

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.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022	
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.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☐
D Check box if filing under:	☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.	☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information
1a Name of plan NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
	1c Effective date of plan 02/01/2009
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) NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. 60 COLUMBIA ROAD BUILDING A - 2ND FLOOR MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960-4535	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 22-2484310 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 973-884-8000 2d Business code (see instructions) 541990

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.	08/23/2023	KRISTINA RIENZI
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	08/23/2023	KRISTINA RIENZI
	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 ☒ 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	5 226
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 a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits..... d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)..... h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1) 169 6a(2) 166 6b 0 6c 59 6d 225 6e 4 6f 229 6g 229 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: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2R 2T b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:	
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)	
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☒ 2 A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ 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 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 A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance 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. ► Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 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 12/31/2022		
A Name of plan NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 22-2484310	

Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions	Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
42-0127290	61271	613953	229	01/01/2022	12/31/2022

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.
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(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
0	0

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end..... **4** 0**5** Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... **5** 0**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier **6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount..... **6d**
Specify nature of costs ▶**e** Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity
(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ CUSTODIAL GUARANTEED INTEREST CONTRACT**b** Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 27248602**c** Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year **7c(1)** 1015608
(2) Dividends and credits **7c(2)**
(3) Interest credited during the year **7c(3)** 533167
(4) Transferred from separate account **7c(4)**
(5) Other (specify below) **7c(5)** 16039374

▶ LOAN PAYMENT, ROLLOVER, OUTSIDE INVESTMENT TRANSFER

(6) Total additions **7c(6)** 17588149**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 44836751**e** Deductions:(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year **7e(1)** 5202419
(2) Administration charge made by carrier **7e(2)** 42814
(3) Transferred to separate account **7e(3)**
(4) Other (specify below) **7e(4)** 3890873

▶ LOAN WITHDRAWAL, OUTSIDE INVESTMENT TRANSFER, MISTAKE OF FACT REFUND

(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 9136106**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) **7f** 35700645

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
 g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
 h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
 j ☐ HMO contract
 k ☐ PPO contract
 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve.....	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs.....	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges.....	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention.....		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement.....		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).).....		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance 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. ► Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 22-2484310	

Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions	Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
42-0127290	61271	459197	229	01/01/2022	12/31/2022

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.
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(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
0	0

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end.....	4	0
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	18484414

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount..... Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity
(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶

b	Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	7c(2)	
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	7c(3)	
	(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)	
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	
	▶		
	(6) Total additions.....	7c(6)	
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	
e	Deductions:		
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2)	
	(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)	
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	
	▶		
	(5) Total deductions.....	7e(5)	
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	0

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
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 f ☐ Long-term disability
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 h ☐ Prescription drug
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 j ☐ HMO contract
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 l ☐ Indemnity contract
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9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve.....	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
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(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs.....	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges.....	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention.....		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement.....		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).).....		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 37 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	213542	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	169	Yes ☐ No ☒

(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?
49 99	OTHER SERVICES	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	18940	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

GLOBAL RETIREMENT PARTNERS LLC

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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?
27 99	INVESTMENT ADVISORY	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	50313	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
NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATI	49 99	18940

(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.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	OTHER SERVICES

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
GLOBAL RETIREMENT PARTNERS LLC	27 99	50313

(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.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	INVESTMENT ADVISORY (PLAN)

(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:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
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Explanation:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 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 **12/31/2022**

A Name of plan NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001	
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 22-2484310	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LGCP S&P 500 INDEX SA-Z				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY				
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-016	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 13291929		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN MIDCAP S&P 400 IDX SA-Z				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY				
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-023	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5192485		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2010 CIT Z				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO				
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-001	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 622116		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2015 CIT Z				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO				
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-002	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3877610		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2020 CIT Z				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO				
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-003	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 6149331		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2025 CIT Z				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO				
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-004	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5806977		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2030 CIT Z				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO				
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-005	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 10655308		

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2035 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-006	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2634750
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2040 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-007	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4920271
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2045 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-008	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1400429
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2050 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-009	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 728586
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2055 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-010	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 222420
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR INC CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-011	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 268073
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2060 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-012	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 22481
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2065 CIT Z		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO		
c EIN-PN 26-6447574-013	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 203101
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)
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)

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

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection		
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2022</u> and ending <u>12/31/2022</u>				
A Name of plan <u>NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%; padding: 5px;"> B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► </td> <td style="width: 20%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> 001 </td> </tr> </table>		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001			
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>22-2484310</u>			

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)	3764033502
(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)	778552694862
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....		1c(9)	5298415737511453
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts		1c(10)	2144283118484414
(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)	9732745369366973
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....		1c(14)	2724860235700645
(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	199819235	161791849

Liabilities

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

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	199819235	161791849
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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)	4129316	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	2562496	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	13395	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		6705207
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)	34822	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	533167	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		567989
(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)	1144520	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		1144520
(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)		-8231387
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		-3622198
(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)		-20712453
c Other income	2c		116087
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		-24032235
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	13771613	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)	9995	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		13781608
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	213543	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		213543
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		13995151
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-38027386
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) ☒ 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: **WITHSUMSMITH AND BROWN**

(2) EIN: **22-2027092**

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	

	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?	X		20000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
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.)	X		
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 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) 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 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022		
A Name of plan NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 22-2484310
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 0
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): 42-0127290		
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		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2022 v. 220413		

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): _____

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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: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	14a	
	b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ 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. ☐ 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
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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 _____

NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
Financial Statements
December 31, 2022 and 2021
With Independent Auditor's Report

National Exchange Carrier Association Retirement Savings Plan
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator of
National Exchange Carrier Association Retirement Savings Plan:

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of National Exchange Carrier Association Retirement Savings Plan (the "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 December 31, 2022 and 2021 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the 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 December 31, 2022 and 2021, and for the year ended December 31, 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 accompanying financial statements, 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 accompanying financial statements 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.

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.

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule H, part IV, line 4i - schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2022, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under 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 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 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.
- The information in the supplemental schedule 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).

Withum Smith & Brown, PC

July 28, 2023

National Exchange Carrier Association Retirement Savings Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Assets		
Investments, at fair value		
Common/collective trust	\$ 37,511,453	\$ 52,984,157
Registered investment companies	69,366,973	97,327,453
Pooled separate accounts	<u>18,484,414</u>	<u>21,442,831</u>
	<u>125,362,840</u>	<u>171,754,441</u>
Investments, at contract value		
Insurance company general accounts	<u>35,700,645</u>	<u>27,248,602</u>
Notes receivable from participants	694,862	778,552
Contributions receivable - employer	<u>33,502</u>	<u>37,640</u>
Total receivables	<u>728,364</u>	<u>816,192</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 161,791,849</u>	<u>\$ 199,819,235</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

National Exchange Carrier Association Retirement Savings Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2022

Additions

Investment income	
Interest and dividend income	\$ 1,677,687
Interest income - notes receivable from participants	34,822
Contributions	
Participants	2,562,496
Employer	4,129,316
Rollover	13,395
Total contributions	6,705,207
Proceeds from revenue credit account	116,087
Total additions	8,533,803

Deductions

Net depreciation in fair value of investments	32,566,038
Benefits paid	13,781,608
Administrative expenses	213,543
Total deductions	46,561,189

Net change in net assets available for benefits (38,027,386)

Net assets available for benefits

Beginning of year	199,819,235
End of year	\$ 161,791,849

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

National Exchange Carrier Association Retirement Savings Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2022 and 2021

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the National Exchange Carrier Association Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan") are prepared on an accrual basis. Under this method of accounting, contributions and investment income are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions affecting certain reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value), as determined by Principal Trust Company (the "Trustee") which has been designated as both the trustee and custodian. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Investments include shares of registered investment companies, common/collective trusts, and pooled separate accounts. See Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Investment transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Gains and losses on sale of investments are based on the average cost method. The net depreciation in fair value of investments in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits includes the total change in unrealized gains (losses) of investments held at year-end plus realized gains (losses) on investments sold during the period.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants

The notes receivable from participants are valued at cost plus accrued interest which approximates fair value. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2022 and 2021. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are recorded as distributions on the basis of the terms of the Plan document.

2. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following brief description of the Plan is provided for information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Summary Plan Description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan was established effective February 1, 2009. The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. ("NECA" or "Plan Sponsor"). It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), as amended.

Eligibility Requirements

All employees of NECA, with the exception of non-resident aliens with no United States sourced income, leased employees, and independent contractors become eligible for Plan participation on their first day of employment. Employees commence participation in the Plan beginning with the first paycheck they receive following their employment date.

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Contributions

Employees may participate in the Plan by completing a salary reduction agreement and may elect to have contributions made on a pre-tax basis of up to 100% of eligible compensation. Participants may also elect to contribute amounts on an after-tax basis. Total participant contributions may not exceed amounts in accordance with Internal Revenue Service guidelines.

Participants may transfer to their Plan account part or all of an “eligible rollover distribution” received from a prior employer’s qualified plan.

In accordance with Plan provisions, NECA made a non-discretionary matching contribution to the Plan of 100% of each participant's contributions up to 6% of such participant's eligible compensation which amounted to \$1,363,502 for the year ended December 31, 2022. NECA also contributed a non-elective employer safe harbor contribution of 11% of the participant's annual eligible compensation to the Plan which amounted to \$2,765,814 for the year ended December 31, 2022. Total amounts contributed to the Plan by the participant and the employer, on their behalf, may not exceed amounts in accordance with Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) guidelines.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts. The minimum loan is \$1,000 and the maximum loan is the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of the vested account balance. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a reasonable rate at the time of the note, as determined by the Plan administrator (current outstanding loans bear interest at a rate between 4.25% to 7.25%).

Participant Accounts

All investments in the Plan are participant directed. Each participant can change his or her investment options at any time. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's pre-tax and after-tax contributions, NECA's non-discretionary matching contribution, NECA's non-elective employer safe harbor contribution and an allocation of Plan earnings. Plan earnings are allocated to participants based on each participant's share balance as a percentage of the Plan's total share balances. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Personal contributions of the participants, employer contributions and any allocated amounts of interest, dividends, and net capital gains or losses thereon are immediately 100% vested.

Payment of Benefits

In the event of termination of employment, retirement, death, or disability, all of the participant's vested contributions and earnings thereon will be paid at the participant's option (subject to spousal consent) either in a lump-sum distribution, over a specified period in equal cash installments or as a purchase of an annuity. Participants with vested balances less than \$1,000 will receive an automatic lump sum payment of benefits. Participants with vested accumulated benefits in excess of \$1,000, and who terminate employment prior to age 65, may elect to leave their investment in the Plan.

Revenue Credit Account

Under the agreement between the Trustee and the Plan Sponsor, the Trustee makes deposits to this account in the amount of the revenue sharing received from each investment manager and calculated for each quarter using the fund balances in the Plan. Amounts in the account are used to offset Plan administrative expenses and any amount unused for expenses may be allocated to participant accounts.

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Administrative Expenses

During the year ended December 31, 2022, \$213,543 was paid directly from the assets of the Plan for administrative expenses. Investment fees are included in net depreciation in the fair value of investments and are not readily determinable.

Forfeited Accounts

There are no forfeitures under the Plan, as all participant balances are immediately fully vested.

3. INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, Principal Trust Company (the "Trustee") has certified the completeness and accuracy of all investments and notes receivable from participants as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits and the related investment activity and notes receivable from participants activity for the year ended December 31, 2022 in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits, as well as the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2022. No auditing procedures were performed by the independent auditors as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA with respect to information certified as complete and accurate by the Trustee, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule. Based on information provided and certified by the Trustee, there are no fixed income obligations, leases or debt instruments in default or deemed uncollectible, as defined by ERISA, for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

4. INVESTMENT CONTRACT WITH INSURANCE COMPANY

The Plan entered into a benefit-responsive group annuity contract issued by Principal Life Insurance Company. The Principal Fixed Income Guaranteed Option is a single group annuity contract with a fixed rate of interest. It is not a portfolio of contracts whose yields are based on changes in fair value of underlying assets. As a result, the average yield earned by the Plan is the yield earned (i.e., interest credited) on the group annuity contract.

The composite crediting rate is currently reset on a semi-annual basis and will never be less than the guaranteed minimum interest rate. The composite crediting rate for the period the Plan held the investment was 1.60% for the period December 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021, 1.55% for the period June 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021, 1.55% for the period December 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022, 1.60% for the period June 1, 2022 through November 30, 2022, and 1.75% for the period December 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. The guaranteed minimum interest rate will be determined by taking the average of 5-year constant maturity treasury rates 12 months prior to the announcement of the composite crediting rate, reducing this average by 1.25% and rounding to the nearest 0.05%. In no case will the guaranteed minimum interest rate be less than 1% or greater than 3%. The balance of investments in insurance company general accounts was \$35,700,645 and \$27,248,602 as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

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By definition, the Principal Fixed Income Guaranteed Option group annuity contract is an insurance contract. As a result, certain events may limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants. Such events include the following: (1) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial plan termination or merger with another plan); (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions; (3) bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan; or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended. The Plan sponsor should assess the probability of the occurrence of these events, which may limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants. Management has assessed the probability of these events and determined that they are unlikely to occur.

If the Plan wishes to terminate the Plan's interest, they will be paid out the value of the Plan's interest subject to a surrender charge. Such notification of termination is irrevocable. The issuer, Principal Life Insurance Company, has the right to no longer receive deposits, if they have announced that they will no longer establish new guaranteed interest balances. However, the circumstances for termination of the contract are still subject to the following: the contract shall terminate on the date when both no guaranteed interest balances have been established that are accepting deposits and there are no guaranteed interest balances with a value greater than zero under the contract. Provisions relating to annuities in course of payment will continue to govern payment of such annuities until the final payment under each such annuity is made.

5. FAIR VALUE ACCOUNTING

The Financial Accounting Standards Board has established a framework for measuring fair value. This framework provides a fair value hierarchy prioritizing the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

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

Level 2 - Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs supported by little or no market activity and are financial instruments whose values are determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques, as well as instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant judgment or estimation.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for the Plan's assets measured at fair value.

Common/Collective Trusts: Investments in common/collective trust funds had been determined by the Trustee to be valued as Level 1 rather than using net asset value ("NAV") as a practical expedient for fair value. The reasoning for this includes that the assets have a readily determinable fair value because a) the NAV is available to current investors, and b) the NAV is the basis for current transactions traded in an active market.

Registered Investment Companies: Shares of registered investment companies are valued at quoted market prices which represent the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year-end.

Pooled Separate Accounts: Shares of pooled separate accounts had been determined by the Trustee to be valued as Level 1 rather than using NAV as a practical expedient for fair value. The reasoning for this includes that the assets have a readily determinable fair value because a) the NAV is available to current investors, and b) the NAV is the basis for current transactions traded in an active market.

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 the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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

	2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common/collective trusts	\$ 37,511,453	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,511,453
Registered investment companies	69,366,973	-	-	69,366,973
Pooled separate accounts	18,484,414	-	-	18,484,414
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 125,362,840</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 125,362,840</u>
	2021			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common/collective trusts	\$ 52,984,157	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,984,157
Registered investment companies	97,327,453	-	-	97,327,453
Pooled separate accounts	21,442,831	-	-	21,442,831
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 171,754,441</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 171,754,441</u>

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6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are shares of investments managed by Principal Trust Company, the Trustee, as defined by the Plan, and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Administrative expenses paid to the Trustee by the Plan amounted to \$213,543 for the year ended December 31, 2022. Notes receivable from participants represent exempt party-in-interest transactions. Investment fees paid to Principal Trust Company are included in net depreciation in the fair value of investments and are not readily determinable.

7. INCOME TAX STATUS

The Plan is qualified under provisions of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") and is exempt from federal income taxes. The IRS has determined and informed the Plan Sponsor by a letter dated June 8, 2017, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position which more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken requiring recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. In addition, there have been no tax related interest or penalties for the periods presented in these financial statements.

8. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan provides for investments in various securities. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

9. PLAN TERMINATION

Although the Plan Sponsor has not expressed any intent to do so, it has the right under the Plan to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through July 28, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based on that evaluation, the Plan's management has determined that no subsequent events have occurred which would require disclosure in the financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

National Exchange Carrier Association Retirement Savings Plan
Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
EIN #22-2484310, Plan #001
December 31, 2022

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) ** Cost	(e) Current Value
Common/collective trusts				
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	Principal LifeTime Hybrid Income CIT	\$ -	\$ 268,073
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2010 CIT	-	622,116
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2015 CIT	-	3,877,610
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2020 CIT	-	6,149,331
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2025 CIT	-	5,806,977
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2030 CIT	-	10,655,308
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2035 CIT	-	2,634,750
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2040 CIT	-	4,920,271
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2045 CIT	-	1,400,429
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2050 CIT	-	728,586
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2055 CIT	-	222,420
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2060 CIT	-	22,481
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Company	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2065 CIT	-	203,101
			-	37,511,453
Registered investment companies				
	American Century Investments, Inc.	American Century Equity Growth Institutional Fund	-	9,946,471
	Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.	Baird Core Plus Bond Fund	-	8,624,039
	Deutsche	DWS RREEF Real Estate Securities Fund	-	1,391,844
	The American Funds	American Funds Europacific Growth R6 Fund	-	3,178,908
	Fidelity Investments Institutional Services Company	Fidelity Advisor Small Cap Growth Fund	-	5,367,419
	Fidelity Investments Institutional Services Company	Fidelity International Index Investment Fund	-	2,777,865
	Fidelity Investments Institutional Services Company	Fidelity Low-Priced Stock Fund	-	3,961,490
	Fidelity Investments Institutional Services Company	Fidelity Puritan Fund	-	4,012,039
	Loomis, Sayles & Company, L.P.	Loomis Sayles Small Cap Value Institutional Fund	-	1,970,317
	Oppenheimer Funds, Inc.	Invesco Developing Markets Y Fund	-	972,365
	Pacific Investment Management Company	PIMCO Income Institutional Fund	-	5,167,976
*	Principal Financial Group	Principal Equity Income Institutional Fund	-	9,019,760
*	Principal Financial Group	Principal LargeCap Growth I Institutional Fund	-	12,976,480
			-	69,366,973
Pooled Separate Accounts				
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal LargeCap S&P 500 Index Separate Account	-	13,291,929
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal MidCap S&P 400 Index Separate Account	-	5,192,485
			-	18,484,414
Insurance Company General Accounts				
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Fixed Income Guaranteed Option	-	35,700,645
*	Notes Receivable from Participants	Interest rate at 4.25% to 7.25%	-	694,862
			\$ -	\$ 161,758,347

* - Represents a party-in-interest.

** - Cost is not required for participant directed investments

(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) - represent corresponding lines on form 5500 schedule H, line 4i.

See Independent Auditor's Report.

SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION RETIREM

EIN 22 2484310
 PLAN NUMBER 001
 PLAN YEAR 01/01/2022 TO 12/31/2022

(A)	(B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party.	(C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
	The American Funds	Registered Investment Company Am Fds EuroPacific Grth R6 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,178,908.48
	American Century Investments	Registered Investment Company Amer Cent Eq Growth I Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,946,468.12
	Baird	Registered Investment Company Baird Core Plus Bond I Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,624,039.05
	Deutsche	Registered Investment Company DWS RREEF RE Securities S Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,391,843.57
	Fidelity Investments	Registered Investment Company Fidelity Adv Small Cap Gr I Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,367,419.40
	Fidelity Investments	Registered Investment Company Fidelity International Idx Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,777,865.49
	Fidelity Investments	Registered Investment Company Fidelity Low-Priced Stock Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,961,490.24
	Fidelity Investments	Registered Investment Company Fidelity Puritan Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,012,038.90
	Oppenheimer	Registered Investment Company Inv Dev Mark Y Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 972,365.12
	Loomis Sayles	Registered Investment Company Loomis Sayl Sm Cp Val Instl Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,970,317.43
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin Equity Income Inst Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,019,760.22
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Insurance Company General Prin Fixed Inc Guar Option	\$ 0.00	\$ 35,700,644.93
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LgCap Growth I Inst Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,976,480.46
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LgCp S&P 500 Index SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 13,291,928.61
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr Inc CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 268,072.96

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*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2010 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 622,116.00
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2015 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,877,609.92
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2020 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,149,331.17
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2025 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,806,977.47
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2030 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,655,307.86
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2035 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,634,749.73
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2040 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,920,270.57
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2045 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,400,428.94
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2050 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 728,585.78
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2055 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 222,420.18
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2060 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 22,480.80
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hybr 2065 CIT Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 203,101.12
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin MidCap S&P 400 Idx SA-Z	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,192,485.10
	PIMCO Funds	Registered Investment Company PIMCO Income Institutional Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,167,976.22
*	Participant Loans	Range of Interest Rates Rates Range From 0.00% To 7.25%	\$ 0.00	\$ 694,862.00