

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2023

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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.

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 11/20/2023

- A This return/report is for: a multiemployer plan, a multiple-employer plan, a single-employer plan, a DFE (specify), the first return/report, the final return/report, an amended return/report, a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
B This return/report is:
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: SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. RETIREMENT INCOME PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 07/01/1967
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 52-1532952
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 301-774-6400
2d Business code (see instructions): 522110

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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature, Date, and Name. Rows include plan administrator, employer/plan sponsor, and DFE.

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> 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: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	471
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits ..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> . ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits ..... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> . ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	164
	<b>6a(2)</b>	0
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	0
	<b>6d</b>	0
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	0
	<b>6g(1)</b>	0
	<b>6g(2)</b>	0
<b>6h</b>	0	
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	<b>7</b>	

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
 1A 1H 1I 3D

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

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor

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

<b>a Pension Schedules</b>	<b>b General Schedules</b>
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>1</u>
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached <u>0</u>	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
	(6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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**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.

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

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**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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).

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**2023**

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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2023** and ending **11/20/2023**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. RETIREMENT INCOME PLAN</b>		<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.</b>		<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>52-1532952</b>	

**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.

**1 Coverage Information:**

**(a)** Name of insurance carrier  
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<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> NAIC code	<b>(d)</b> Contract or identification number	<b>(e)</b> Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	<b>Policy or contract year</b>	
				<b>(f)</b> From	<b>(g)</b> To
<b>42-0127290</b>	<b>61271</b>	<b>717749</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>01/01/2023</b>	<b>11/20/2023</b>

**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.

<b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid <b>0</b>	<b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid <b>0</b>
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**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

<b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid	<b>Fees and other commissions paid</b>		<b>(e)</b> Organization code
	<b>(c)</b> Amount	<b>(d)</b> Purpose	

**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

<b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid	<b>Fees and other commissions paid</b>		<b>(e)</b> Organization code
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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Investment and Annuity Contract Information</b> 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.
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<b>4</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	<b>4</b>	0
<b>5</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	<b>5</b>	0

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:

<b>a</b> State the basis of premium rates ▶		
<b>b</b> Premiums paid to carrier .....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....	<b>6c</b>	
<b>d</b> 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 ▶	<b>6d</b>	
<b>e</b> Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies                      (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶		
<b>f</b> If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

<b>a</b> Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration                      (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment                      (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶		
<b>b</b> Balance at the end of the previous year .....	<b>7b</b>	
<b>c</b> Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>	
	<b>7c(2)</b>	
	<b>7c(3)</b>	
	<b>7c(4)</b>	
	<b>7c(5)</b>	
(2) Dividends and credits .....		
(3) Interest credited during the year .....		
(4) Transferred from separate account.....		
(5) Other (specify below) .....		
▶		
(6) Total additions .....	<b>7c(6)</b>	
<b>d</b> Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....	<b>7d</b>	
<b>e</b> Deductions:		
(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	<b>7e(1)</b>	
(2) Administration charge made by carrier .....	<b>7e(2)</b>	
(3) Transferred to separate account.....	<b>7e(3)</b>	
(4) Other (specify below) .....	<b>7e(4)</b>	
▶		
(5) Total deductions .....	<b>7e(5)</b>	
<b>f</b> Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> ) .....	<b>7f</b>	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
- 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:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b>	Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....	<b>10a</b>	
<b>b</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 .....	<b>10b</b>	

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. ▶

<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

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

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

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

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

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

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	149451	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(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?
27 50	INVESTMENT ADVISORY	24598	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (see instructions)	<b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation
<b>(d)</b> Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	<b>(e)</b> Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (see instructions)	<b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation
<b>(d)</b> Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	<b>(e)</b> Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (see instructions)	<b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation
<b>(d)</b> Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	<b>(e)</b> 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.

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> 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)

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

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<b>c</b> Position:	
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<b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service  Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	<b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <hr/> <b>2023</b>  <hr/> <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. RETIREMENT INCOME PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN)	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>52-1532952</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>PRIN LIQUID ASSETS SEP ACCT-Z</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<u>42-0127290-024</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code	<u>P</u>
<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>0</u>		
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>PRIN LDI LONG DURATION SA-Z</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<u>42-0127290-104</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code	<u>P</u>
<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>0</u>		
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>PRIN LDI SHORT DUR SEP ACCT-Z</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<u>42-0127290-127</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code	<u>P</u>
<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>0</u>		
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>PRIN LDI INTRM DUR SEP ACCT-Z</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<u>42-0127290-128</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code	<u>P</u>
<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>0</u>		
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>PRIN LDI EXT DUR SEP ACCT-Z</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<u>42-0127290-129</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code	<u>P</u>
<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>0</u>		
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:			
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):			
<b>c</b> EIN-PN		<b>d</b> Entity code	
<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)			
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<b>c</b> EIN-PN		<b>d</b> Entity code	
<b>e</b> 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:

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<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Asset and Liability Statement</b>
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**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.

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>		
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>		
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>		
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>		
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>		
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>		
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>		
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>		
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	22771231	
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>		
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>		
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	9516693	
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>		
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>		

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		<b>(a)</b> Beginning of Year	<b>(b)</b> End of Year
(1) Employer securities .....	<b>1d(1)</b>		
(2) Employer real property .....	<b>1d(2)</b>		
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....	<b>1e</b>		
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) .....	<b>1f</b>	32287924	0
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable .....	<b>1g</b>		
<b>h</b> Operating payables .....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness .....	<b>1i</b>		
<b>j</b> Other liabilities .....	<b>1j</b>		
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) .....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) .....	<b>1l</b>	32287924	0

**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.

<b>Income</b>		<b>(a)</b> Amount	<b>(b)</b> Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers .....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	1428578	
<b>(B)</b> Participants .....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers) .....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>		
(2) Noncash contributions .....	<b>2a(2)</b>		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		1428578
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments .....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>		
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>		
<b>(F)</b> Other .....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>		
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		0
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock .....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common stock .....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	170147	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		170147
<b>(3)</b> Rents .....	<b>2b(3)</b>		
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds .....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result .....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate .....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Other .....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	<b>2b(6)</b>		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	<b>2b(7)</b>		1042145
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	<b>2b(8)</b>		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	<b>2b(9)</b>		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	<b>2b(10)</b>		189240
<b>c</b> Other income.....	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	<b>2d</b>		2830110

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	<b>2e(1)</b>	15194744	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	<b>2e(2)</b>	19773838	
(3) Other.....	<b>2e(3)</b>		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		34968582
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	<b>2f</b>		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	<b>2g</b>		
<b>h</b> Interest expense.....	<b>2h</b>		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances.....	<b>2i(1)</b>		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	<b>2i(2)</b>	124852	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	<b>2i(3)</b>		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	<b>2i(4)</b>		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees.....	<b>2i(5)</b>	24600	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees.....	<b>2i(6)</b>		
(7) Actuarial fees.....	<b>2i(7)</b>		
(8) Legal fees.....	<b>2i(8)</b>		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees.....	<b>2i(9)</b>		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses.....	<b>2i(10)</b>		
(11) Other expenses.....	<b>2i(11)</b>		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		149452
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	<b>2j</b>		35118034

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		-32287924
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	<b>2l(1)</b>		
(2) From this plan.....	<b>2l(2)</b>		

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

**3** Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

**a** The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **SCHNEIDER DOWNS & CO., INC.**

(2) EIN: **25-1408703**

**d** The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1)  This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG 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. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
<b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.) .....		X	
<b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.).....		X	
<b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.) .....		X	
<b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.).....		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	X		15000000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? .....		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? .....		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?.....		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....		X	
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.).....	X		
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? .....	X		
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.).....			
<b>n</b> 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. ....			

**5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?.....  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year 0.

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

<b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s)	<b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s)	<b>5b(3)</b> 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 510321.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

<b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
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**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
 EIN(s): 42-0127290

**Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.**

<b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....	3	0
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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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**4** Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....  Yes  No  N/A  
**If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.**

**5** If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
**If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.**

<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	6a	
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	6b	
<b>c</b> 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

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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**9** If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ....  Increase  Decrease  Both  No

<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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**10** Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?.....  Yes  No

**11 a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....  Yes  No

**b** If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) .....  Yes  No

**12** Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....  Yes  No

**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**13** Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**14** Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

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

**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:

<b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year .....	<b>15a</b>	
<b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year .....	<b>15b</b>	

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

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</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 .....	<b>16b</b>	

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

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

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

**19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

**a** Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:  
 Public Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Private Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: \_\_\_\_\_%  
 High-Yield Debt: \_\_\_\_\_% Real Assets: \_\_\_\_\_% Cash or Cash Equivalents: \_\_\_\_\_% Other: \_\_\_\_\_%

**b** Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:  
 0-5 years  5-10 years  10-15 years  15 years or more

**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.....

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

**21a** Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules?  Yes  No

**21b** If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

Design-based safe harbor method

"Prior year" ADP test

"Current year" ADP test

N/A

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number \_\_\_\_\_.

***Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc.***  
***Retirement Income Plan***

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

November 20, 2023 (In liquidation) and December 31, 2022 (In  
liquidation)

## ***Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. Retirement Income Plan***

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator  
Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. Retirement Income Plan  
Olney, Maryland

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

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of the Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. Retirement Income 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 and accumulated plan benefits as of November 20, 2023 and December 31, 2022 (in liquidation), and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits and changes in accumulated plan benefits for the period of January 1, 2023 to November 20, 2023 (in liquidation), and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the 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 (DOL) 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 are regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of November 20, 2023 and December 31, 2022, and for the period of January 1, 2023 to November 20, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

**Opinion**

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

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

## **Basis for Opinion**

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

## **Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting**

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the governing body of the Plan approved a plan for liquidation on March 30, 2022, and the Plan was liquidated on November 20, 2023. As a result, the Plan has utilized the liquidation basis of accounting in presenting the 2023 and 2022 financial statements. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

## **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, 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.

Management is responsible for maintaining a current Plan instrument, including all Plan amendments. Management is also responsible for 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 of the financial statements 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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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.

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 U.S. GAAP.

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 U.S. GAAP.

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

### **Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA**

The supplemental schedule of reportable transactions for the period of January 1, 2023 to November 20, 2023 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with U.S. 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 DOL'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, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

*Schneider Downs & Co, Inc.*

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
May 23, 2024

***Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. Retirement Income Plan***

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**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**

**November 20, 2023 (In liquidation) and December 31, 2022 (In liquidation)**

	<b>November 20, 2023</b>	<b>December 31, 2022</b>
	<b>(In Liquidation)</b>	<b>(In Liquidation)</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments, at fair value:		
Mutual Funds and Exchange-Traded Funds	\$ -	\$ 9,516,693
Pooled Separate Accounts	-	22,771,231
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<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 32,287,924</b>
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*See notes to financial statements.*

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## ***Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. Retirement Income Plan***

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### **Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Period Ended November 20, 2023 (In liquidation)**

<b>Additions to net assets attributed to:</b>	
Investment Income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 1,231,385
Interest and dividends	170,147
Total Investment Income	<u>1,401,532</u>
Employer Contributions	<u>1,428,578</u>
Total Additions	<u>2,830,110</u>
<b>Deductions from net assets attributed to:</b>	
Benefits paid to participants	(1,361,116)
Benefits paid to participants upon liquidation	(13,833,628)
Annuity contract payments	(19,773,838)
Administrative & liquidation expenses	<u>(149,452)</u>
Total Deductions	<u>(35,118,034)</u>
<b>Net Decrease in net assets available for benefits</b>	<b>(32,287,924)</b>
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits - Beginning of Period</b>	<b><u>32,287,924</u></b>
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits - End of Period</b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>

*See notes to financial statements.*

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**Statements of Accumulated Plan Benefits**

**November 20, 2023 (In liquidation) and December 31, 2022 (In liquidation)**

	<b>November 20, 2023</b> <b>(In Liquidation)</b>	<b>December 31, 2022</b> <b>(In Liquidation)</b>
<b>Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits:</b>		
Participants currently receiving benefits	\$ -	\$ 14,396,711
Other participants	-	20,257,013
Vested benefits	-	34,653,724
Nonvested benefits	-	-
<b>Total Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 34,653,724</b>

*See notes to financial statements.*

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**Statement of Changes in Accumulated Plan Benefits  
Period Ended November 20, 2023 (In liquidation)**

<b>Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits - Beginning of the Period</b>	\$ 34,653,724
Increase/(decrease) during the period attributable to:	
Benefits accumulated and plan experience	(844,485)
Interest	1,159,343
Benefits paid to participants	(1,361,116)
Benefits paid to participants upon liquidation	(13,833,628)
Annuity contract payments	<u>(19,773,838)</u>
<b>Net Decrease</b>	<u>(34,653,724)</u>
<b>Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits - End of Period</b>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

*See notes to financial statements.*

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### **Notes to Financial Statements**

**November 20, 2023 (In liquidation) and December 31, 2022 (In liquidation)**

#### **Note 1 – Description of Plan**

The following brief description of the Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. Retirement Income Plan (the “Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the plan document for more complete information.

##### **General**

The Plan is a defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all employees of Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) except ten-month employees and on-call employees. In November of 2007, a special eligibility provision was added to provide for any employee not already a participant who had completed at least six months of service on or before December 31, 2007 to become a participant on that date. After December 31, 2007, the Plan was closed to any new entrants. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

##### **Pension Benefits**

Employees with one or more years of service are entitled to annual pension benefits beginning at normal retirement age (65) equal to the sum of (1) 1.5% of their final average monthly earnings times their years of credited service, both frozen at December 31, 2000, and (2) 1.75% of earnings for each year of credited service from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2005, and (3) 1.00% of annual compensation paid for each credited year of service after December 31, 2005 and before January 1, 2008. Employees who were employed by the Company as of December 31, 2000, and whose combined age and years of service equaled 60 at that time, are entitled to an additional benefit which is equal to 1% of the compensation paid to them for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2000, multiplied by the number of years of credited service after said date, not to exceed ten.

The Plan permits an early retirement benefit when an eligible employee has reached the age of 55 and has ten years of service. The early retirement benefit is equal to the normal retirement benefit reduced by 0.5% per month prior to normal retirement. If retirement benefits are deferred until after the normal retirement date, the annual pension benefit is equal to the greater of the benefit computed with recognition of the additional service and compensation, or the benefit that would have been payable at the normal retirement date increased actuarially. Employees may elect to receive their pension benefits in the form of one of the following forms of annuity: joint and survivor, period certain and life, or life only. In addition, a lump sum payment may be requested provided the present value of the employee’s vested balance is not more than \$25,000 or the participant has attained age 62. If the present value of the vested portion of a participant’s accrued benefit at his benefit commencement date does not exceed \$1,000, the distribution will be in the form of a lump sum payment of the entire benefit. If the amount is between \$1,000 and \$5,000, the amount will be paid in the form of a direct transfer to an individual retirement account on behalf of the participant, unless otherwise requested by the participant.

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### **Notes to Financial Statements**

**November 20, 2023 (In liquidation) and December 31, 2022 (In liquidation)**

#### **Note 1 – Description of Plan (Continued)**

##### **Death and Disability Benefits**

With respect to the surviving spouse annuity benefit that is derived from the participant's accrued benefit immediately prior to his death, the death benefit will be based upon the vested portion of his accrued benefit regardless of whether he dies before or after his employment terminates. There are no disability benefits.

##### **Vesting**

The Plan was frozen at December 31, 2007. All participants are fully vested.

##### **Administrative Expenses**

The Plan's administrative expenses are paid by either the Plan or the Company as provided by the Plan document.

##### **Plan Amendment**

No new Plan amendments were adopted during 2023. On June 30, 2022, the Bank adopted a new amendment. The new amendment provided for the termination of the Plan, as well as allowing eligible participants to elect additional distribution options as a result of the Plan termination, to facilitate rollovers and otherwise assist Plan participants in obtaining distributions that suit their individual circumstances (see below – Plan Termination).

##### **Plan Termination**

The Plan was frozen for new and existing entrants after December 31, 2007. All benefit accruals for employees were frozen as of December 31, 2007, based on past service and thus future salary increases will no longer affect the defined benefit provided by the Plan.

On March 30, 2022, the Board of Directors approved the termination of the Pension Plan to be effective of June 30, 2022. The Company executed plan amendments regarding the Plan termination and received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") as to the tax-qualified status of the Plan at the time of termination. The Company also filed appropriate notices and documents related to the Plan's termination and wind-down with the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC").

Plan participants made elections for lump-sum distributions or annuity benefits. Both lump-sum distributions and transfer of annuity benefits to a highly rated insurance company were completed on November 20, 2023. Plan participants were not adversely impacted because of the Plan termination. In order to fully fund the Plan, the Company made a cash contribution of \$1,428,578.

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### **Notes to Financial Statements**

**November 20, 2023 (In liquidation) and December 31, 2022 (In liquidation)**

#### **Note 1 – Description of Plan (Continued)**

##### **Plan Termination (Continued)**

###### **Plan Termination Payments:**

Lump Sum Payments	\$ 13,833,628
Annuity Purchase Premiums	<u>19,773,838</u>
	<u>\$ 33,607,466</u>

#### **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

A summary of the significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements follows:

##### **Basis of Accounting**

The Company terminated the Plan effective June 30, 2022. As a result, the Plan changed its basis of accounting for the period subsequent to December 31, 2021 from the ongoing basis to the liquidation basis (see Note 1 for discussion of Plan termination).

##### **Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of plan assets available for benefits and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Plan uses an actuary to determine the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits. A change in the actuarial assumptions used could significantly change the amount of the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits reported in the accompanying financial statements.

##### **Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits**

Accumulated plan benefits are those future periodic payments including lump sum distributions that are attributable under the Plan's provisions to the service that employees have rendered. Accumulated plan benefits include benefits expected to be paid to (a) retired or terminated employees or their beneficiaries, (b) beneficiaries of employees who have died and (c) present employees or their beneficiaries. Benefits under the Plan are based on employees' credited service and average compensation, as defined. The accumulated plan benefits for active employees are based on those factors on the date as of which the benefit information is presented. Benefits payable under all circumstances (retirement, death and termination for employment) are included to the extent they are deemed attributable to employee service rendered to the valuation date.

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### **Notes to Financial Statements**

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#### **Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

##### **Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits (Continued)**

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is determined by Principal Trust Company, a member of the Principal Financial Group (“PFG”) and is the amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan benefits to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, disability, withdrawal or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment. Due to plan termination distribution which occurred in 2023, the January 1, 2023 liabilities are based on an estimated termination liability as if the distribution occurred on January 1, 2023. The significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuations as of December 31, 2022 (In liquidation) were (a) life expectancy of participants for non-retired participants electing lump sums was the IRS prescribed lump sum mortality for 2023 and for those non-retired participants electing annuities and current retirees was Pri-2012 White Collar base mortality table projected generationally with MP-2021, (b) lump sum election rate for non-retired participants estimated at 90%, and (c) interest rates for non-retired participants electing a lump sum were the IRS segment rates for November 2022 of 5.09%, 5.60% and 5.41%; for those non-retired participants electing annuity payments estimated rates for annuity purchases at January 1, 2023 were used resulting in a single effective rate of 4.47%; for retired participants an estimated rate for annuity purchases at January 1, 2023 resulted in a single effective rate of 4.62%.

The accumulated plan benefits were fully settled on November 20, 2023.

##### **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

Investments are reported at fair value. See Note 3 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan’s gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the period.

##### **Payment of Benefits**

Benefit payments for participants are recorded when paid.

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#### **Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements**

The Plan measures, on a recurring basis, its investments at fair value in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board codification “Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures,” which provides the framework for measuring fair value. The standard for fair value measurement establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below.

##### **Basis of Fair Value Measurement**

- Level 1:* Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities;
- Level 2:* Quoted prices in markets that are not active, or inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability;
- Level 3* Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable (i.e., supported by little or no market activity).

A financial instrument’s level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Plan’s assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgement and may affect the value of the fair value assets and liabilities and their placement within the fair value hierarchy levels.

**Mutual Funds and Exchange-Traded Funds:** Mutual funds are publicly traded investments and are valued daily at the closing price reported on the active market on which the funds are traded.

**Pooled Separate Accounts:** Valued at net asset value (“NAV”) per unit held by the Plan at year-end as quoted by funds and is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The net asset value is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the funds less its liabilities.

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.

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#### **Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)**

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value at December 31, 2022 (In liquidation). There were no investments to be disclosed in the fair value hierarchy as of November 20, 2023 (In liquidation).

The following table sets forth, by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2022 (In liquidation). Assets are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement:

	<u>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022</u>			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds and Exchange Traded Funds	<u>\$ 9,516,693</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,516,693</u>
Total Assets in the fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ 9,516,693</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>9,516,693</u>
Investments measured at net asset value (a)				<u>22,771,231</u>
Investments at fair value				<u>\$ 32,287,924</u>

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

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### **Notes to Financial Statements**

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#### **Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)**

The following table summarizes investments measured at fair value based on NAV per share as of December 31, 2022 (In liquidation).

<b>December 31, 2022</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unfunded Commitments</b>	<b>Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)</b>	<b>Redemption Notice Period</b>
Principal Global Investors-LDI Ext Dur Sep Acct-Z	\$ 5,043,693	N/A	Daily	N/A
Principal Global Investors-LDI Intrm Dur Sep Acct-Z	3,651,784	N/A	Daily	N/A
Principal Global Investors-LDI Long Duration SA-Z	10,251,490	N/A	Daily	N/A
Principal Global Investors-LDI Short Dur Sep Acct-Z	3,824,264	N/A	Daily	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,771,231</b>			

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#### **Note 4 - Funding Policy**

The Company's funding policy is to make annual contributions to the Plan as determined by the Plan's independent actuary. The Plan was in compliance with applicable minimum funding requirements for the Plan period ended November 20, 2023 (In liquidation) and year ended December 31, 2022 (In liquidation).

#### **Note 5 - Information Certified by Trustee (unaudited)**

The Plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 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. Accordingly, Principal Trust Company, a qualified institution, has certified that the following investment information included in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule is complete and accurate:

- (a) Investments as shown in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of November 20, 2023 (In liquidation) and December 31, 2022 (In liquidation).
- (b) Investment income as shown in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period ended November 20, 2023 (In liquidation).
- (c) Investments information included in the schedule of reportable transactions for the period ended November 20, 2023 (In liquidation), as shown on the ERISA-required supplemental schedule.

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#### **Note 5 - Information Certified by Trustee (unaudited)**

At the request of the plan administrator, the Plan's independent auditors did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this certified investment information, except for comparing such certified investment information to the related investment information included in the financial statements and ERISA-required schedule.

#### **Note 6 - Income Tax Status**

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter May 10, 2023, in which the IRS states that the Plan as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

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 organization has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of November 20, 2023 (In liquidation) and December 31, 2022 (In liquidation), there are no uncertain positions taken, or expected to be taken, that would require 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. The plan administrator also believes that the Plan has no income subject to unrelated business income tax and is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

#### **Note 7 – Exempt Party-In-Interest Transactions**

Certain Plan investments are managed by PFG. Principal Trust Company is the trustee as defined by the Plan and is an affiliate of PFG and, therefore, these transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan for the investment management services were included as a reduction of the return earned on each fund. Fees paid to the trustee by the Plan for administrative services were \$149,452 for the period ended November 20, 2023.

#### **Note 8 – Subsequent Events**

The Plan administrator evaluated subsequent events for the Plan through May 23, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, for possible adjustments or disclosures in the financial statements.

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### **Schedule of Reportable Transactions**

**Form 5500 – Schedule H – Line 4j**

**EIN: 52-1532952**

**PN: 001**

**Period Ended November 20, 2023 (In liquidation)**

<b>Identity of Party Involved (a)</b>	<b>Description of Asset (b)</b>	<b>Aggregate Purchase Price (c)</b>	<b>Aggregate Selling Price (d)</b>	<b>Cost of Asset (g)</b>	<b>Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date (h)</b>	<b>Net Gain (Loss) (i)</b>
<b>Series of Transactions</b>						
* Principal LDI Short Duration (F)	Pooled Separate Account	\$ -	\$ 3,910,809	\$ 3,707,307	\$ 3,910,809	\$ 203,502
* Principal Liquid Assets Sep (A)	Pooled Separate Account	18,201,889	-	18,201,889	18,201,889	-
* Principal Liquid Assets Sep (G)	Pooled Separate Account	-	18,485,497	18,201,888	18,485,497	283,609
* Principal LDI Ext Duration (F)	Pooled Separate Account	-	5,336,871	6,023,294	5,336,871	(686,423)
* Principal LDI Intermed Duration (A)	Pooled Separate Account	4,524,905	-	4,524,905	4,524,905	-
* Principal LDI Intermed Duration (I)	Pooled Separate Account	-	8,179,025	8,202,365	8,179,025	(23,340)
* Principal LDI Long Duration (J)	Pooled Separate Account	-	10,627,967	11,309,474	10,627,967	(681,507)
* Deconversion Holding Arrangement (D)	Non-Interest Bearing Cash	33,889,308	-	33,889,308	33,889,308	-
* Deconversion Holding Arrangement (I)	Non-Interest Bearing Cash	-	33,889,309	33,889,309	33,889,309	-
PGIM Total Return Bond R6 Fund (E)	Mutual Fund	123,366	-	123,366	123,366	-
PGIM Total Return Bond R6 Fund (H)	Mutual Fund	-	5,613,746	6,763,132	5,613,746	(1,149,386)
PIMCO LT Credit Bond (C)	Mutual Fund	34,113	-	34,113	34,113	-
PIMCO LT Credit Bond (G)	Mutual Fund	-	2,541,651	3,394,389	2,541,651	(852,738)
Vanguard LT Treasury (B)	Mutual Fund	12,667	-	12,667	12,667	-
Vanguard LT Treasury (F)	Mutual Fund	-	1,720,679	2,002,306	1,720,679	(281,627)

\* Represents a party-in-interest.

Columns (e) and (f) are excluded as they are not applicable.

(A) consists of 2 purchases

(B) consists of 3 purchases

(C) consists of 4 purchases

(D) consists of 6 purchases

(E) consists of 8 purchases

(F) consists of 1 sale

(G) consists of 2 sales

(H) consists of 3 sales

(I) consists of 13 sales

(J) consists of 14 sales

SCHEDULE H, line 4j - SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS

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 PLAN YEAR 01/01/2023 TO 11/20/2023

DESCRIPTION OF ASSET	(A) Total Number of Purchases	(B) Total Number of Sales	(C) Total Value of Purchases	(D) Total Value of Sales	(E) Net Gain/(Loss)
Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL LDI SHORT DURATION S		1		\$ 3,910,808.66	\$ 203,501.97
Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL LIQUID ASSETS SEPARA	2		\$ 18,201,888.69		\$ 0.00
Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL LIQUID ASSETS SEPARA		2		\$ 18,485,497.47	\$ 283,608.77
Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL LDI EXTENDED DURATIO		1		\$ 5,336,871.23	\$ 686,423.06-
Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL LDI INTERMEDIATE DUR	2		\$ 4,524,904.51		\$ 0.00
Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL LDI INTERMEDIATE DUR		13		\$ 8,179,024.87	\$ 23,340.48-
Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL LDI LONG DURATION SE		14		\$ 10,627,966.66	\$ 681,506.64-
Non Interest Bearing Cash DECONVERSION HOLDING ARRANGEME	6		\$ 33,889,308.05		\$ 0.00
Non Interest Bearing Cash DECONVERSION HOLDING ARRANGEME		13		\$ 33,889,308.05	\$ 0.00
Registered Investment Company PGIM TOTAL RETURN BOND R6 FUND	8		\$ 123,365.84		\$ 0.00
Registered Investment Company PGIM TOTAL RETURN BOND R6 FUND		3		\$ 5,613,745.96	\$ 1,149,386.04-
Registered Investment Company PIMCO LONG-TERM CREDIT BOND IN	4		\$ 34,113.42		\$ 0.00
Registered Investment Company PIMCO LONG-TERM CREDIT BOND IN		2		\$ 2,541,651.13	\$ 852,737.66-
Registered Investment Company VANGUARD LONG-TERM TREASURY IN	3		\$ 12,667.27		\$ 0.00
Registered Investment Company VANGUARD LONG-TERM TREASURY IN		1		\$ 1,720,679.29	\$ 281,627.04-

\* Schedule is prepared using the alternative way of reporting (iii) series transactions under DOL Regulation 2520.103-6(d)(2).

