

<p style="text-align: center;">Form 5500</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">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).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; text-align: center;">2022</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2022</u> and ending <u>06/30/2022</u>	
A	This return/report is for: <input type="checkbox"/> a multiemployer plan <input type="checkbox"/> a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a single-employer plan <input type="checkbox"/> a DFE (specify) _____
B	This return/report is: <input type="checkbox"/> the first return/report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the final return/report
	<input type="checkbox"/> an amended return/report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. <input type="checkbox"/>
D	Check box if filing under: <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5558 <input type="checkbox"/> automatic extension <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the DFVC program
	<input type="checkbox"/> special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. <input type="checkbox"/>

Part II	Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information
1a Name of plan <u>PNG COMPANIES LLC SALARIED SAVINGS PLAN</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>004</u>
	1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2009</u>
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) <u>PNG COMPANIES LLC</u> <u>375 NORTH SHORE DRIVE, SUITE 600</u> <u>PITTSBURGH, PA 15212-5322</u>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>26-3349543</u>
	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>412-208-6800</u>
	2d Business code (see instructions) <u>221210</u>

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	04/17/2023	STEPHEN EAGLAND
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	04/17/2023	STEPHEN EAGLAND
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	5 755
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) 610
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	6a(2) 0
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	6b 0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....	6c 0
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c	6d 0
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	6e 0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f 0
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....	6g 0
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6h 0
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: 2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 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) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> 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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	b General Schedules (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) <input type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) (5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) <input type="checkbox"/> 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 2022 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2022 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) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 06/30/2022

A Name of plan <u>PNG COMPANIES LLC SALARIED SAVINGS PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>004</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>PNG COMPANIES LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>26-3349543</u>	

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

FIDELITY 82 DEVONSHIRE STREET
BOSTON, MA 02109

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

LORD ABBETT 90 HUDSON STREET
JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302

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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)

NEWPORTGROUP, INC.

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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?
60	RECORDKEEPER	92301	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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
NEWPORTGROUP, INC.	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.	
FIDELITY ADVISOR NEW INSIGHT 82 DEVONSHIRE ST BOSTON, MA 02109	10 BASIS POINTS ANNUALLY	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
NEWPORTGROUP, INC.	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.	
LORD ABBETT SHORT DURATION 90 HUDSON ST JERSEY STREET, NJ 07302	10 BASIS POINTS ANNUALLY	
(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:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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<p style="text-align: center;">SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p>	<p>DFE/Participating Plan Information</p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold;">2022</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small; font-weight: bold;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</p>
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2022** and ending **06/30/2022**

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<p>C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PNG COMPANIES LLC</p>	<p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-3349543</p>	

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)

<p>a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE STABLE VALUE FUND</p>	<p>b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY</p>	
<p>c EIN-PN 52-1309931-001</p>	<p>d Entity code C</p>	<p>e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0</p>
<p>a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:</p>		
<p>b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):</p>		
<p>c EIN-PN</p>	<p>d Entity code</p>	<p>e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)</p>
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<p>c EIN-PN</p>	<p>d Entity code</p>	<p>e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)</p>
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<p>b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):</p>		
<p>c EIN-PN</p>	<p>d Entity code</p>	<p>e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)</p>

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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**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.**

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A Name of plan PNG COMPANIES LLC SALARIED SAVINGS PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	004
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PNG COMPANIES LLC		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-3349543	

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		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1)	59036	0
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)		
(3) Other.....	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities.....	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred.....	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other.....	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred.....	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common.....	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests.....	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property).....	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants).....	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans.....	1c(8)	1637598	0
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)	5827445	0
(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)	105163564	0
(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	112687643	0

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j	10251	
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	10251	

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	112677392	0
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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)	2042230	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	2140339	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	19717	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....	2a(3)		4202286
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	38300	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)		38300
(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)	1028737	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....	2b(2)(D)		
(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)		18349
(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)		-20232736
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		-14945064
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	8018875	
(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)		8018875
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)	92301	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		92301
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		8111176
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		-23056240
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		379123
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		90000275

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) Unmodified (2) Qualified (3) Disclaimer (4) Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

- (1) DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

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

(1) Name: SCHNEIDER DOWNS AND CO., INC.

(2) EIN: 25-1408703

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.)

	Yes	No	Amount
4a	X		476482

		Yes	No	Amount
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	
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		1000000
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	X		

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 0.

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)
ESSENTIAL UTILITIES, INC. 401K PLAN	23-1702594	005

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) Yes No Not determined
 If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 06/30/2022

A Name of plan <u>PNG COMPANIES LLC SALARIED SAVINGS PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>004</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>PNG COMPANIES LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>26-3349543</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.....

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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): 22-1146430

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.....

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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

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 (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (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 deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	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): _____

20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? Yes No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

Yes.

No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

No. Other. Provide explanation _____

PNG COMPANIES LLC SALARIED SAVINGS PLAN
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Financial Statements
As of June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021
and for the period from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022

and Independent Auditor's Report Thereon

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NOTE: Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at Year End) required by section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 has been omitted because it is not applicable.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator and Participants
PNG Companies LLC Salaried Savings Plan
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the PNG Companies LLC Salaried Savings Plan (Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period from January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021 and for the period January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Plan Merger

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, Essential Utilities, Inc. approved a merger of the Plan with a separate plan sponsored by Essential Utilities, Inc. effective July 1, 2022. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the plan and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements. In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of delinquent participant contributions for the year ended December 31, 2022 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 Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit 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 GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Schneider Downs & Co, Inc.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
April 17, 2023

PNG COMPANIES LLC SALARIED SAVINGS PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

ASSETS		
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE	\$ -	\$ 110,991,009
RECEIVABLES		
Notes receivable from participants	-	1,637,598
Employer contributions	-	59,036
	-	1,696,634
Total Receivables	-	1,696,634
Total Assets	-	112,687,643
LIABILITIES		
EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE	-	10,251
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ -	\$ 112,677,392

See notes to financial statements

PNG COMPANIES LLC SALARIED SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

ADDITIONS:

Investment income:

Interest and dividends \$ 1,028,737

Interest income on notes receivable from participants 38,300

Contributions:

Employee 2,140,339

Employer 2,042,230

Rollovers 19,717

4,202,286

Total Additions 5,269,323

DEDUCTIONS:

Net depreciation in fair value of investments 20,214,387

Benefit payments 8,018,875

Administrative expenses 92,301

28,325,563

Total Deductions 28,325,563

Net Decrease Before Net Assets Transferred In/Out (23,056,240)

Net Assets Transferred In 379,123

Net Assets Transferred Out (90,000,275)

(90,000,275)

Net Decrease In Net Assets Available For Benefits (112,677,392)

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:

Beginning of year 112,677,392

End of year \$ -

See notes to financial statements

PNG COMPANIES LLC SALARIED SAVINGS PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2022 AND DECEMBER 31, 2021

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the PNG Companies LLC Salaried Savings Plan (Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General - The Plan was a defined contribution plan established February 4, 2010, for eligible employees of PNG Companies LLC (Company) as defined in the Plan agreement. On March 16, 2020, Essential Utilities, Inc. acquired from LDC Parent LLC all of the issued and outstanding limited liability company membership interests of LDC Funding, LLC, the ultimate parent of the Company. The Plan was subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Effective July 1, 2022, the governing body of the Retirement and Employee Benefits Committee of Essential Utilities, Inc. (Committee) adopted resolutions to merge the Plan, along with the Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. Employee Savings Plan and the Peoples Natural Gas company LLC Union Savings Plan, into the Essential Utilities, Inc. 401(k) Plan. The net asset value of \$90,000,275 was transferred from the Plan to the Essential Utilities, Inc. 401(k) Plan, as a result of the merger.

Eligibility - An employee who was full-time and at least 18 years of age was eligible to participate in the Plan. Nonresident aliens, leased employees and part-time/temporary/seasonal employees were excluded from participation. The Plan allowed for automatic enrollment on the first day of employment for participants at a 4% deferral rate of their eligible compensation.

Contributions - Plan participants could elect to contribute a maximum of 50% of their compensation to the Plan in any combination of pretax, Roth and/or after-tax dollars. Pretax contributions were subject to a \$20,500 limitation for 2022 under the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). After-tax voluntary contributions were limited to a maximum of 20% of compensation each pay period.

On elective deferrals made by nonunion employees and USW Customer Service Representatives, the Company made matching contributions equal to 125%, up to 5% of a participant's compensation. For elective deferrals made by union employees other than USW Customer Service Representatives and Fairmont West Virginia Utility Workers Union of America, Local 612, the Company made matching contributions equal to 50%, up to 6% of a participant's compensation. For Fairmont West Virginia Utility Workers Union of America Local 612, the Company made matching contributions equal to 100% of participant's elective deferrals up to 6% of a participant's compensation. Total matching contributions during the period ended June 30, 2022 were \$1,322,502.

The Company could make discretionary contributions equal to a discretionary percentage of participants' elective deferrals, which are determined by the Company each year. There were no such discretionary contributions for the period ended June 30, 2022.

The Company contributed to the nonelective employer contribution of each nonunion participant and USW Customer Service Representative an amount equal to 3% of a participant's compensation. For all union employees other than USW Customer Service Representatives, the Company contributed to the nonelective employer contribution an amount equal to 6% of a participant's compensation. Total nonelective employer contributions during the period ended June 30, 2022 were \$719,728.

The Company could make contributions to the Plan in one or more installments without regard to its net profits for such year in such amounts as the Company's board of directors may determine in its sole discretion. There were no such discretionary contributions for the period January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (Continued)

Plan participants who were age 50 or older were permitted to make pretax catchup contributions to the Plan in accordance with federal tax laws and limitations. For the period ended June 30, 2022, pretax catchup contributions were limited to \$6,500. Catchup contributions were eligible for employer matching contributions.

Participants directed their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan, and could change their investment election for future contributions or the percentage(s) invested in each of these options, or transfer funds among these options, on any business day. Automatically enrolled participants' contributions were invested in a qualified default investment alternative in the appropriate target date retirement fund based on the participant's date of birth and retirement age 65, unless the participant chose a different investment fund or funds.

Vesting - Participants were vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Employer matching, nonelective and discretionary contributions vested upon completion of three years of service or earlier termination due to layoff, disability or death.

Participants' Accounts - Each participant's account was credited with the participant's contributions and Company matching contributions and discretionary contributions, as well as allocations of the Company's nonelective contribution and Plan earnings. Participant accounts were charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that were paid by the Plan. Allocations were based on participant earnings, account balances or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant was entitled was the benefit that could be provided from the participant's vested account.

Forfeitures - Forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts were first used to pay the expenses of administering the Plan. Any remaining forfeitures attributable to matching contributions were used to reduce employer contributions. Forfeitures used to reduce expenses were approximately \$86,000 during the period January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022. The balance of the forfeiture account of \$140,323 was transferred to the Essential Utilities, Inc. 401(k) Plan as a result of the merger. The forfeiture account balance was approximately \$0 and \$186,000 as of June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively.

Payment of Benefits - Benefits provided by the Plan were paid from assets available for benefits upon termination, retirement, disability or death of a participant as defined in the Plan document. Payment was in the form of a lump-sum payout of the participant's account balance if the vested balance did not exceed \$5,000. Participants with vested balances in excess of \$5,000 could elect to receive a distribution in the form of a lump-sum payout, or participants who retire could elect to receive distributions in substantially equal installments over a period of time.

Withdrawals During Service - Hardship withdrawals from the Plan were permitted. The Plan administrator could determine that a financial hardship existed based on several events outlined in the Plan document. Generally, the only amounts that could be distributed to a participant due to a hardship withdrawal were salary deferrals and up to 100% of rollover contributions.

Notes Receivable from Participants - Active participants could borrow from their participant accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. A participant was permitted to have up to two loans outstanding. Loans had a five-year maximum repayment period, unless the loan was for the purchase of a principal residence, in which case the repayment period is a maximum of 30 years. The loans were secured by the balance in the participant's account and accrued interest as determined by the prevailing interest rate charged by persons in the business of lending money for loans made under similar circumstances. Principal and interest were paid ratably through monthly payroll deductions.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits and related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits and the related notes to the financial statements (financial statements) follows:

Basis of Accounting - The financial statements of the Plan are presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition - The Plan's investments are stated at fair value, which is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurement.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is accrued when earned. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net depreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the period.

Notes Receivable from Participants - Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when incurred. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded. As of June 30, 2022, notes receivable from participants were transferred to the Essential Utilities, Inc. 401(k) Plan. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2021.

Excess Contributions Payable – Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are recorded as a liability as of December 31, 2021 with a corresponding reduction to contributions.

Payment of Benefits – Benefits are recorded when paid.

Plan Expenses – All expenses incurred in administering the Plan are paid by the Company or the Plan at the discretion of the retirement and benefits committee of the Company. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants and benefit payments are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment-related expenses are included in net depreciation in fair value of investments.

Net Assets Transferred In – The Plan presents in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits the value of assets transferred into the Plan. In 2022, net assets of \$379,123 were transferred into the Plan from the Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC Union Savings Plan as a result of employment status changes during the year

Subsequent Events – The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through April 17, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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NOTE 3 - INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE PLAN TRUSTEE (UNAUDITED)

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2021, and net depreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends and interest on notes receivable from participants for the period from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022, was obtained or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Newport Trust Company (Newport), the trustee of the Plan.

NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

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

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodologies include:

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

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

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021.

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NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT (Continued)

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

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

Collective Investment Trust - Valued at the NAV of units of a bank collective trust. As provided by the trustee, the NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value and is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment adviser reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner. There are no unfunded commitments at June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021.

The methods described above might produce a fair value calculation that might not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Further, while the Plan administrator 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.

As of June 30, 2022, all investments were transferred to the Essential Utilities, Inc. 401(k) Plan. The Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021 set forth by level within the fair value hierarchy, are as follows:

	December 31, 2021			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 105,163,564	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105,163,564
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	105,163,564	-	-	105,163,564
Investments measured at net asset value - collective investment trust (a)	-	-	-	5,827,445
Total investments at fair value	\$ <u>105,163,564</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>110,991,009</u>

- (a) In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

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NOTE 5 - RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in administrative expenses. The Plan sponsor paid directly other fees related to the Plan's operations, which are insignificant to the Plan. Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company at no cost to the Plan. Transactions with respect to notes receivable from participants qualify as related-party transactions due to the relationships between the participants and the Plan.

NOTE 6 - TAX STATUS

The underlying volume submitter profit-sharing plan has received an advisory letter from the IRS dated March 31, 2014, stating that the form of the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the IRC, and, therefore, the related trust is tax-exempt. The Plan has been amended since receiving the letter; however, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. In accordance with Revenue Procedure 2011-49, the Plan Sponsor has determined that it is eligible to, and has chosen to, rely on the current IRS volume submitter profit-sharing plan advisory letter. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain its qualification. The Plan administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management 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 IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken or expected to be taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of June 30, 2022 and December 31, 2021, there were no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan was subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes that the Plan is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2019.

NOTE 7 - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in securities that 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 value will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amount reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4a - SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to the Plan	Total that Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
X	-	-	-	\$ 476,482

VFCP - Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program
PTE - Prohibited Transaction Exemption

See independent auditor's report.