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 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ___

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [X] 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:
- [X] Form 5558
- [ ] automatic extension
- [ ] the DFVC program
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
NEW ERA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1992

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
NEW ERA LIFE INS. CO

11720 KATY FWY STE 1700
HOUSTON, TX 77079-1243

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
74-2552025

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
281-368-7281

2d Business code (see instructions)
524140

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.	01/18/2019	MARY FRAZIER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	01/18/2019	MELISSA SEGURA
	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

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor

3b Administrator's EIN

3c Administrator's telephone number

4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:
a Sponsor's name
c Plan Name

4b EIN

4d PN

5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	232
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	213
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	226
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	27
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	253
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	253
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	208
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	7
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)** [X] 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)** [X] 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)** [X] **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)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [ ] 0 **A** (Insurance Information)
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [ ] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2017 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2017 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
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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.**

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2017

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For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

A Name of plan
NEW ERA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NEW ERA LIFE INS. CO

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
74-2552025

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).. . . . . [X] 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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NEW YORK, NY 10281

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

PAYCHEX SECURITIES CORPORATION

225 KENNETH DRIVE
ROCHESTER, NY 14623

16-1486352

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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?
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(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)

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			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
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(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.
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(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

(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

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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:
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d Address:	**e** Telephone:

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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Financial Information

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A Name of plan
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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NEW ERA LIFE INS. CO

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
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Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	2940600	2695351
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	237594	244809
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	12348035	15615854
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	
	(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	15526229	18556014
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g	0	
h	Operating payables	1h	0	
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	
j	Other liabilities	1j	0	
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	15526229	18556014

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)	219948	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	896219	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	37300	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		1153467
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	5823	
	(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)	9431	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		15254
	(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)	645670	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		645670
	(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)		0
	(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

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		1499372
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		3313763
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	283603	
(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)		283603
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: **(1)** Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	375	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	0	
(4) Other	2i(4)	0	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		375
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		283978
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		3029785
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) [X] 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 [X] No

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

(1) Name: PMB HELIN DONOVAN, LLP **(2)** EIN: 74-3001153

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a		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.)	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.)	4c		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.)	4d		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		500000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		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?	4g		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?	4h		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.)	4i	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.)	4j		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?	4k		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		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? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (See ERISA section 4021.)? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year_____. (See instructions.)

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 sections 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

2017

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2017 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2017 and ending 12/31/2017

A Name of plan
NEW ERA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NEW ERA LIFE INS. CO

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
74-2552025

Part I Distributions

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**

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): 16-1470238

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.)

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

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**

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.

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):

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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): _____

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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): _____

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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): _____

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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): _____

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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): _____

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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):

New Era Life Insurance Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust

Report of Independent Auditor and
Financial Statements with Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2017 and 2016



NEW ERA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST
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December 31, 2017 and 2016

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Report of Independent Auditor

To the Plan Administrator
New Era Life Insurance Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of New Era Life Insurance Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust, which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2017, 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 our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the plan's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the plan's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of New Era Life Insurance Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2017 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Report on Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets held for investment purposes as of December 31, 2017 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Such information is the responsibility of the plan's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

PMB HELIN DONVOAN, LLP

PMB Helin Donovan, LLP

January 17, 2019
Houston, Texas

NEW ERA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value		
Money market funds	$ 2,695,351	$ 2,940,600
Mutual funds	15,615,854	12,348,035
Total investments, at fair value	18,311,205	15,288,635
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	244,809	237,594
TOTAL ASSETS	18,556,014	15,526,229
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 18,556,014	$ 15,526,229

See accompanying notes and report of independent auditor.

NEW ERA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2017

ADDITIONS:		
Additions to net assets attributable to:		
Investment income		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$	1,499,372
Dividends and interest		651,493
Total investment income		2,150,865
Interest on notes receivable from participants		9,431
Contributions		
Participants		896,219
Employer		219,948
Rollovers		37,300
Total contributions		1,153,467
Total additions		3,313,763
DEDUCTIONS:		
Deductions from net assets attributable to:		
Benefits paid to participants		283,603
Administrative expenses		375
Total deductions		283,978
NET INCREASE		3,029,785
Net Assets Available for Benefits:		
BEGINNING OF YEAR		15,526,229
END OF YEAR	$	18,556,014

See accompanying notes and report of independent auditor.

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the New Era Life Insurance Company ("Plan Sponsor", "Plan Administrator" or "the Company") 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust (the "Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan with 401(k) option covering all employees of the Plan Sponsor except those who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement or are nonresident aliens. Employees are eligible to participate following the completion of one month of service and the attainment of 21 years of age. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). Merrill Lynch ("Plan Custodian") serves as the trustee for the Plan.

Contributions

Participants may contribute up to 50 percent of pre-tax or post-tax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, up to the maximum amount allowed by law ($18,000 for 2017). This Plan also allows for catch-up contributions up to $6,000 in 2017 for participants over 50 years of age. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions (rollovers) from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan and may change their contribution rates in January and July and change investment options at any time.

The Plan currently offers thirty-three mutual funds and one money market account as investment options for participants. The Plan Sponsor makes a matching contribution equal to 50 percent of the contributing participant's elective deferral up to 6 percent of the contributing participant's compensation. The Plan Sponsor may also make a discretionary profit-sharing contribution to be determined each Plan year. The profit-sharing contribution is allocated to each eligible employee in proportion to his or her compensation as a percentage of the compensation of all eligible employees. The Company elected not to make a profit-sharing contribution during 2017.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Plan Sponsor's contribution and (b) Plan earnings; and charged with an allocation of 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.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Plan Sponsor's contribution portion of their accounts plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service. A year of service is defined as 1,000 hours. A participant is 100% vested after six years of credited service, summarized as follows:

Years of Service	Vested Percentage
Less than 1 year	0 %
2 years	20 %
3 years	40 %
4 years	60 %
5 years	80 %
6 years or more	100 %

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN - CONTINUED

Vesting - Continued

Contributions become immediately vested in full upon death, disability, or retirement of a participant. Participants will become fully vested in the Company's contributions upon termination of the Plan.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum of $50,000 or 50% of their account balance, whichever is less. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime rate plus 1%. All notes receivable from participants must be repaid within 5 years, except those that are used for the purchase of a principal residence, in which case the repayment period may exceed five years, but shall in no event extend beyond the borrowing participant's normal retirement date. In most cases, repayment of the note will be made through after-tax payroll deductions.

Distributions During Employment

As a general rule, a participant's contributions will remain in the Plan as long as the participant remains employed by the Company. The Plan provides an exception to this rule for withdrawals of the participant's contributions if a participant becomes disabled. No other hardship withdrawals are permitted. Should a participant reach age 59-1/2 and not elect to terminate employment, the participant can take an in-service distribution from their vested account balance.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits become available to participants on the earliest date of five events: (1) termination of employment prior to normal retirement age, (2) termination of employment due to total and permanent disability, (3) death of the participant (benefits are payable to the participant's spouse or beneficiary), (4) upon the participant's retirement, or (5) when a participant reaches the age of 59-1/2.

Terminating participants with balances under $5,000 and over $1,000 are automatically rolled into an individual retirement account, unless they request a lump sum or rollover distribution. If the participant's account balance exceeds $5,000, the participant may choose to keep the funds in the Plan, request a direct rollover to another qualified plan, or take a lump sum distribution. Participants with balances less than $1,000 are paid in lump sum upon termination of employment, unless the participant requests a rollover distribution.

On termination of service due to death prior to retirement, a participant's vested balance will be paid to the participant's spouse or beneficiary in a lump sum or in installments payable over any period which does not exceed the life expectancy of the beneficiary.

On termination of service due to retirement, a participant will receive benefits in the form of a lump-sum payment. An election to change to other benefit options can be made (with consent of the participant's spouse, if applicable).

Forfeited Accounts

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, there were balances of $1,627 and $3,975, respectively, in forfeited non-vested accounts. Forfeited accounts are used to reduce employer contributions, if any. During the year ended December 31, 2017, $3,975 in forfeitures was used to reduce employer contributions.

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN - CONTINUED

Plan Expenses

Administrative expenses represent a fee charged by the Plan Custodian for loan and distribution administration. The administration fee is reflected as a reduction of the applicable participant account. The Company has paid other expenses of operating and maintaining the Plan. In the event the Company does not continue to pay the Plan expenses, the Plan expenses will be paid by the Plan and charged on a pro-rata basis to the value of the participants' account balances.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Plan Administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates. Significant estimates of the Plan include the estimate of the fair value of investments.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Risks and Uncertainties

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Plan to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of securities in which the Plan invests. 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 near-term could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for Plan benefits.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Shares of mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices, which represent the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year-end. Money market investments are valued at cost plus accrued earnings, which approximates fair value, as determined by the Trustee Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's realized gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as unrealized gains and losses on investments held during the year.

Certified Investments

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2017 and 2016, and net appreciation or depreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends for the year ended December 31, 2017, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the Plan Administrator and certified as complete and accurate by the Trustee.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are classified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document. For the year ended December 31, 2017, $9,431 was recorded as interest income on notes receivable from participants.

Administrative Expenses

Certain administrative expenses, including legal and accounting, are paid by the Plan Sponsor and accordingly, are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements of the Plan. Certain transaction processing fees are charged to participants and therefore are reflected in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits as administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) of the fair value of investments.

Income Tax

GAAP requires the Plan Administrator to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability 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 31,2017, there were no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken. 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 it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2014.

Recently Issued Pronouncements

Plan management is not aware of any recently issued accounting pronouncements applicable to the Plan's financial statements.

Subsequent Events

The Plan Sponsor evaluates events that occur subsequent to the balance sheet date, but before financial statements are issued for periods ending on such balance sheet dates, for possible adjustment to such financial statements or other disclosure. This evaluation generally occurs through the date at which the Plan's financial statements are electronically prepared for filing with Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosures under ERISA. For the financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, this date was January 17, 2019.

NOTE C - FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS

Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. This topic also establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires classifications based on observable and unobservable inputs when measuring fair value.

NOTE C - FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

The fair value hierarchy distinguishes between assumptions based on market data (observable inputs) and an entity's own assumptions (unobservable inputs). Because of the inherent uncertainty of these valuations, the estimated values may differ from the actual fair values that may or may not be ultimately realized.

For investments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis, the Plan utilizes the hierarchy of the valuation as follows:

Level 1 inputs are determined using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1, such as quoted prices for similar assets in active or inactive markets, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset, or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

Level 3 inputs are determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies or similar techniques and at least one significant model assumption or input is unobservable. Level 3 financial instruments also include those for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation.

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. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value:

- *Mutual funds* are valued based on quoted market prices in active markets.
- *Money market funds* are valued at cost plus accrued earnings, which approximates fair value.
- *Self-directed brokerage accounts* may include mutual funds, common stock and exchange-traded funds all of which are valued at the closing price reported in the active market in which the securities are traded.

There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of December 31, 2017. The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while management 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.

NOTE C - FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS – CONTINUED

The following table represents the Plan's fair value hierarchy for its investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2017:

	Quoted Prices for Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Total
Mutual funds:		
Growth funds	$ 4,974,628	$ 4,974,628
Foreign funds	2,053,208	2,053,208
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New Era Life Insurance Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust

Report of Independent Auditor and
Financial Statements with Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2017 and 2016



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Report of Independent Auditor

To the Plan Administrator
New Era Life Insurance Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of New Era Life Insurance Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust, which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2017, 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 our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the plan's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the plan's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of New Era Life Insurance Company 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2017 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Report on Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets held for investment purposes as of December 31, 2017 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Such information is the responsibility of the plan's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

PMB HELIN DONVOAN, LLP

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January 17, 2019
Houston, Texas

NEW ERA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value		
Money market funds	$ 2,695,351	$ 2,940,600
Mutual funds	15,615,854	12,348,035
Total investments, at fair value	18,311,205	15,288,635
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	244,809	237,594
TOTAL ASSETS	18,556,014	15,526,229
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 18,556,014	$ 15,526,229

See accompanying notes and report of independent auditor.

NEW ERA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN & TRUST
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2017

ADDITIONS:		
Additions to net assets attributable to:		
Investment income		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$	1,499,372
Dividends and interest		651,493
Total investment income		2,150,865
Interest on notes receivable from participants		9,431
Contributions		
Participants		896,219
Employer		219,948
Rollovers		37,300
Total contributions		1,153,467
Total additions		3,313,763
DEDUCTIONS:		
Deductions from net assets attributable to:		
Benefits paid to participants		283,603
Administrative expenses		375
Total deductions		283,978
NET INCREASE		3,029,785
Net Assets Available for Benefits:		
BEGINNING OF YEAR		15,526,229
END OF YEAR	$	18,556,014

See accompanying notes and report of independent auditor.

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the New Era Life Insurance Company ("Plan Sponsor", "Plan Administrator" or "the Company") 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan & Trust (the "Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan with 401(k) option covering all employees of the Plan Sponsor except those who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement or are nonresident aliens. Employees are eligible to participate following the completion of one month of service and the attainment of 21 years of age. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). Merrill Lynch ("Plan Custodian") serves as the trustee for the Plan.

Contributions

Participants may contribute up to 50 percent of pre-tax or post-tax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, up to the maximum amount allowed by law ($18,000 for 2017). This Plan also allows for catch-up contributions up to $6,000 in 2017 for participants over 50 years of age. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions (rollovers) from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan and may change their contribution rates in January and July and change investment options at any time.

The Plan currently offers thirty-three mutual funds and one money market account as investment options for participants. The Plan Sponsor makes a matching contribution equal to 50 percent of the contributing participant's elective deferral up to 6 percent of the contributing participant's compensation. The Plan Sponsor may also make a discretionary profit-sharing contribution to be determined each Plan year. The profit-sharing contribution is allocated to each eligible employee in proportion to his or her compensation as a percentage of the compensation of all eligible employees. The Company elected not to make a profit-sharing contribution during 2017.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Plan Sponsor's contribution and (b) Plan earnings; and charged with an allocation of 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.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Plan Sponsor's contribution portion of their accounts plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service. A year of service is defined as 1,000 hours. A participant is 100% vested after six years of credited service, summarized as follows:

Years of Service	Vested Percentage
Less than 1 year	0 %
2 years	20 %
3 years	40 %
4 years	60 %
5 years	80 %
6 years or more	100 %

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN - CONTINUED

Vesting - Continued

Contributions become immediately vested in full upon death, disability, or retirement of a participant. Participants will become fully vested in the Company's contributions upon termination of the Plan.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum of $50,000 or 50% of their account balance, whichever is less. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime rate plus 1%. All notes receivable from participants must be repaid within 5 years, except those that are used for the purchase of a principal residence, in which case the repayment period may exceed five years, but shall in no event extend beyond the borrowing participant's normal retirement date. In most cases, repayment of the note will be made through after-tax payroll deductions.

Distributions During Employment

As a general rule, a participant's contributions will remain in the Plan as long as the participant remains employed by the Company. The Plan provides an exception to this rule for withdrawals of the participant's contributions if a participant becomes disabled. No other hardship withdrawals are permitted. Should a participant reach age 59-1/2 and not elect to terminate employment, the participant can take an in-service distribution from their vested account balance.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits become available to participants on the earliest date of five events: (1) termination of employment prior to normal retirement age, (2) termination of employment due to total and permanent disability, (3) death of the participant (benefits are payable to the participant's spouse or beneficiary), (4) upon the participant's retirement, or (5) when a participant reaches the age of 59-1/2.

Terminating participants with balances under $5,000 and over $1,000 are automatically rolled into an individual retirement account, unless they request a lump sum or rollover distribution. If the participant's account balance exceeds $5,000, the participant may choose to keep the funds in the Plan, request a direct rollover to another qualified plan, or take a lump sum distribution. Participants with balances less than $1,000 are paid in lump sum upon termination of employment, unless the participant requests a rollover distribution.

On termination of service due to death prior to retirement, a participant's vested balance will be paid to the participant's spouse or beneficiary in a lump sum or in installments payable over any period which does not exceed the life expectancy of the beneficiary.

On termination of service due to retirement, a participant will receive benefits in the form of a lump-sum payment. An election to change to other benefit options can be made (with consent of the participant's spouse, if applicable).

Forfeited Accounts

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, there were balances of $1,627 and $3,975, respectively, in forfeited non-vested accounts. Forfeited accounts are used to reduce employer contributions, if any. During the year ended December 31, 2017, $3,975 in forfeitures was used to reduce employer contributions.

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN - CONTINUED

Plan Expenses

Administrative expenses represent a fee charged by the Plan Custodian for loan and distribution administration. The administration fee is reflected as a reduction of the applicable participant account. The Company has paid other expenses of operating and maintaining the Plan. In the event the Company does not continue to pay the Plan expenses, the Plan expenses will be paid by the Plan and charged on a pro-rata basis to the value of the participants' account balances.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Plan Administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates. Significant estimates of the Plan include the estimate of the fair value of investments.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Risks and Uncertainties

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Plan to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of securities in which the Plan invests. 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 near-term could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for Plan benefits.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Shares of mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices, which represent the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year-end. Money market investments are valued at cost plus accrued earnings, which approximates fair value, as determined by the Trustee Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's realized gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as unrealized gains and losses on investments held during the year.

Certified Investments

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Recently Issued Pronouncements

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		Wells Fargo	Core bond A	**	521,933
					$ 15,615,854
*		**Notes Receivable from Participants**	Interest rate 4.25 - 4.5%		**244,809**
		Total Assets Held for Investment Purposes			**$ 18,556,014**

* Party-in-interest
** Self-directed investment

See accompanying notes a report of independent auditor.