Form 5500	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**	**2023** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

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:
- [X] 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. . . . . ▶ [X]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] 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
SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL 44 ANNUITY FUND

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1983

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)
TRUSTEES OF THE SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL 44

270 NORTH SHERMAN STREET
WILKES BARRE, PA 18702-5316

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WILKES BARRE, PA 18702-5316

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-6751172

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 540-345-7735

2d Business code (see instructions) 333410

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.	10/09/2024	DONALD DUNNE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	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

LAWRENCE C MUSGROVE ASSOCIATES INC

PO BOX 1769
SALEM, VA 24153-1769

3b Administrator's EIN
54-0759756

3c Administrator's telephone number
540-345-7735

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**	407
6	Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1)	Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	333
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	322
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	15
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	56
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	393
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	393
g(1)	Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(1)**	
g(2)	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	393
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	40

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

2E 2G 2T

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** ☒ Insurance
- **(2)** ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** ☒ Trust
- **(4)** ☐ General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** ☒ Insurance
- **(2)** ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** ☒ Trust
- **(4)** ☐ General assets of the sponsor

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

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(4)** ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- **(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)	Insurance Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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).	**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	**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶
SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL 44 ANNUITY FUND	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
TRUSTEES OF THE SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL 44	23-6751172

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

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier

PRUDENTIAL RETIREMENT AND ANNUITY COMPANY

(b) EIN	**(c)** NAIC code	**(d)** Contract or identification number	**(e)** Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year **(f)** From	**(g)** To
06-1050034	93629	004479	393	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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 **(c)** Amount	**(d)** Purpose	**(e)** Organization code

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

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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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

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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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

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

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

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	15395717
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	18846077

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 ▶

b	Balance at the end of the previous year		7b	17350631
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	329744	
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)		
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	493803	
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)	238284	
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	213956	
	▶ OTHER RECEIPTS			
	(6)Total additions		7c(6)	1275787
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**).		7d	18626418
e	Deductions:			
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	2907900	
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	699	
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	101887	
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	220215	
	▶ OTHER DISBURSEMENTS			
	(5) Total deductions		7e(5)	3230701
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)		7f	15395717

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

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan
SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL 44 ANNUITY FUND

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
TRUSTEES OF THE SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL 44

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
23-6751172

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

CAPITAL RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT COM
333 SOUTH HOPE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90071

95-1411037

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

VANGUARD GROUP INC
PO BOX 2900
VALLEY FORGE, PA 19482

23-1945930

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

WELLINGTON MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLP
280 CONGRESS ST
BOSTON, MA 02210

47-1167553

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

EMERALD ADVISORS, INC
1703 OREGON PIKE, SUITE 101
LANCASTER, PA 17601

23-2664857

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

JENNISON ASSOCIATES LLC

468 LEXINGTON AVENUE, 18TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10017

52-2069785

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

VICTORY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC

4900 TIEDEMAN ROAD, 4TH FLOOR
BROOKLYN, OH 44144

13-2700161

(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)

EMPOWER RETIREMENT, LLC

8515 E ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

84-0467907

(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?
50 37 15 19	NONE	36613	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

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

LAWRENCE C. MUSGROVE ASSOCIATES

PO BOX 1769
SALEM, VA 24153

54-0759756

(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	NONE	26400	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

BERKSHIRE ASSET MANAGEMENT

46 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 700
WILKES BARRE, PA 18701

26-0256914

(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 51	NONE	22934	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

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

ALAN ROSS AND COMPANY PC

10 HEARTHSTONE COURT
READING, PA 19606

20-5367494

(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?
10 50	NONE	8925	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

O'DONOGHUE & O'DONOGHUE

5301 WISCONSIN AVE, NW, STE 800
WASHINGTON, DC 20015

53-0120528

(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?
29 50	NONE	8341	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
EMPOWER RETIREMENT, LLC	28	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
JENNISON FUND LARGE CAP GROW	55.00 BPS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
EMPOWER RETIREMENT, LLC	28	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
VICORTY FUND SMALL CAP VALUE	85.00 BPS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
EMPOWER RETIREMENT, LLC	15	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
GUARANTEED INTEREST ACCOUNT	45.00 BOS

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
EMPOWER RETIREMENT, LLC	49	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
AMERICAN FUNDS EUROPACIFIC	$12 PER PARTICIPANT

(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:

Explanation:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)	DFE/Participating Plan Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	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.**	**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
SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL 44 ANNUITY FUND

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
TRUSTEES OF THE SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL 44

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
23-6751172

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)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LARGE CAP GROWTH JENNISON FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

c EIN-PN 06-1050034-408 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 15811385

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP GROWTH EMERALD

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

c EIN-PN 06-1050034-540 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1530485

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP VALUE VICTORY FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

c EIN-PN 06-1050034-701 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1504207

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)

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)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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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 plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN

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a Plan name

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)	Financial Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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.**	**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
SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL 44 ANNUITY FUND

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
TRUSTEES OF THE SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL 44

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
23-6751172

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	217240	151757
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	140364	101701
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)	2741	6637
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)	1670467	1663084
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	13115542	18846077
(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)	10028578	10958481
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	17350886	15395717
(15) Other	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(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	42525818	47123454
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h	5540	11735
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j	6004	2221
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	11544	13956
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	42514274	47109498

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)	1456884	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	9893	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		1466777
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)	37117	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	493803	
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		530920
(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)	400771	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		400771
(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)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		6072626
(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)		1063924
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		9535018
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	4787882	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)	33337	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		4821219
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
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)	26400	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)	9999	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	59547	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	8341	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	14288	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	2i(12)		118575
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		4939794
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		4595224
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

(1) [X] 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)** [X] 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: ALAN ROSS & COMPANY, PC **(2)** EIN: 20-5367494

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.)	**4a**		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	**4b**		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	**4c**		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	**4d**		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	**4e**	X		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	**4f**		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4g**		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4h**		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4i**	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4j**		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	**4k**		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	**4l**		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	**4m**		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	**4n**		X	

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? [ ] Yes [X] 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)	Retirement Plan Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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.**	**2023** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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A Name of plan
SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL 44 ANNUITY FUND

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
TRUSTEES OF THE SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL 44

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
23-6751172

Part I Distributions

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1**

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): _____ _____

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** 52

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

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

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

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

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (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 _____

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

a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

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

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(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

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

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

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%

High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:

☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more

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

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

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

☐ Yes.

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

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

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation._____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☐ "Current year" ADP test

☐ N/A

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

SHEET METAL WORKERS
LOCAL NO. 44 ANNUITY FUND

FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees
Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 44 Annuity Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 44 Annuity Fund, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023,

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 44 Annuity Fund as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 44 Annuity Fund 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 audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, 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

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 Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 44 Annuity Fund's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the

- 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 Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 44 Annuity Fund'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 Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 44 Annuity Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information and the schedules of employer contributions and administrative expenses are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedules is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Reading, Pennsylvania
October 2, 2024

SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL NO. 44 ANNUITY FUND

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

December 31, 2023 and 2022

ASSETS	2023	2022
INVESTMENTS, at fair value		
Mutual Funds	$ 10,958,481	$ 10,028,578
Pooled separate accounts	18,846,077	13,115,542
	29,804,558	23,144,120
INVESTMENTS, at contract value		
Group annuity contract	15,395,717	17,350,886
RECEIVABLES		
Employer contributions	101,701	140,364
Amounts due from other plans under reciprocal agreements	4,092	-
Notes receivable from participants	1,663,084	1,670,467
Total Receivables	1,768,877	1,810,831
OTHER		
Cash	151,757	217,240
Prepaid expenses	2,545	2,741
	154,302	219,981
TOTAL ASSETS	47,123,454	42,525,818
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	11,735	5,540
Amounts due to other plans under reciprocal agreements	2,221	6,004
TOTAL LIABILITIES	13,956	11,544
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 47,109,498	$ 42,514,274

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of these Financial Statements.

SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL NO. 44 ANNUITY FUND

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Additions to Net Assets attributed to:	
Contributions	
Employer	$ 1,456,884
Amounts received from other plans under reciprocal agreements	9,893
	1,466,777
Less: Amounts paid to other plans under reciprocal agreements	(33,337)
	1,433,440
Investment income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	7,136,550
Interest	493,803
Dividends	400,771
	8,031,124
Less: investment expenses	(59,547)
	7,971,577
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	37,117
Total additions	9,442,134
Deductions from Net Assets attributed to:	
Benefits paid to participants	4,787,882
Administrative expenses	59,028
Total deductions	4,846,910
Net increase	4,595,224
Net Assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	42,514,274
End of year	$ 47,109,498

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of these Financial Statements.

SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL NO. 44 ANNUITY FUND

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Description of Plan

The following brief description of Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 44 Annuity Fund (Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for more complete information.

General:

The Plan is a defined contribution, multiemployer union negotiated profit sharing plan. It covers all eligible employees of participating employers who are covered by collective bargaining agreements and employees covered by a participation agreement. The Plan was established pursuant to an Agreement and Declaration of Trust effective September 1, 1982 between the Sheet Metal Contractors Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania and Sheet Metal Workers Local 44. The operation and administration of the Plan is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions:

Contributions to the Plan are in the form of employer contributions as determined by the collective bargaining agreement or participation agreement. Employers contribute a specified amount for each employee hour worked.

Participants Accounts:

Each participant's account is credited with the employer contributions received on behalf of the participant and is adjusted for an allocation of (a) Plan earnings and (b) administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting:

A participant is entitled to one hundred percent of the balance in his account at all times.

Investment Options:

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct employer contributions in any of eleven investment options.

Note 1. Description of Plan (Continued)

Notes Receivable from Participants:

Participant's may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum of $50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance, whichever is less. The loans are secured by a signed promissory note and the balance in the participant's account. They bear interest at a reasonable rate determined by the Administrator. Repayment schedules of loans cannot be longer than 5 years unless the loan is for the purchase of a principal residence, in which case the period may be extended.

Payment of Benefits:

Participant's are eligible for distribution of their account balances upon retirement, total or permanent disability, death, or six months after termination of employment. Distributions are made in lump sum payments, annual installments or in the form of an annuity.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following are the significant accounting policies followed by the Plan:

Basis of Accounting:

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition:

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Quoted market prices are used to value investments. Shares of mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices which represent the net asset value of shares held by the plan at year end. Pooled separate accounts are valued at the net asset value of the underlying investments, which is a practical expedient for fair value. The plan also has an investment in a group annuity contract which is fully benefit responsive, so that investment is reported at contract value.

The Plan presents in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets the net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of its investments which consists of the realized gains or losses and the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on those investments.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on the trade date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Capital gain distributions are included in dividend income.

Reciprocal Contributions, Payments and Agreements:

Reciprocal contributions represent payments received from other local annuity plans for work performed by plan participants out of the local union's area of operation. Reciprocal payments represent contributions received by participating employers for members of other local unions that are paid to other local benefit plans.

The benefit fund of each local enters into a cooperative contractual arrangement to allow the contributions to be transferred to the employee's home benefit fund. The agreement determines the amount of contributions that will be transferred to or from the benefit fund. The participant must sign an authorization to transfer the contributions to the participant's home benefit fund.

Payment of Benefits:

Benefits payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

Notes Receivable from Participants:

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Administrative Expenses:

Expenses incurred in connection with the general administartion of the Plan are recorded as deductions in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. See the Supplementary Schedule of Administrative Expenses for detail on the types and amounts of expesnes incurred. Certain investment-related expenses are included in the net appreciation in fair value of investments and as a reduction to investment income on the statement of net assets available for benefits.

Note 3. Administrative Fees

The Plan document provides that participant accounts are to be charged a fee to pay for the administrative costs of operating the Plan. Each participant account is charged $50 per quarter.

Note 4. Fair Value Measurements

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, provides a 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 under FASB ASC 820 are described below:

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

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

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

Note 4. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

At measurement date, the Plan estimates fair value of the financial instruments using various valuation techniques. To the extent available, quoted market prices in active markets or observable market inputs in estimating the fair value of the investments are utilized. When quoted market prices or observable market inputs are not available, valuation techniques that rely on unobservable inputs to estimate fair value of investments are used.

There were no significant transfers of investments between levels during the year ended December 31, 2023.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Mutual Funds: Valued at the quoted market price which represents the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year end, and also represents the price at which shares are traded.

Pooled Separate Accounts: Valued at net asset value (NAV) of units held. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liability. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV.

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

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	$ 10,958,481	-	-	10,958,481
	$ 10,958,481	$ -	$ -	10,958,481
Investments measured at net asset value				
Pooled Separate Accounts				18,846,077
				$ 29,804,558

See Independent Auditors' Report.

Note 4. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	$ 10,028,578	$ -	$ -	$ 10,028,578
	$ 10,028,578	$ -	$ -	10,028,578
Investments measured at net asset value				
Pooled Separate Accounts				13,115,542
				$ 23,144,120

Investments Measured Using the Net Asset Value per Share Practical Expedient.

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. There are no participant restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan

December 31, 2023	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (If Currently Eligible	Redemption Notice Period
Pooled Separate Accounts	$18,846,077	N/A	Daily	12 Months

December 31, 2022	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (If Currently Eligible	Redemption Notice Period
Pooled Separate Accounts	$13,115,542	N/A	Daily	12 Months

Note 5. Plan Termination

The Trustees may terminate the Plan at any time. It is the present intention of the Trustees to continue the Plan indefinitely. In the event of the termination of the Plan for any reason, the assets of the Plan shall be liquidated and allocated to the exclusive benefit of the participants and other persons entitled to benefits from the Plan.

Note 6. Federal Tax Status

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on November 2, 2015, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan administrator and the Plan's legal counsel believe that the Plan currently is designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 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 2021.

Note 7. Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, the Plan has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through October 2, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 8. Risks and Uncertainties

The plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risk such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the 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 statement of net assets available for benefits.

Note 9. Group Annuity Contract

The Plan entered into an investment contract with Prudential which is considered an guaranteed evergreen group annuity product with a guarantee backed by the full faith and credit of Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company.

Prudential maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed investment contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than 3 percent. The crediting rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting.

This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Prudential, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due is dependent on the issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Note 10. Related Party Transactions

Certain assets of the Plan are managed by Berkshire Asset Management, LLC and Empower Trust Company, the custodian as defined by the Plan. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

The Plan is under the control of a Board of Trustees comprised of participating union members and employers and is administered by Lawrence C. Musgrove Associates, an independent employee benefit administration and consulting firm. Participant accounts are maintained by Empower Annuity Insurance Company. Administrative expenses are paid by the Plan.

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers and employees of the Union. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

Note 11. Change in Recordkeeper and Custodian

Effective April 1, 2022, Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (EAICA), formerly known as Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company, the parent company of Empower Retirement, LLC (Empower) acquired the full-service retirement business of Prudential Financial, Inc. In connection with the transaction, EAICA acquired all shares of the following entities, which are no longer affiliated with Prudential Financial, Inc.: Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company; Prudential Bank & Trust, FSB; Global Portfolio Strategies, Inc.; TBG Insurance Services Corporation; MC Insurance Agency Services, LLC; and Mullin TBG Insurance Agency Services, LLC. On October 3, 2022, Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company was renamed Empower Annuity Insurance Company.

Empower Annuity Insurance Company (EAIC) (formerly Prudential Retirement or Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company) is now an Empower company, but it remains the service provider under the plan's services agreement.

Prudential Bank & Trust, FSB (PB&T) served as custodian for 2022 plan year ending December 31, 2022.

As the successor of PB&T, Empower Trust Company, LLC (ETC) serves as custodian for the Plan year ending December 31, 2023.

Note 12. Concentration of Credit Risk

The Plan maintains a bank account with Wells Fargo Bank. The account balance routinely exceeds the amount insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) of $250,000. Cash at December 31, 2023 and 2022 did not exceed federally insured limits.

The Plan receives most of the employer contributions from companies in the sheet metal business located in the northeastern section of Pennsylvania. Six of the employers contribute approximately 58% of the total contributions for the Plan.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL NO. 44 ANNUITY FUND
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(a)	(b) IDENTITY OF ISSUE 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
	MUTUAL FUNDS	AMERICAN FUNDS AMERICAN BALANCED FUND R6		1,740,241
		AMERICAN FUNDS U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES R6		117,135
		VANGUARD FTSE ALL-WORLD INDEX FUND ADMIRAL		19,362
		VANGUARD MID CAP INDEX FUND		3,719,565
		VANGUARD TOTAL BOND MARKET INDEX FUND		1,528,086
		VANGUARD WINDSOR FUND ADMIRAL SHARES		2,023,888
		VANGUARD 500 INDEX ADMIRAL SHARES		1,810,204
				10,958,481
*	POOLED SEPARATE ACCOUNTS	LARGE CAP GROWTH JENNISON FUND		15,811,385
*		SMALL CAP VALUE / VICTORY FUND		1,504,207
*		SMALL CAP GROWTH / EMERALD		1,530,485
				18,846,077
*	GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT	GUARANTEED INTEREST ACCT		15,395,717
*	PARTICIPANT LOANS	4.25% - 9.50%		1,663,084
				$ 46,863,359

SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL NO. 44 ANNUITY FUND

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Employer:	
AAA Sheet Metal, Inc.	$ 7,611
AFT Mechanical	1,978
Aircon Service Co.	146,081
Applied Mechanical Systems	27,247
Berserker Design Metals, LLC	9,605
Bilfinger Industrial Services, Inc.	135,722
BIM Designs, Inc.	6,247
Fetchen Sheet Metal, Inc.	146,087
H. T. Lyons, Inc.	16,137
J & E Sheet Metal	128,403
J & S Fabrication	6,385
James W. Cox & Sons, Inc.	50,606
L.R. Costanzo Co., Inc.	19,428
Leibold, Inc.	58,036
Marx Sheet Metal, Inc.	16,933
Master Mechanical Corporation	64,380
McClure Company	6,256
Mike Bevilacqua Sheet Metal, Inc.	19,151
Mission Mechanical, Inc.	123,724
Mountain Air Balancing, Inc.	19,785
National Environmental Contracting, Inc.	9,829
Power Mechanical Corporation	61,241
Precision Sheet Metal	62,397
R. E. Wildes Sheet Metal	12,977
Robert P. Harrington	22,437
Rossi Mechanical	3,020
Scranton Electric, Heating & Cooling	169,549
Scranton Sheet Metal	40,159
Sheet Metal Education Fund	2,042
Sheet Metal Workers Local #44	28,152
Southerntier Custom	699
Summit Sheet Metal	3,835
Trap's Sheet Metal & Roofing	127
Valley Testing & Balancing	26,264
Walsh Sheet Metal, Inc.	4,354
Total Employer Contributions	$ 1,456,884

SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL NO. 44 ANNUITY FUND

SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Administrative expenses:

Administrative fees	$	26,400
Legal		8,341
Insurance		11,505
Audit fees		9,999
Bank fees		1,074
Meetings		637
Printing, postage and storage		690
Dues		382
Total administrative expenses	$	59,028

SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL NO. 44 ANNUITY FUND
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
DECEMBER 31, 2023

EIN: 23-6751172
FORM: 5500
PLAN: #002

(a)	(b) IDENTITY OF ISSUE 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
	MUTUAL FUNDS	AMERICAN FUNDS AMERICAN BALANCED FUND R6		1,740,241
		AMERICAN FUNDS U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES R6		117,135
		VANGUARD FTSE ALL-WORLD INDEX FUND ADMIRAL		19,362
		VANGUARD MID CAP INDEX FUND		3,719,565
		VANGUARD TOTAL BOND MARKET INDEX FUND		1,528,086
		VANGUARD WINDSOR FUND ADMIRAL SHARES		2,023,888
		VANGUARD 500 INDEX ADMIRAL SHARES		1,810,204
				10,958,481
*	POOLED SEPARATE ACCOUNTS	LARGE CAP GROWTH JENNISON FUND		15,811,385
*		SMALL CAP VALUE / VICTORY FUND		1,504,207
*		SMALL CAP GROWTH / EMERALD		1,530,485
				18,846,077
*	GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT	GUARANTEED INTEREST ACCT		15,395,717
*	PARTICIPANT LOANS	4.25% - 9.50%		1,663,084
				$ 46,863,359

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

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:
- [X] 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 ▶ [X]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] 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
SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL 44 ANNUITY FUND

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1983

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)
TRUSTEES OF THE SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL 44

270 NORTH SHERMAN STREET

WILKES BARRE PA 18702-5316

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-6751172

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 540-345-7735

2d Business code (see instructions) 333410

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	Signature of plan administrator	Date 10-3-24	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator: DONALD DUNNE
SIGN HERE	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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor
LAWRENCE C MUSGROVE ASSOCIATES INC

PO BOX 1769
SALEM VA 24153-1769

3b Administrator's EIN
54-0759756

3c Administrator's telephone number
540-345-7735

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	407
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c, and 6d).		
a (1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	6a(1)	333
a (2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	6a(2)	322
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	6b	15
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	6c	56
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2), 6b, and 6c	6d	393
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits	6e	
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f	393
g (1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g(1)	
(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g(2)	393
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6h	
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	40

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
2E 2G 2T

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) ☒ Insurance
(2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) ☒ Trust
(4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) ☒ Insurance
(2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) ☒ Trust
(4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor

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

a Pension Schedules
(1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information)
(2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
(3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
(4) ☐ DCG (Individual Plan Information) - Number Attached ____
(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)