - T. ROWE PRIC 52-2269240	0.40%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(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.
WFA SM CAP VALUE A - BOSTON FINANCI 330 W. 9TH STREET KANSAS CITY, MO 66160	0.55%

(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.

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(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

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:	
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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	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 2012 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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A Name of plan <u>NORTHERN TIER ENERGY RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN)	<u>001</u>
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>NORTHERN TIER ENERGY LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>27-3005162</u>	

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)	

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FID MGD INC PORT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN <u>04-3022712-024</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>476598</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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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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) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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 2012 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
For calendar plan year 2012 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2012 and ending 12/31/2012		
A Name of plan NORTHERN TIER ENERGY RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NORTHERN TIER ENERGY LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 27-3005162	

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)	367973	1773682
	(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)	92581	484789
	(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)	943704	2049836
	(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	74887	476598
	(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)	9222606	26216561
	(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	10701751	31001466

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	10701751	31001466
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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) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	5449740	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	5793122	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	2941496	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		14184358
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	601	
(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)	59218	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		59819
(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)	667150	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		667150
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(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)		
(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)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		16241
(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)		1452885
c Other income.....	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		16380453

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1225030	
(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)		1225030
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
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)	13184	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		13184
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		1238214

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		15142239
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		5157476
(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: **CARON & BLETZER PLLC**

(2) EIN: **04-3499945**

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

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

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.).....

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.).....

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	
4b		X	

	Yes	No	Amount
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.		X	

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)

Part V Trust Information (optional)

6a Name of trust

6b Trust's EIN

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
		2012
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2012 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2012 and ending 12/31/2012

A Name of plan <u>NORTHERN TIER ENERGY RETIREMENT SAVINGS 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>NORTHERN TIER ENERGY LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>27-3005162</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>04-6568107</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

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 lines 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 lines 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 lines 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 lines 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 lines 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 lines 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 line 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 lines (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 line 19(b)?

☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

**NORTHERN TIER ENERGY
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2012 and 2011 and
For the Year Ended December 31, 2012



CARON & BLETZER, PLLC

Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants

NORTHERN TIER ENERGY RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
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Certain supplemental schedules have been omitted because they are either not required or not applicable.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL
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ANNUAL REPORT OF EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN
UNDER ERISA OF 1974



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator of the Northern Tier Energy Retirement Savings Plan:

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of the Northern Tier Energy Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for plan benefits as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the year ended December 31, 2012, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

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 G, which was certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained a certification from the trustee as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and for the year ended December 31, 2012, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

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

Other Matter

The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2012 is required by the Department of Labor's ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the *Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion* paragraph, we do not express an opinion on this supplemental schedule.

Report on Form and Content in Compliance With DOL Rules and Regulations

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Canon & Bleger, PLLC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kingston, NH
September 10, 2013

NORTHERN TIER ENERGY RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS
December 31, 2012 and 2011

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Investments, at fair value:		
Common collective trust	\$ 476,598	\$ 74,887
Mutual funds	<u>26,701,350</u>	<u>9,315,187</u>
Total investments	27,177,948	9,390,074
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	1,773,682	367,973
Notes receivable from participants	<u>2,049,836</u>	<u>943,704</u>
Total receivables	3,823,518	1,311,677
Net assets available for plan benefits at fair value	31,001,466	10,701,751
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for interest in the common collective trust relating to fully benefit- responsive investment contracts	<u>(13,639)</u>	<u>(1,847)</u>
Net assets available for plan benefits	<u>\$ 30,987,827</u>	<u>\$ 10,699,904</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral
part of the financial statements.

NORTHERN TIER ENERGY RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS
For the year ended December 31, 2012

	<u>2012</u>
Additions :	
Participant contributions	\$ 5,793,122
Rollover contributions	2,941,496
Employer contributions	5,449,740
Interest and dividend income	730,721
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>1,453,582</u>
Total additions	16,368,661
Deductions:	
Distributions to participants	1,225,030
Administrative expenses	<u>13,184</u>
Total deductions	<u>1,238,214</u>
Net increase	15,130,447
Transfers from Northern Tier Retail Plan (Note J)	75,934
Transfers from outside Plans (Note J)	<u>5,081,542</u>
Total transfers into the plan	5,157,476
Net assets available for plan benefits, beginning of period	<u>10,699,904</u>
Net assets available for plan benefits, end of period	<u>\$ 30,987,827</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral
part of the financial statements.

NORTHERN TIER ENERGY RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. PLAN DESCRIPTION:

The following description of the Northern Tier Energy Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for more detailed information.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan sponsored by Northern Tier Energy LLC and certain affiliated companies (collectively the "Company") covering corporate, refinery and certain retail employees who have attained the age of 21 and have three months of service with the Company or a predecessor company. Fidelity Management Trust Company ("Fidelity") serves as trustee of the Plan's assets. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Contributions

Contributions to the Plan are made by both participating employees and the Company. Non-highly compensated participants and highly compensated participants may contribute up to 25% and 12%, respectively, of their gross compensation on a pre-tax or after-tax Roth basis, with certain exclusions, subject to Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") limitations. Participants who are at least age 50 may make an additional pretax "catch-up" contribution subject to IRC limitations. Participant contributions made by corporate or refinery employees are matched by the Company at a rate of 100% of up to the participant's first 7% of compensation. Participant contributions made by eligible retail employees are matched by the Company at a rate of 100% of up to the participant's first 3% of compensation, and 50% of the next 3% for a maximum match of 4.5%. Participants may also make after-tax non-Roth contributions in amounts up to 18% of their eligible compensation, which are subject to the above matching rates. Participants may also contribute funds from another qualified retirement plan ("rollover contributions"), subject to certain requirements.

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Each participant's account is credited with: the participant's contributions; the participant's allocation of Company contributions; and the participant's proportional allocation of the earnings of selected plan investments, including realized and unrealized gains and losses. Participants determine the percentage in which contributions are to be invested in each fund. Participants may change their investment options as set forth in the plan document.

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Vesting

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<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>% Vested</u>
1	0%
2	0%
3 or more	100%

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When certain terminations of participation in the Plan occur, the nonvested portion of a participant's account represents a forfeiture, as defined by the Plan. If a forfeiting participant is re-employed within five years of termination and fulfills certain requirements, as set forth in the Plan, the participant's account will be restored. Forfeitures of Company contributions are used to reduce expenses or to reduce future employer contributions. During 2012 no forfeitures were utilized. Unapplied forfeitures at December 31, 2012 and 2011 were \$38,689 and \$1,999, respectively.

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The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual method of accounting.

Investment contracts held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value. However, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for plan benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The statement of net assets available for plan benefits presents the fair value of the investment contracts as well as the adjustment of the fully benefit-responsive investment contracts from fair value to contract value. The statement of changes in net assets available for plan benefits is prepared on a contract value basis.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. See Note D for discussion of fair value measurements.

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. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Plan Expenses

Expenses related to the management of the Plan's investments and investment transactions and certain participant initiated transactional fees are paid by the Plan. Substantially all other expenses incurred in the administration of the Plan are paid by the plan sponsor.

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Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan provides investment options, which may invest in any combination of stocks, bonds, fixed income securities, and other 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 value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for plan benefits.

C. INVESTMENTS:

The following presents the Plan's investments that as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 represented 5% or more of the net assets available for plan benefits:

	2012		2011
Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund	\$ 1,633,687 *	\$	904,246 *
Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund	2,881,561 *		951,120 *
Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund	1,627,665 *		514,113
Fidelity Freedom 2015 Fund	2,320,796 *		675,681 *
Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund	3,840,143 *		1,301,605 *
Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund	1,667,857 *		668,413 *

During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Plan's mutual funds (including investments bought, sold and held during the year) appreciated in value by \$1,453,582.

D. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS:

Accounting standards establish a framework for measuring fair value. That framework sets forth a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below.

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

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Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full terms of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology that are unobservable and supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

The asset 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.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used by the Plan. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2012 and 2011.

Mutual funds – Valued at the net asset value of the shares held by the Plan at year end as determined by quoted market prices.

Common collective trust – Valued at net asset value based on information reported by the trustee with reference to the market value of the trust's underlying assets at year end. The common collective trust is audited annually.

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

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The following table sets forth by level and by investment class, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31:

<u>Description</u>	2012			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Mutual funds:				
Value	\$ 2,896,253	\$ 2,896,253	\$ -	\$ -
Bond	1,402,270	1,402,270	-	-
Growth	4,966,147	4,966,147	-	-
Blend	672,007	672,007	-	-
Target date	16,279,884	16,279,884	-	-
Money market	484,789	484,789	-	-
Total mutual funds	26,701,350	26,701,350	-	-
Common collective trust:				
Stable value	476,598	-	476,598	-
Total	\$ 27,177,948	\$ 26,701,350	\$ 476,598	\$ -

<u>Description</u>	2011			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Mutual funds:				
Value	\$ 529,324	\$ 529,324	\$ -	\$ -
Bond	525,629	525,629	-	-
Growth	1,567,731	1,567,731	-	-
Blend	858,616	858,616	-	-
Government	253,095	253,095	-	-
Target date	5,488,211	5,488,211	-	-
Money market	92,581	92,581	-	-
Total mutual funds	9,315,187	9,315,187	-	-
Common collective trust:				
Stable value	74,887	-	74,887	-
Total	\$ 9,390,074	\$ 9,315,187	\$ 74,887	\$ -

The common collective trust held by the Plan is a stable value investment which has an objective to preserve capital and to provide a competitive level of income over time that is consistent with the preservation of capital. To achieve this objective the fund invests in fixed-income securities, bond funds and money market funds. Twelve months notice is required for a complete liquidation, however the trustee, at their discretion, may waive the twelve month waiting period. Participant directed redemptions are allowed daily with no restrictions. There are no unfunded commitments.

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E. PARTIES-IN-INTEREST:

Section 3(14) of ERISA defines a party-in-interest to include, among others, fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan or an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan. Accordingly, loans to participants and the management of investments held by the trustee are considered party-in-interest transactions.

F. TAX STATUS:

The Plan has adopted the volume submitter profit sharing plan document of Fidelity Management Trust Company. The volume submitter sponsor received a favorable opinion letter dated March 31, 2008 in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the form of the volume submitter plan was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. The plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC, and that the related trust is therefore tax-exempt. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been included in the financial statements.

Accounting standards require recording uncertain income tax positions that exist in the Plan's financial statements. Plan management has determined there are no uncertain tax positions and believes there is no adjustment or disclosure required in the Plan's financial statements. The Plan did not recognize any interest and penalty expense for the period ended December 31, 2012. The Form 5500 remains subject to examination by the IRS for the period ended December 31, 2011 and the year ended December 31, 2012.

G. COMPLIANCE AND ERISA:

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted under 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. Accordingly, no auditing procedures were performed with respect to the information certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee, by the independent auditors except for comparing the information to the financial statements and supplemental schedule. The trustee has certified as to the completeness and accuracy of the investments (including notes receivable from participants) held by the Plan as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the investment earnings and other investment-related transactions of the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2012, and the information contained in the Supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year).

H. PLAN TERMINATION:

Although the Plan was established with the intention that it will continue indefinitely, the Company retains the right to discontinue its contributions at any time or to terminate the Plan, subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, all participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

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I. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through September 10, 2013, the date these financial statements were available for issuance.

J. TRANSFERS IN:

During 2012 the Company facilitated transfers in of account balances from the Speedway Retirement Savings Plan and the Marathon Thrift Plan totaling \$5,081,542. These transfers were voluntarily elected by participants who became employees of the Company through the acquisition of certain business units. In addition, \$75,934 was transferred in from the Northern Tier Retail Savings Plan due to participants becoming eligible employees for the Northern Tier Energy Retirement Savings Plan.

K. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500:

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for plan benefits on the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the years ended December 31:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Net assets available for plan benefits on the financial statements	\$ 30,987,827	\$ 10,699,904
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for interest in the common collective trust relating to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	<u>13,639</u>	<u>1,847</u>
Net assets available for plan benefits on the Form 5500	<u>\$ 31,001,466</u>	<u>\$ 10,701,751</u>

The following is a reconciliation of net earnings on investments on the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2012:

Net earnings on investments on the financial statements	\$ 2,184,303
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for interest in the common collective trust relating to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts for the years ended:	
December 31, 2012	13,639
December 31, 2011	<u>(1,847)</u>
Net earnings on investments on the Form 5500	<u>\$ 2,196,095</u>

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 SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(i)-SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
 December 31, 2012

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	Cost	Current value
*	Fidelity Managed Income Portfolio Fund	Common collective trust	**	\$ 476,598
	Vanguard Total International Stock Fund	Mutual fund	**	281,419
	PIMCO Total Return Admn Fund	"	**	1,262,707
	Columbia Acorn International Z Fund	"	**	496,445
	MSIF MidCap Growth P Fund	"	**	767,402
	WFA SmallCap Value A Fund	"	**	456,321
	MFS Value R4 Fund	"	**	318,281
	TRP Blue Chip Growth Adv Fund	"	**	553,939
	Vanguard Inflation Protected Admn Fund	"	**	120,257
	JPM Midcap Value IS Fund	"	**	362,542
	Kalmar Growth With Value SMCP Fund	"	**	427,712
	DFA Emerging Markets Value I Fund	"	**	353,837
*	Fidelity Contrafund	"	**	1,534,131
*	Fidelity International Discovery Fund	"	**	390,588
*	Fidelity Low Priced Stock Fund	"	**	845,528
*	Fidelity Freedom Income Fund	"	**	57,326
*	Fidelity Freedom 2000 Fund	"	**	26,629
*	Fidelity Freedom 2010 Fund	"	**	24,153
*	Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund	"	**	1,633,687
*	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund	"	**	2,881,561
*	Fidelity Retirement Government Money Market Fun	"	**	484,789
*	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund	"	**	1,627,665
*	Fidelity Freedom 2005 Fund	"	**	14,392
*	Fidelity Freedom 2015 Fund	"	**	2,320,796
*	Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund	"	**	3,840,143
*	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund	"	**	1,667,857
*	Spartan External Markets Index Adv Fund	"	**	283,664
*	Spartan 500 Index Advisor Fund	"	**	1,405,272
*	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund	"	**	1,120,612
*	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund	"	**	716,070
*	Fidelity Freedom 2055 Fund	"	**	406,319
*	Spartan US Bond Index Adv. Fund	"	**	19,306
	Total investments on the statement of net assets available for plan benefits			27,177,948
*	Participant loans	(3.25% -7.25 %)	-	2,049,836
	Total investments on the Form 5500			<u>\$ 29,227,784</u>

** Cost omitted for participant directed investments.

* Denotes party-in-interest to the Plan.



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2012 and 2011 and
For the Year Ended December 31, 2012



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Certain supplemental schedules have been omitted because they are either not required or not applicable.

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UNDER ERISA OF 1974



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator of the Northern Tier Energy Retirement Savings Plan:

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of the Northern Tier Energy Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for plan benefits as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the year ended December 31, 2012, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

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 G, which was certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained a certification from the trustee as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and for the year ended December 31, 2012, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

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

Other Matter

The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2012 is required by the Department of Labor's ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the *Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion* paragraph, we do not express an opinion on this supplemental schedule.

Report on Form and Content in Compliance With DOL Rules and Regulations

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Canon & Bleger, PLLC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kingston, NH
September 10, 2013

NORTHERN TIER ENERGY RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS
December 31, 2012 and 2011

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Investments, at fair value:		
Common collective trust	\$ 476,598	\$ 74,887
Mutual funds	<u>26,701,350</u>	<u>9,315,187</u>
Total investments	27,177,948	9,390,074
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	1,773,682	367,973
Notes receivable from participants	<u>2,049,836</u>	<u>943,704</u>
Total receivables	3,823,518	1,311,677
Net assets available for plan benefits at fair value	31,001,466	10,701,751
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for interest in the common collective trust relating to fully benefit- responsive investment contracts	<u>(13,639)</u>	<u>(1,847)</u>
Net assets available for plan benefits	<u>\$ 30,987,827</u>	<u>\$ 10,699,904</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral
part of the financial statements.

NORTHERN TIER ENERGY RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS
For the year ended December 31, 2012

	<u>2012</u>
Additions :	
Participant contributions	\$ 5,793,122
Rollover contributions	2,941,496
Employer contributions	5,449,740
Interest and dividend income	730,721
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>1,453,582</u>
Total additions	16,368,661
Deductions:	
Distributions to participants	1,225,030
Administrative expenses	<u>13,184</u>
Total deductions	<u>1,238,214</u>
Net increase	15,130,447
Transfers from Northern Tier Retail Plan (Note J)	75,934
Transfers from outside Plans (Note J)	<u>5,081,542</u>
Total transfers into the plan	5,157,476
Net assets available for plan benefits, beginning of period	<u>10,699,904</u>
Net assets available for plan benefits, end of period	<u>\$ 30,987,827</u>

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NORTHERN TIER ENERGY RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
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A. PLAN DESCRIPTION:

The following description of the Northern Tier Energy Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for more detailed information.

General

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A participant may borrow an aggregate amount up to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of the participant's vested account balance, subject to plan provisions. The minimum loan that may be taken is \$1,000. Loans must bear a reasonable rate of interest. Loans are collateralized by the participant's nonforfeitable interest in the Plan and are supported by a promissory note. Loans must be repaid over a period not to exceed five years unless the loan proceeds are used for the purchase of a primary residence, in which case a longer repayment period is allowed.

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B. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual method of accounting.

Investment contracts held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value. However, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for plan benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The statement of net assets available for plan benefits presents the fair value of the investment contracts as well as the adjustment of the fully benefit-responsive investment contracts from fair value to contract value. The statement of changes in net assets available for plan benefits is prepared on a contract value basis.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. See Note D for discussion of fair value measurements.

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. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Plan Expenses

Expenses related to the management of the Plan's investments and investment transactions and certain participant initiated transactional fees are paid by the Plan. Substantially all other expenses incurred in the administration of the Plan are paid by the plan sponsor.

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Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan provides investment options, which may invest in any combination of stocks, bonds, fixed income securities, and other 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 value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for plan benefits.

C. INVESTMENTS:

The following presents the Plan's investments that as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 represented 5% or more of the net assets available for plan benefits:

	2012		2011
Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund	\$ 1,633,687 *	\$	904,246 *
Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund	2,881,561 *		951,120 *
Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund	1,627,665 *		514,113
Fidelity Freedom 2015 Fund	2,320,796 *		675,681 *
Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund	3,840,143 *		1,301,605 *
Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund	1,667,857 *		668,413 *

During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Plan's mutual funds (including investments bought, sold and held during the year) appreciated in value by \$1,453,582.

D. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS:

Accounting standards establish a framework for measuring fair value. That framework sets forth a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below.

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

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Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full terms of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology that are unobservable and supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

The asset 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.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used by the Plan. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2012 and 2011.

Mutual funds – Valued at the net asset value of the shares held by the Plan at year end as determined by quoted market prices.

Common collective trust – Valued at net asset value based on information reported by the trustee with reference to the market value of the trust's underlying assets at year end. The common collective trust is audited annually.

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

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The following table sets forth by level and by investment class, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31:

<u>Description</u>	2012			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Mutual funds:				
Value	\$ 2,896,253	\$ 2,896,253	\$ -	\$ -
Bond	1,402,270	1,402,270	-	-
Growth	4,966,147	4,966,147	-	-
Blend	672,007	672,007	-	-
Target date	16,279,884	16,279,884	-	-
Money market	484,789	484,789	-	-
Total mutual funds	26,701,350	26,701,350	-	-
Common collective trust:				
Stable value	476,598	-	476,598	-
Total	\$ 27,177,948	\$ 26,701,350	\$ 476,598	\$ -

<u>Description</u>	2011			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Mutual funds:				
Value	\$ 529,324	\$ 529,324	\$ -	\$ -
Bond	525,629	525,629	-	-
Growth	1,567,731	1,567,731	-	-
Blend	858,616	858,616	-	-
Government	253,095	253,095	-	-
Target date	5,488,211	5,488,211	-	-
Money market	92,581	92,581	-	-
Total mutual funds	9,315,187	9,315,187	-	-
Common collective trust:				
Stable value	74,887	-	74,887	-
Total	\$ 9,390,074	\$ 9,315,187	\$ 74,887	\$ -

The common collective trust held by the Plan is a stable value investment which has an objective to preserve capital and to provide a competitive level of income over time that is consistent with the preservation of capital. To achieve this objective the fund invests in fixed-income securities, bond funds and money market funds. Twelve months notice is required for a complete liquidation, however the trustee, at their discretion, may waive the twelve month waiting period. Participant directed redemptions are allowed daily with no restrictions. There are no unfunded commitments.

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E. PARTIES-IN-INTEREST:

Section 3(14) of ERISA defines a party-in-interest to include, among others, fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan or an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan. Accordingly, loans to participants and the management of investments held by the trustee are considered party-in-interest transactions.

F. TAX STATUS:

The Plan has adopted the volume submitter profit sharing plan document of Fidelity Management Trust Company. The volume submitter sponsor received a favorable opinion letter dated March 31, 2008 in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the form of the volume submitter plan was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. The plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC, and that the related trust is therefore tax-exempt. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been included in the financial statements.

Accounting standards require recording uncertain income tax positions that exist in the Plan's financial statements. Plan management has determined there are no uncertain tax positions and believes there is no adjustment or disclosure required in the Plan's financial statements. The Plan did not recognize any interest and penalty expense for the period ended December 31, 2012. The Form 5500 remains subject to examination by the IRS for the period ended December 31, 2011 and the year ended December 31, 2012.

G. COMPLIANCE AND ERISA:

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted under 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. Accordingly, no auditing procedures were performed with respect to the information certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee, by the independent auditors except for comparing the information to the financial statements and supplemental schedule. The trustee has certified as to the completeness and accuracy of the investments (including notes receivable from participants) held by the Plan as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the investment earnings and other investment-related transactions of the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2012, and the information contained in the Supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year).

H. PLAN TERMINATION:

Although the Plan was established with the intention that it will continue indefinitely, the Company retains the right to discontinue its contributions at any time or to terminate the Plan, subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, all participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

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I. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through September 10, 2013, the date these financial statements were available for issuance.

J. TRANSFERS IN:

During 2012 the Company facilitated transfers in of account balances from the Speedway Retirement Savings Plan and the Marathon Thrift Plan totaling \$5,081,542. These transfers were voluntarily elected by participants who became employees of the Company through the acquisition of certain business units. In addition, \$75,934 was transferred in from the Northern Tier Retail Savings Plan due to participants becoming eligible employees for the Northern Tier Energy Retirement Savings Plan.

K. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500:

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for plan benefits on the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the years ended December 31:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Net assets available for plan benefits on the financial statements	\$ 30,987,827	\$ 10,699,904
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for interest in the common collective trust relating to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	<u>13,639</u>	<u>1,847</u>
Net assets available for plan benefits on the Form 5500	<u>\$ 31,001,466</u>	<u>\$ 10,701,751</u>

The following is a reconciliation of net earnings on investments on the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2012:

Net earnings on investments on the financial statements	\$ 2,184,303
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for interest in the common collective trust relating to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts for the years ended:	
December 31, 2012	13,639
December 31, 2011	<u>(1,847)</u>
Net earnings on investments on the Form 5500	<u>\$ 2,196,095</u>

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 December 31, 2012

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	Cost	Current value
*	Fidelity Managed Income Portfolio Fund	Common collective trust	**	\$ 476,598
	Vanguard Total International Stock Fund	Mutual fund	**	281,419
	PIMCO Total Return Admn Fund	"	**	1,262,707
	Columbia Acorn International Z Fund	"	**	496,445
	MSIF MidCap Growth P Fund	"	**	767,402
	WFA SmallCap Value A Fund	"	**	456,321
	MFS Value R4 Fund	"	**	318,281
	TRP Blue Chip Growth Adv Fund	"	**	553,939
	Vanguard Inflation Protected Admn Fund	"	**	120,257
	JPM Midcap Value IS Fund	"	**	362,542
	Kalmar Growth With Value SMCP Fund	"	**	427,712
	DFA Emerging Markets Value I Fund	"	**	353,837
*	Fidelity Contrafund	"	**	1,534,131
*	Fidelity International Discovery Fund	"	**	390,588
*	Fidelity Low Priced Stock Fund	"	**	845,528
*	Fidelity Freedom Income Fund	"	**	57,326
*	Fidelity Freedom 2000 Fund	"	**	26,629
*	Fidelity Freedom 2010 Fund	"	**	24,153
*	Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund	"	**	1,633,687
*	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund	"	**	2,881,561
*	Fidelity Retirement Government Money Market Fun	"	**	484,789
*	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund	"	**	1,627,665
*	Fidelity Freedom 2005 Fund	"	**	14,392
*	Fidelity Freedom 2015 Fund	"	**	2,320,796
*	Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund	"	**	3,840,143
*	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund	"	**	1,667,857
*	Spartan External Markets Index Adv Fund	"	**	283,664
*	Spartan 500 Index Advisor Fund	"	**	1,405,272
*	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund	"	**	1,120,612
*	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund	"	**	716,070
*	Fidelity Freedom 2055 Fund	"	**	406,319
*	Spartan US Bond Index Adv. Fund	"	**	19,306
	Total investments on the statement of net assets available for plan benefits			27,177,948
*	Participant loans	(3.25% -7.25 %)	-	2,049,836
	Total investments on the Form 5500			<u>\$ 29,227,784</u>

** Cost omitted for participant directed investments.

* Denotes party-in-interest to the Plan.

