

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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide 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 THE PLUG CONNECTION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 07/01/1997
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) PLUG CONNECTION, LLC 2627 RAMONA DR VISTA, CA 92084-1634
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 81-3785454
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 760-631-0992
2d	Business code (see instructions) 111400

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/11/2024	YVETTE CAMPOS
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/11/2024	YVETTE CAMPOS
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ 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	5 266
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(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) 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) 252 6a(2) 245 6b 0 6c 11 6d 256 6e 1 6f 257 6g(1) 125 6g(2) 123 6h 3
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D 3H

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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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
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached 0
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☒ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 1
- (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 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 _____

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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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A Name of plan THE PLUG CONNECTION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PLUG CONNECTION, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 81-3785454	

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
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(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
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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.

(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

(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	165566
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	2022014

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 ▶ FLEXIBLE INVESTMENT ANNUITY

b Balance at the end of the previous year**7b**

155987

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year**7c(1)**

17525

(2) Dividends and credits

7c(2)

(3) Interest credited during the year

7c(3)

2892

(4) Transferred from separate account.....

7c(4)

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

▶

(6) Total additions.....

7c(6)

20417

d Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)**7d**

176404

e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year

7e(1)

3309

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2)

128

(3) Transferred to separate account.....

7e(3)

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

▶

(5) Total deductions.....

7e(5)

3437

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

172967

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 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
		2023
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PLUG CONNECTION, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 81-3785454

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	523	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

401(K) ADVISORS INC

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 99	INVESTMENT ADVISORY	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	13881	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
401(K) ADVISORS INC	27 99	13881
(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.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PLUG CONNECTION, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 81-3785454	

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 MIDCAP SEP ACCT-R2				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY				
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-020	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 369141		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIQUID ASSETS SEP ACCT-R2				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY				
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-024	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 289896		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN CORE PLUS BOND SEP ACT-R2				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY				
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-005	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 143297		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN DIVERSIFIED INTL SA-R2				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY				
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-015	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 150166		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LGCAP S&P 500 INDEX SA-R2				
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) 374807		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SMCAP S&P 600 INDEX SA-R2				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY				
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-028	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 178052		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN MIDCAP S&P 400 IDX SA-R2				
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) 5501		

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SMALLCAP GROWTH I SA-R2		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-070	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 14124
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LARGE CAP GROWTH I SA-R2		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-066	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 413777
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SMALLCAP VALUE II SA-R2		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-096	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 44418
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HY 2010 CIT Z105		
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) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HY 2015 CIT Z105		
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) 37910
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HY 2020 CIT Z105		
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) 191379
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HY 2025 CIT Z105		
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) 21080
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HY 2030 CIT Z105		
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) 129285
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HY 2035 CIT Z105		
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) 178246
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HY 2040 CIT Z105		
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) 50370

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HY 2045 CIT Z105		
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) 84911
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HY 2050 CIT Z105		
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) 33579
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HY 2055 CIT Z105		
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) 14055
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HY INC CIT Z105		
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) 50389
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN EQUITY INCOME SA-R2		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-120	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 38834
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HY 2060 CIT Z105		
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) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HY 2065 CIT Z105		
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) 9
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)
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, other than DCGs)**

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan THE PLUG CONNECTION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PLUG CONNECTION, LLC		
		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 81-3785454

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)	2551	
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	6457	
(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)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	569906	791213
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	1603384	2022014
(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)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	144786	165566
(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	2327084	2978793
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	2327084	2978793

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)	66798	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	179752	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		246550
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)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	2892	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		2892
(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)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		88193
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		337669
(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)		
c Other income	2c		3800
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		679104

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	21926	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		21926
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		4945
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	524	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		524
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		27395

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		651709
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: **LAVINE, LOFGREN, MORRIS & ENGELBERG**

(2) EIN: **33-0690020**

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
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		☒	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
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?		☒	
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?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
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.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
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.			

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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan THE PLUG CONNECTION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) 001	
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PLUG CONNECTION, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 81-3785454	

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	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.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.	
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.	
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.	☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes ☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes ☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes ☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes ☐ No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:		
a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ 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) 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
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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 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702476A.

**THE PLUG CONNECTION
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT,
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

THE PLUG CONNECTION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Administrative Committee
The Plug Connection Retirement Savings Plan
Vista, California

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of The Plug Connection 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) (an "ERISA 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, 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 Plug Connection Retirement Savings 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 ("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 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 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 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 Plug Connection Retirement Savings 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 Plug Connection Retirement Savings Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year from the date 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 Plug Connection Retirement Savings 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 Plug Connection Retirement Savings 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 certifications, 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 (Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i as of December 31, 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 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, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL'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).

Lavine, Lofgren, Moniz & Engelberg, LLP

La Jolla, California
August 30, 2024

THE PLUG CONNECTION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits As of December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value	<u>\$ 2,978,793</u>	<u>\$ 2,318,076</u>
Receivables:		
Participant contributions	-	6,457
Employer matching contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>2,551</u>
Total receivables	<u>-</u>	<u>9,008</u>
Total assets	2,978,793	2,327,084
LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 2,978,793</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,327,084</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment income:

Net realized and unrealized appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 425,862
Interest income from guaranteed investment contract	<u>2,892</u>

Net investment income	<u>428,754</u>
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Contributions:

Participant - current	179,752
Employer - matching	<u>66,798</u>

Total contributions	<u>246,550</u>
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Other income	<u>3,800</u>
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Total additions	<u>679,104</u>
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Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants	26,871
Administrative expenses	<u>524</u>

Total deductions	<u>27,395</u>
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Net increase	651,709
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Net assets available for benefits:

Beginning of year	<u>2,327,084</u>
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End of year	<u><u>\$ 2,978,793</u></u>
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

THE PLUG CONNECTION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of The Plug Connection Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions. The Plan is subject to the requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA") and the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of Plug Connection, LLC and Ultimate Herbs, LLC (together, the "Company").

Eligibility

Employees who are not independent contractors are eligible to participate in the Plan. Employees become eligible to participate in the Plan and receive employer contributions on the semi-yearly enrollment date next following their completion of six months of service, as defined.

Participant Contributions

Each payroll period, participants may contribute from 1% to 100% of their eligible compensation, as defined in the Plan, subject to limitations imposed by the IRC. Participants who are age 50 or older are eligible to defer additional amounts (called "catch-up contributions") to the Plan up to the maximum allowed by the IRC. Participants may also contribute amounts representing rollover distributions from other qualified sources.

Employer Contributions

The Company may make discretionary matching contributions each pay period to active participants, as defined. For 2023, the Company authorized matching contributions of 100% of eligible participants' elective deferrals up to 2% of their eligible compensation. The Company may also make other employer discretionary contributions each Plan year. No other employer discretionary contributions were made for the 2023 Plan year.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, any Company contributions, and allocations of Plan earnings or losses, and is charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings (losses) or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Investment Options

Upon enrollment in the Plan, participants direct the allocation of their accounts to any or all of the Plan's investment options. Subsequently, participants may change their allocation and transfer account balances between the investment options in accordance with the Plan. Contributions will be automatically directed to the Plan's qualified default investment alternative if no investment option has been selected. Certain fees may be charged to the Plan's investments.

THE PLUG CONNECTION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their own contributions plus actual earnings thereon. All participants are fully vested in their employer contributions in the event of their death, total and permanent disability, retirement, or attaining early retirement age (55). A participant who terminates employment other than due to death, total and permanent disability, or retirement vests in employer contributions as follows:

<u>Years of Credited Service</u>	<u>Vested Percentage</u>
Less than 2	0%
2	25%
3	50%
4	75%
5	100%

A year of credited service under the Plan is determined under the elapsed time method.

Forfeitures

Upon distribution of benefits following termination of employment, that portion of a participant's account that is not vested is forfeited. Amounts forfeited are generally used to reduce employer contributions or pay Plan expenses. During the year ended December 31, 2023, \$1,280 was added to the forfeiture account, including investment earnings totaling \$32, and \$4,008 was deducted from forfeitures to reduce 2023 employer matching contributions. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the forfeitures balance was \$0 and \$2,728, respectively.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination, retirement, and/or attaining age 59½, participants may elect to receive a distribution of their account in a single lump-sum cash distribution, or defer the distribution if their account exceeds \$5,000. Normal retirement age is 65, but early retirement provisions apply at age 55 for active participants. Twice a year, participants who are age 59½ or older may withdraw all or part of their vested account balance. Pursuant to the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 (the "SECURE Act"), which became law on December 20, 2019, participants may defer taking distributions as follows:

- If a participant reached the age of 70½ in 2019, the participant may defer receiving distributions until the later of April 1, 2020, or the April following the calendar year in which the participant retires;
- If a participant reaches the age of 70½ in 2020 or later, the participant may defer receiving distributions until the later of the April following the calendar year in which the participant reaches age 72 or retires except that –

Beginning in 2023, the age a participant must begin taking distributions was raised to 73. If a participant reaches the age of 72 during 2023, the participant may defer receiving distributions until April 1, 2025, the latest date that a required minimum distribution may be taken for 2024.

Any vested benefits will be paid to a participant's beneficiary upon death of a participant. In addition, the Plan allows for hardship distributions from the participant's contribution and employer match account balance.

THE PLUG CONNECTION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Payment of Benefits (Continued)

In February 2018, Congress passed the Bipartisan Budget Act (the "Act"). Among other things, the Act provides relief on hardship withdrawal requirements including the following: (1) a participant will not be required to obtain a plan loan before requesting a hardship withdrawal, (2) a participant's deferral contributions will not be suspended after receipt of a hardship withdrawal, and (3) earnings on elective deferral contributions in a participant's account will be eligible for hardship withdrawal purposes. The provisions of the Act are effective for Plan years beginning January 1, 2019 and may be effective prior to formally amending the Plan document. Effective January 1, 2019, the Plan adopted the provisions of the Act with respect to hardship withdrawal requirements. Effective January 1, 2020, the Company adopted further provisions clarifying the sources allowed for hardship distributions.

Upon a participant's employment termination, the Plan may roll over a participant's vested account balance greater than \$1,000 and less than \$5,000 into an individual retirement account ("IRA") managed and maintained by the trustee/custodian of the Plan, if the participant has not elected to receive a lump sum cash distribution or have the balance rolled over into an IRA of his/her choosing. Also at its discretion, the Plan may elect to distribute vested account balances of less than \$1,000.

In April 2020, the Plan operationally implemented the provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act") (Note 9). As permitted by the CARES Act, the Plan implemented the following provisions for CARES Act related distributions: (i) participants may withdraw up to \$100,000 without a 10% early distribution penalty, (ii) such distributions can be repaid within three years of the date of distribution, and (iii) required minimum distributions were temporarily suspended for 2020.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are presented on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 7 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Net realized and unrealized appreciation or depreciation in investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

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Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Fees related to the processing of distributions are charged directly to the account of the transacting participants and are included in administrative expenses. Investment-related expenses are included in the net realized and unrealized appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of investments and administrative expenses.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated events through the date of the independent auditors' report, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of the Plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in their accounts.

NOTE 4. TAX STATUS

The Plan, through its adoption of a non-standardized pre-approved profit-sharing plan from Principal Life Insurance Company, has obtained an opinion letter from the IRS dated June 30, 2020 stating that in the IRS' opinion, the pre-approved plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the IRC and that any employer adopting this plan will be considered to have a plan qualified under the IRC. Once qualified, the plan is required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain its qualification. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the accompanying financial statements.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authorities. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and believes that as of December 31, 2023, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) 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 believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

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Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

NOTE 5. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE/CUSTODIAN

Certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and the ERISA-required supplemental schedule (Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i), including investments held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation or depreciation in fair value of investments and interest income for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Principal Life Insurance Company, the trustee/custodian of the Plan.

NOTE 6. EXEMPT PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Company provides administrative services for the Plan at no cost to the Plan. Certain Plan operating expenses are paid by the Company. Certain investments are managed by the trustee/custodian of the Plan. These transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions.

NOTE 7. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1

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

Level 2

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3

Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement for the asset or liability at the measurement date. These inputs reflect Plan management's best estimate of what market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Consideration is given to the risk inherent in the valuation technique and in the inputs to the model.

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Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

NOTE 7. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value at December 31, 2023 and 2022. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Collective investment trusts: Valued at net asset value ("NAV") using the fair value of underlying funds of the respective collective investment trust ("CIT"). The fair value of funds held are used in determining the NAV of the CIT, which is not publicly quoted but is available to current investors. The NAV is the basis for current transactions and the CIT can be redeemed at NAV as of the measurement date. Therefore, it is believed that these investments have a readily determinable fair value. The NAV is calculated in a manner consistent with U.S. GAAP for investment companies. Because they are valued similarly to mutual funds, it is believed CITs should be a Level 1 asset to allow for consistent disclosure. Unfunded commitments typically are found in private equity funds and therefore are not applicable to CITs.

Pooled separate accounts: Valued at the NAV of the respective pooled separate accounts ("PSA"), the daily price of which is not publicly quoted but is available to current investors. The NAV is the basis for current transactions and the PSA can be redeemed at NAV as of the measurement date. Therefore, it is believed that these investments have a readily determinable fair value. The NAV is calculated in a manner consistent with U.S. GAAP for investment companies. Because they are valued similarly to mutual funds, it is believed PSAs should be a Level 1 asset to allow for consistent disclosure. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily.

Guaranteed investment contract: Fair value is the amount Plan participants would receive currently if they were to withdraw or transfer funds within the Plan prior to their maturity for an event other than death, disability, termination or retirement. This fair value represents contract value adjusted to reflect current market interest rates only to the extent such market rates exceed crediting rates. The investment contracts provide information about redemption frequency and notice periods if applicable. There are no unfunded commitments.

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

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Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

NOTE 7. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

The following tables set forth by level within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	December 31, 2023			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 2,022,014	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,022,014
Collective investment trusts	791,213	-	-	791,213
Guaranteed investment contract	-	-	165,566	165,566
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 2,813,227</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 165,566</u>	<u>\$ 2,978,793</u>

	December 31, 2022			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 1,603,384	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,603,384
Collective investment trusts	569,906	-	-	569,906
Guaranteed investment contract	-	-	144,786	144,786
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 2,173,290</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 144,786</u>	<u>\$ 2,318,076</u>

During 2023, the Plan purchased \$17,525 and sold \$3,309 of its Level 3 investment. There were no transfers in or out of the Level 3 investment during 2023.

NOTE 8. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 9. CARES ACT

In response to the effects of the coronavirus on the economy, in March 2020, Congress passed the CARES Act. The CARES Act provides temporary relief for retirement plan sponsors and participants with respect to employer contributions, distributions, and participant loans. The provisions of the CARES Act may be effective prior to formally amending the Plan document. The Plan has implemented certain relief provisions included in the CARES Act as disclosed in the preceding notes to the financial statements. Plan management expects to formally amend the Plan by December 31, 2025.

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Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

NOTE 10. SECURE 2.0 ACT

On December 29, 2022, the SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 (the “SECURE Act 2.0”) became law. The purpose of the legislation is to expand access to retirement plans and to help working Americans increase their retirement saving. The provisions of the SECURE Act 2.0 include the following:

- Beginning in 2023, the age for required minimum distributions increased from age 72 to 73. Beginning in 2033, the age for required minimum distributions will increase from age 73 to 75.
- Beginning in 2026, catch-up contributions will be made on a Roth basis, unless the participant earns \$145,000 or less.
- Beginning January 1, 2025, a participant from the ages 60 to 63 can elect catch-up contributions up to the limit of the greater of \$10,000 or 150% of the catch-up contribution limit imposed by the IRS.
- Starting January 1, 2025, long-term part-time workers (defined as employees who have worked for two consecutive 12 month periods during each of which they have at least 500 hours of service) will become eligible to enroll in their employer’s retirement plan after two years.

Additionally, Plan management has not yet determined which of the optional provisions, if any, the Plan will implement. Plan management expects to formally amend the Plan by December 31, 2025.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

THE PLUG CONNECTION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

Attachment for Form 5500 – Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i – Schedule
of Assets Held for Investment Purposes at End of Year
As of December 31, 2023

EIN: 81-3785454
Plan Number: 001

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	Cost ⁽¹⁾	Current value
	Pooled Separate Accounts:			
*	Principal	Principal LargeCap Growth I	-	\$ 413,777
*	Principal	Principal Large Cap S&P 500	-	374,807
*	Principal	Principal MidCap	-	369,141
*	Principal	Principal Liquid Assets	-	289,896
*	Principal	Principal SmallCap S&P 600 Index	-	178,053
*	Principal	Principal Diversified International	-	150,166
*	Principal	Principal Core Plus Bond	-	143,297
*	Principal	Principal SmallCap Value II	-	44,418
*	Principal	Principal Equity Income	-	38,834
*	Principal	Principal SmallCap Growth I	-	14,124
*	Principal	Principal MidCap S&P 400 Index	-	5,501
	Collective Investment Trusts:			
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2020	-	191,379
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2035	-	178,246
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2030	-	129,285
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2045	-	84,911
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid Inc	-	50,389
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2040	-	50,370
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2015	-	37,910
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2050	-	33,579
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2025	-	21,080
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2055	-	14,055
*	Principal	Principal LifeTime Hybrid 2065	-	9
	Guaranteed Investment Contract:			
*	Principal	Guaranteed Interest Account	-	165,566
	Total			<u>\$ 2,978,793</u>

* Party-in-interest

⁽¹⁾ Cost information for participant or beneficiary directed investments is not required.

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

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

T P C R S P

EIN 81 3785454
 PLAN NUMBER 001
 PLAN YEAR 01/01/2023 TO 12/31/2023

(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
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Insurance Company General Guaranteed Interest	\$ 0.00	\$ 165,565.75
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Core Plus Bond Sep Act-R2	\$ 0.00	\$ 143,296.80
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Diversified Intl SA-R2	\$ 0.00	\$ 150,166.16
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Equity Income SA-R2	\$ 0.00	\$ 38,834.17
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LargeCap Growth I SA-R2	\$ 0.00	\$ 413,776.67
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LgCap S&P 500 Index SA-R2	\$ 0.00	\$ 374,807.08
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hy Inc CIT Z105	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,388.76
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hy 2015 CIT Z105	\$ 0.00	\$ 37,909.84
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hy 2020 CIT Z105	\$ 0.00	\$ 191,379.08
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hy 2025 CIT Z105	\$ 0.00	\$ 21,079.85
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hy 2030 CIT Z105	\$ 0.00	\$ 129,284.61
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hy 2035 CIT Z105	\$ 0.00	\$ 178,246.49
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hy 2040 CIT Z105	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,369.93
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hy 2045 CIT Z105	\$ 0.00	\$ 84,910.74
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hy 2050 CIT Z105	\$ 0.00	\$ 33,578.72

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(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
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hy 2055 CIT Z105	\$ 0.00	\$ 14,055.46
*	Principal Global Investors Trust Co	Common/Collective Trust Prin LifeTime Hy 2065 CIT Z105	\$ 0.00	\$ 9.40
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Liquid Assets Sep Acct-R2	\$ 0.00	\$ 289,895.91
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin MidCap S&P 400 Idx SA-R2	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,501.33
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin MidCap Sep Acct-R2	\$ 0.00	\$ 369,141.05
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin SmallCap Growth I SA-R2	\$ 0.00	\$ 14,123.53
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin SmallCap Value II SA-R2	\$ 0.00	\$ 44,418.36
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin SmCap S&P 600 Index SA-R2	\$ 0.00	\$ 178,052.46