

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☒ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan NES 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/2018
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) NOVEL ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC 2303 WYCLIFF STREET SUITE 300 ST. PAUL, MN 55114
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 45-5469407
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 651-788-6616
2d	Business code (see instructions) 236200

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.			
Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.			
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	04/22/2025	MANDILEE RUCKDASCHEL
	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	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 160
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 135 6a(2) 244 6b 0 6c 80 6d 324 6e 0 6f 324 6g(1) 148 6g(2) 247 6h 88
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

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

2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3B 2F 3D 2E

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2)** ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3)** ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4)** ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5)** ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2)** ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3)** ☒ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 1
- (4)** ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)** ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)** ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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A Name of plan NES 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NOVEL ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 45-5469407	

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier
EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

(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
84-0467907	68322	50468401	0	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

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

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

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

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

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	97134
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c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	3421	
	7c(2)	0	
	7c(3)	184	
	7c(4)	327	
	7c(5)	2835	

(6) Total additions.....	7c(6)	6767
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d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	103901
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e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	78899	
(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	35	
(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)	24967	
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	0	

(5) Total deductions.....	7e(5)	103901
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f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	0
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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)	0
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)	0
(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)	0
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.).....		9c(2)	0
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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A Name of plan NES 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NOVEL ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 45-5469407	

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.

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Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL
04-2647786

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	10402	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(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?
64	RECORDKEEPER	7712	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

HAYS FINANCIAL GROUP

41-1931920

(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	ADVISOR	6343	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
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
C&S REAL ESTATE A - SS&C GIDS, INC 2000 CROWN COLONY DRIVE QUINCY, MA 02169	0.45%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
PIM INTL BD US H A - SS&C GLOBAL I 2000 CROWN COLONY DRIVE QUINCY, MA 02169	0.45%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>NOVEL ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>45-5469407</u>	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE 2055 V

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM INVESTMENTS

c EIN-PN <u>27-3616920-275</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE 2045 V

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM INVESTMENTS

c EIN-PN <u>26-1208510-259</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE 2025 V

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM INVESTMENTS

c EIN-PN <u>26-1384344-263</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE 2040 V

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM INVESTMENTS

c EIN-PN <u>26-1384398-260</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE 2050 V

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM INVESTMENTS

c EIN-PN <u>26-0787670-258</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE 2035 V

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM INVESTMENTS

c EIN-PN <u>26-0787945-261</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE 2030 V

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM INVESTMENTS

c EIN-PN <u>26-0788040-262</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE 2060 V

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM INVESTMENTS

c EIN-PN 27-3616920-273	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM RETIREMENT ADVANTAGE TRST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PUTNAM INVESTMENTS

c EIN-PN 26-0788428-268	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)

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

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

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan NES 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NOVEL ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 45-5469407	

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	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	132618
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	5765	80983
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	1251599	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	469240	3044901
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	97134	0
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	1823738	3258502
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	1823738	3258502

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)	187834	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1132463	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	71675	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1391972
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	5003	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	2635	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	66	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		7704
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	57491	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		57491
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(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)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(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)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		364019
c Other income	2c		-1939
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1819247

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	356991	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		356991
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	21098	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	6394	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		27492
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		384483

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		1434764
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **BOYUM & BARENSCHEER PLLP**

(2) EIN: **41-6192096**

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.)	☒	☐	464180
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒	☐	1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	☐	☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒	☐	
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	☐	☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	☐	☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	☐	☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	☒	☐	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	☒	☐	

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

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

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan NES 401(K) PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NOVEL ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 45-5469407
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): 04-6568107 20-3691708		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year		3
Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____		
If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III	Amendments	
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No		
Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:		
a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14c	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	

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

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

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

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ Yes.

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

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

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation. _____

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

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

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☒ "Current year" ADP test

☐ N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702438A.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Plan Administrator and Participants
NES 401(k) Plan
St. Paul, MN

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

We have performed the audits of the accompanying financial statements of NES 401(k) Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) [ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit]. The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of NES 401(k) Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements of information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the years ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 NES 401(k) Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about NES 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of NES 401(k) Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about NES 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023, and the supplemental schedule of delinquent participant contributions for the year then ended, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, 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 form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Boyum & Barescheer PLLP

Boyum & Barescheer, PLLP
Minneapolis, Minnesota
April 8, 2025

NES 401(K) PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31,	2023	2022
ASSETS		
INVESTMENTS, at fair value	\$ 3,177,520	\$ 1,720,839
INVESTMENTS, at contract value	-	97,134
NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS	80,982	5,765
RECEIVABLES		
Participant contributions	35,673	35,511
Employer contributions	5,857	7,919
Employer QNEC	354,672	318,761
<i>Total receivables</i>	396,202	362,191
<i>Net assets available for benefits</i>	\$ 3,654,704	\$ 2,185,929

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

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,	2023	2022
ADDITIONS		
INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 364,019	\$ (317,604)
Dividends	60,621	11,435
<i>Total investment income (loss)</i>	424,640	(306,169)
INTEREST INCOME ON NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS	2,635	534
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Participants	1,132,625	769,355
Employer - match	185,772	150,324
Employer - QNEC	35,911	268,530
Rollovers	71,675	42,560
<i>Total contributions</i>	1,425,983	1,230,769
<i>Total additions</i>	1,853,258	925,134
DEDUCTIONS		
Benefits paid to participants	(356,991)	(351,812)
Administrative expenses	(27,492)	(23,781)
<i>Total deductions</i>	(384,483)	(375,593)
<i>Net increase</i>	1,468,775	549,541
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	2,185,929	1,636,388
<i>End of year</i>	\$ 3,654,704	\$ 2,185,929

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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the NES 401(k) Plan (Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General:

The Plan is a defined contribution plan. Novel Energy Solutions, LLC (the "Company") is the administrator and sponsor of the Plan. The Plan was established on January 1, 2018, and used Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company and Great-West Trust Company, LLC and Fidelity Management Trust Company as the plan custodians ("custodians" "trustees"). The Plan was most recently restated on March 2, 2023. The participants are responsible for the direction of their account balances into specific investment options. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

Eligibility:

Employees of the Company who are not covered by collective bargaining agreements under which they have specifically negotiated coverage by the Plan, who are not resident aliens, who are not leased employees, and who have obtained the age of eighteen years are eligible to participate. Plan entry dates are the first day of each calendar month.

Contributions:

Each year, participants may contribute up to 75% of compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 6% of eligible compensation and their contributions are invested in a designated balanced fund until changed by the participant. The Company contributes a discretionary matching contribution of 25% of the first 6% of base compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan. Total matching contributions for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, totaled \$185,772 and \$150,324, respectively. The Company may also make discretionary non-elective contributions. There were no discretionary non-elective contributions for the years ended December 31, 2023 or 2022. Contributions are subject to certain IRS limitations.

Participant accounts:

Each participant's account is credited with participant deferrals, Roth deferrals, company matching contributions, any other discretionary contributions made by the Company and plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. Participant accounts are valued at the end of each business day. The benefit the participant is entitled to is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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NOTE 1. (CONTINUED)

Vesting:

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. For any discretionary company matching contributions and earnings thereon, participants are fully vested after four years of service.

Notes receivable from participants:

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of 50% of their vested account balances or \$50,000. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates ranging of 5.25% - 9.50%, which are commensurate with prevailing market rates. Rates are determined monthly at the prime rate of interest plus 2%. Principal and interest are paid through weekly payrolls and must be paid within five years, unless used for principal residence, which are repaid within ten years.

Payment of benefits:

Distributions to terminated or retired participants are made in a single lump-sum payment to the participant (or in the case of death, the participant's beneficiary) or periodic installments over a period specified by the plan. If terminated/retired participants do not voluntarily elect to move their funds out of the plan, vested account balances between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are rolled into an IRA on the employee's behalf. If a participant terminates employment and the participant's account balance does not exceed \$1,000, the Plan administrator can authorize the benefit payment without the Participant's consent.

Active (not terminated/retired) participants experiencing financial hardship may withdraw a portion of their account balance as defined in the Plan and withdrawals are limited pursuant to the Plan's provisions.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting:

The financial statements of the Plan are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2. (CONTINUED)

Investment valuation and income recognition:

Investments are reported at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Contract value is the relevant measurement for investments in fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the plan. The Plan's Trustees determine the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors, custodians and insurance company. See Note 4 for the discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Notes receivable from participants:

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Related fees are charged directly to the borrowing participant's account and are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 or 2022. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded based on the terms of the Plan document.

Payment of benefits:

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses:

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to administration of notes receivable from participants and distributions are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in the administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in the net depreciation or appreciation of fair value of investments.

Forfeited accounts:

Forfeited accounts can be used to reduce Employer contributions or pay reasonable Plan expenses. During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, \$43,356 and \$1,730 respectively, of forfeited accounts were used to reduce employer contributions and pay Plan expenses. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$71,996 and \$62,730, respectively.

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NOTE 2. (CONTINUED)

Subsequent events:

In preparing these financial statements, the Plan has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through April 8, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3. CERTIFICATION OF INVESTMENT INFORMATION

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Fidelity Management Trust Company certified as to the completeness and accuracy of all investment information reflected in the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period ending March 2, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023.

Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company and Great-West Trust Company, LLC certified as to the completeness and accuracy of all investment information reflected in the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022, and the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period ending January 1, 2023 through March 2, 2023 and the year ended December 31, 2022.

NOTE 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 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 as follows:

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

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include

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

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

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NOTE 4. (CONTINUED)

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

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

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.

Common collective trust: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of units of a bank collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is a readily determinable fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment advisor reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

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

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 investments at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 3,177,520	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,177,520
<i>Total investments at fair value</i>	\$ 3,177,520	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,177,520

Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common collective trusts	\$ -	\$ 1,251,599	\$ -	\$ 1,251,599
Mutual funds	469,240	-	-	469,240
<i>Total investments at fair value</i>	\$ 469,240	\$ 1,251,599	\$ -	\$ 1,720,839

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NOTE 5. GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT WITH GREAT-WEST LIFE & ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

The Plan entered into a traditional fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contract with Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company, the “Custodian” or “Contract Issuer”, totaling \$0 and \$97,134 for December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Custodian maintained the contributions in a general account. The account was credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The Custodian was contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate was based on a formula established by the Contract Issuer. The crediting rate was reviewed on an annual basis for resetting. The guaranteed investment contract did not permit the Custodian to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

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 the Custodian, 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.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the Contract Issuer. Such events include (1) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other Plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA (5) premature termination of the contract. No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the Contract Issuer and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events allow the Contract Issuer to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Such events include (1) an uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines, (2) a breach of material obligation under the contract, (3) a material misrepresentation, (4) a material amendment to the agreement without the consent of the Contract Issuer.

The group annuity contract was terminated on March 2, 2023.

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NOTE 6. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are managed by the Custodians. As Custodians for the Plan, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. All of these party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

NOTE 7. PLAN TERMINATION

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

NOTE 8. PLAN TAX STATUS

The Plan is placing reliance on an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020, received from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on the Prototype Non-standardized Pre-Approved Profit Sharing and Money Purchase Plan with CODA indicating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and is therefore not subject to tax under the current income tax law. The prototype Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter; however, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 9. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in 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 10. NON-EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS

During the Plan years ended December 31, 2023, December 2022, and December 2021, the Employer failed to remit employee 401(k) deferral contributions for certain payrolls within the timeframe prescribed by the Department of Labor. This is deemed a prohibited transaction in accordance with ERISA and the IRC.

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NOTE 11. SECURE ACT 2.0

In December 2022, Securing a Strong Retirement Act (SECURE 2.0) was passed into law. The provisions of SECURE 2.0 continue the themes and reforms that began with the 2019 CARES Act. The effective date of the provisions of SECURE 2.0 vary from becoming effective immediately through 2028. Those provisions include both required and optional elements. Management has evaluated those provisions and determined there is no current impact on the Plan. Plan management will determine the optional provisions to elect in the future.

NOTE 12. RECONCILIATION TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 as of December 31:

	2023	2022
Total net assets per audit report	\$ 3,654,704	\$ 2,185,929
Current year participant contribution receivables	(35,673)	(35,511)
Current year employer contribution receivables	(5,857)	(7,919)
Employer QNEC receivable	(354,672)	(318,761)
Net assets available for benefit per the Form 5500	\$ 3,258,502	\$ 1,823,738

The following is a reconciliation of the net increase per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for years ended December 31:

	2023	2022
Net increase per the financial statements	\$ 1,468,775	\$ 549,541
Prior year contribution receivables	43,430	11,050
Current year contribution receivables	(41,530)	(43,430)
Employer QNEC receivable	(35,911)	(268,530)
Net income per the Form 5500	\$ 1,434,764	\$ 248,631

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SCHEDULE H- LINE 4I, SCHEDULE OF ASSETS
(HELD AT END OF YEAR)

DECEMBER 31, 2023

(a) Party in Interest	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description	(d) ** Cost	(e) Current Market Value
	American Century Small Cap Growth fund R6 Class	Mutual Fund	**	\$ 47,438
	Calvert Bond Fund Class R6	Mutual Fund	**	107,414
	Calvert International Equity Fund Class R6	Mutual Fund	**	159,639
	Invesco Small Cap Value Fund Class R6	Mutual Fund	**	4,635
	Cohen & Steers Real Estate Securities Fund, Inc. Class A	Mutual Fund	**	24,418
	Putnam Large Cap Value Fund Class R6	Mutual Fund	**	31,742
	BlackRock Sustainable Advantage Large Cap Core Fund Class K	Mutual Fund	**	106,662
	Pimco International Bond Fund (U.S. Dollar-Hedged) Class A	Mutual Fund	**	5,547
	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth Fund Class R6	Mutual Fund	**	141,382
*	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	185,441
*	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	79,684
*	Fidelity Freedom 2015 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	5,318
*	Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	5,552
*	Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	100,409
*	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	155,330
*	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	338,816
*	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	152,497
*	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	183,937
*	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	351,738
*	Fidelity Freedom 2055 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	339,894
*	Fidelity Freedom 2060 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	451,977
*	Fidelity Freedom Income Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	10,990
*	Fidelity Government Money Market Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	132,618
*	Fidelity Freedom 2065 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	54,442
	<i>Total investments</i>			<u>3,177,520</u>
*	Notes Receivable from participants (5.25% - 9.50% interest rate range)		-	80,982
<i>Total investments and notes receivable from participants</i>				\$ 3,258,502

* Indicates party in interest

** Cost information is not required for participant directed investments

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SCHEDULE H – LINE 4A,
SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
☒ Yes	\$ 464,180	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**AUDIT
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NES 401(K) PLAN
FINANCIAL REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Plan Administrator and Participants
NES 401(k) Plan
St. Paul, MN

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

We have performed the audits of the accompanying financial statements of NES 401(k) Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) [ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit]. The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of NES 401(k) Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements of information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the years ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 NES 401(k) Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about NES 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of NES 401(k) Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about NES 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023, and the supplemental schedule of delinquent participant contributions for the year then ended, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, 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 form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Boyum & Barescheer PLLP". The script is cursive and fluid, with the "P" in "PLLP" being particularly large and stylized.

Boyum & Barescheer, PLLP
Minneapolis, Minnesota
April 8, 2025

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STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31,	2023	2022
ASSETS		
INVESTMENTS, at fair value	\$ 3,177,520	\$ 1,720,839
INVESTMENTS, at contract value	-	97,134
NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS	80,982	5,765
RECEIVABLES		
Participant contributions	35,673	35,511
Employer contributions	5,857	7,919
Employer QNEC	354,672	318,761
<i>Total receivables</i>	396,202	362,191
<i>Net assets available for benefits</i>	\$ 3,654,704	\$ 2,185,929

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

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,	2023	2022
ADDITIONS		
INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 364,019	\$ (317,604)
Dividends	60,621	11,435
<i>Total investment income (loss)</i>	424,640	(306,169)
INTEREST INCOME ON NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS	2,635	534
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Participants	1,132,625	769,355
Employer - match	185,772	150,324
Employer - QNEC	35,911	268,530
Rollovers	71,675	42,560
<i>Total contributions</i>	1,425,983	1,230,769
<i>Total additions</i>	1,853,258	925,134
DEDUCTIONS		
Benefits paid to participants	(356,991)	(351,812)
Administrative expenses	(27,492)	(23,781)
<i>Total deductions</i>	(384,483)	(375,593)
<i>Net increase</i>	1,468,775	549,541
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	2,185,929	1,636,388
<i>End of year</i>	\$ 3,654,704	\$ 2,185,929

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the NES 401(k) Plan (Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General:

The Plan is a defined contribution plan. Novel Energy Solutions, LLC (the "Company") is the administrator and sponsor of the Plan. The Plan was established on January 1, 2018, and used Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company and Great-West Trust Company, LLC and Fidelity Management Trust Company as the plan custodians ("custodians" "trustees"). The Plan was most recently restated on March 2, 2023. The participants are responsible for the direction of their account balances into specific investment options. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

Eligibility:

Employees of the Company who are not covered by collective bargaining agreements under which they have specifically negotiated coverage by the Plan, who are not resident aliens, who are not leased employees, and who have obtained the age of eighteen years are eligible to participate. Plan entry dates are the first day of each calendar month.

Contributions:

Each year, participants may contribute up to 75% of compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 6% of eligible compensation and their contributions are invested in a designated balanced fund until changed by the participant. The Company contributes a discretionary matching contribution of 25% of the first 6% of base compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan. Total matching contributions for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, totaled \$185,772 and \$150,324, respectively. The Company may also make discretionary non-elective contributions. There were no discretionary non-elective contributions for the years ended December 31, 2023 or 2022. Contributions are subject to certain IRS limitations.

Participant accounts:

Each participant's account is credited with participant deferrals, Roth deferrals, company matching contributions, any other discretionary contributions made by the Company and plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. Participant accounts are valued at the end of each business day. The benefit the participant is entitled to is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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NOTE 1. (CONTINUED)

Vesting:

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. For any discretionary company matching contributions and earnings thereon, participants are fully vested after four years of service.

Notes receivable from participants:

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of 50% of their vested account balances or \$50,000. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates ranging of 5.25% - 9.50%, which are commensurate with prevailing market rates. Rates are determined monthly at the prime rate of interest plus 2%. Principal and interest are paid through weekly payrolls and must be paid within five years, unless used for principal residence, which are repaid within ten years.

Payment of benefits:

Distributions to terminated or retired participants are made in a single lump-sum payment to the participant (or in the case of death, the participant's beneficiary) or periodic installments over a period specified by the plan. If terminated/retired participants do not voluntarily elect to move their funds out of the plan, vested account balances between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are rolled into an IRA on the employee's behalf. If a participant terminates employment and the participant's account balance does not exceed \$1,000, the Plan administrator can authorize the benefit payment without the Participant's consent.

Active (not terminated/retired) participants experiencing financial hardship may withdraw a portion of their account balance as defined in the Plan and withdrawals are limited pursuant to the Plan's provisions.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting:

The financial statements of the Plan are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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NOTE 2. (CONTINUED)

Investment valuation and income recognition:

Investments are reported at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Contract value is the relevant measurement for investments in fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the plan. The Plan's Trustees determine the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors, custodians and insurance company. See Note 4 for the discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Notes receivable from participants:

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Related fees are charged directly to the borrowing participant's account and are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 or 2022. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded based on the terms of the Plan document.

Payment of benefits:

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses:

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to administration of notes receivable from participants and distributions are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in the administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in the net depreciation or appreciation of fair value of investments.

Forfeited accounts:

Forfeited accounts can be used to reduce Employer contributions or pay reasonable Plan expenses. During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, \$43,356 and \$1,730 respectively, of forfeited accounts were used to reduce employer contributions and pay Plan expenses. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$71,996 and \$62,730, respectively.

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NOTE 2. (CONTINUED)

Subsequent events:

In preparing these financial statements, the Plan has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through April 8, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3. CERTIFICATION OF INVESTMENT INFORMATION

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Fidelity Management Trust Company certified as to the completeness and accuracy of all investment information reflected in the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period ending March 2, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023.

Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company and Great-West Trust Company, LLC certified as to the completeness and accuracy of all investment information reflected in the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022, and the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period ending January 1, 2023 through March 2, 2023 and the year ended December 31, 2022.

NOTE 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 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 as follows:

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

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include

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

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

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NOTE 4. (CONTINUED)

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

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

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.

Common collective trust: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of units of a bank collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is a readily determinable fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment advisor reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

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

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 investments at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 3,177,520	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,177,520
<i>Total investments at fair value</i>	\$ 3,177,520	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,177,520

Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common collective trusts	\$ -	\$ 1,251,599	\$ -	\$ 1,251,599
Mutual funds	469,240	-	-	469,240
<i>Total investments at fair value</i>	\$ 469,240	\$ 1,251,599	\$ -	\$ 1,720,839

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NOTE 5. GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT WITH GREAT-WEST LIFE & ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

The Plan entered into a traditional fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contract with Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company, the “Custodian” or “Contract Issuer”, totaling \$0 and \$97,134 for December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Custodian maintained the contributions in a general account. The account was credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The Custodian was contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate was based on a formula established by the Contract Issuer. The crediting rate was reviewed on an annual basis for resetting. The guaranteed investment contract did not permit the Custodian to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

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 the Custodian, 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.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the Contract Issuer. Such events include (1) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other Plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA (5) premature termination of the contract. No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the Contract Issuer and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events allow the Contract Issuer to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Such events include (1) an uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines, (2) a breach of material obligation under the contract, (3) a material misrepresentation, (4) a material amendment to the agreement without the consent of the Contract Issuer.

The group annuity contract was terminated on March 2, 2023.

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NOTE 6. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are managed by the Custodians. As Custodians for the Plan, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. All of these party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

NOTE 7. PLAN TERMINATION

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

NOTE 8. PLAN TAX STATUS

The Plan is placing reliance on an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020, received from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on the Prototype Non-standardized Pre-Approved Profit Sharing and Money Purchase Plan with CODA indicating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and is therefore not subject to tax under the current income tax law. The prototype Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter; however, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 9. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in 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 10. NON-EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS

During the Plan years ended December 31, 2023, December 2022, and December 2021, the Employer failed to remit employee 401(k) deferral contributions for certain payrolls within the timeframe prescribed by the Department of Labor. This is deemed a prohibited transaction in accordance with ERISA and the IRC.

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NOTE 11. SECURE ACT 2.0

In December 2022, Securing a Strong Retirement Act (SECURE 2.0) was passed into law. The provisions of SECURE 2.0 continue the themes and reforms that began with the 2019 CARES Act. The effective date of the provisions of SECURE 2.0 vary from becoming effective immediately through 2028. Those provisions include both required and optional elements. Management has evaluated those provisions and determined there is no current impact on the Plan. Plan management will determine the optional provisions to elect in the future.

NOTE 12. RECONCILIATION TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 as of December 31:

	2023	2022
Total net assets per audit report	\$ 3,654,704	\$ 2,185,929
Current year participant contribution receivables	(35,673)	(35,511)
Current year employer contribution receivables	(5,857)	(7,919)
Employer QNEC receivable	(354,672)	(318,761)
Net assets available for benefit per the Form 5500	\$ 3,258,502	\$ 1,823,738

The following is a reconciliation of the net increase per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for years ended December 31:

	2023	2022
Net increase per the financial statements	\$ 1,468,775	\$ 549,541
Prior year contribution receivables	43,430	11,050
Current year contribution receivables	(41,530)	(43,430)
Employer QNEC receivable	(35,911)	(268,530)
Net income per the Form 5500	\$ 1,434,764	\$ 248,631

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SCHEDULE H- LINE 4I, SCHEDULE OF ASSETS
(HELD AT END OF YEAR)

DECEMBER 31, 2023

(a) Party in Interest	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description	(d) ** Cost	(e) Current Market Value
	American Century Small Cap Growth fund R6 Class	Mutual Fund	**	\$ 47,438
	Calvert Bond Fund Class R6	Mutual Fund	**	107,414
	Calvert International Equity Fund Class R6	Mutual Fund	**	159,639
	Invesco Small Cap Value Fund Class R6	Mutual Fund	**	4,635
	Cohen & Steers Real Estate Securities Fund, Inc. Class A	Mutual Fund	**	24,418
	Putnam Large Cap Value Fund Class R6	Mutual Fund	**	31,742
	BlackRock Sustainable Advantage Large Cap Core Fund Class K	Mutual Fund	**	106,662
	Pimco International Bond Fund (U.S. Dollar-Hedged) Class A	Mutual Fund	**	5,547
	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth Fund Class R6	Mutual Fund	**	141,382
*	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	185,441
*	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	79,684
*	Fidelity Freedom 2015 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	5,318
*	Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	5,552
*	Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	100,409
*	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	155,330
*	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	338,816
*	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	152,497
*	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	183,937
*	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	351,738
*	Fidelity Freedom 2055 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	339,894
*	Fidelity Freedom 2060 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	451,977
*	Fidelity Freedom Income Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	10,990
*	Fidelity Government Money Market Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	132,618
*	Fidelity Freedom 2065 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	54,442
	<i>Total investments</i>			<u>3,177,520</u>
*	Notes Receivable from participants (5.25% - 9.50% interest rate range)		-	80,982
<i>Total investments and notes receivable from participants</i>				\$ 3,258,502

* Indicates party in interest

** Cost information is not required for participant directed investments

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SCHEDULE H – LINE 4A,
SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
☒ Yes	\$ 464,180	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

NES 401(K) PLAN
FINANCIAL REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Plan Administrator and Participants
NES 401(k) Plan
St. Paul, MN

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

We have performed the audits of the accompanying financial statements of NES 401(k) Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) [ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit]. The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of NES 401(k) Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements of information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the years ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 NES 401(k) Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about NES 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of NES 401(k) Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about NES 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023, and the supplemental schedule of delinquent participant contributions for the year then ended, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, 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 form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Boyum & Barescheer PLLP

Boyum & Barescheer, PLLP
Minneapolis, Minnesota
April 8, 2025

NES 401(K) PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31,	2023	2022
ASSETS		
INVESTMENTS, at fair value	\$ 3,177,520	\$ 1,720,839
INVESTMENTS, at contract value	-	97,134
NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS	80,982	5,765
RECEIVABLES		
Participant contributions	35,673	35,511
Employer contributions	5,857	7,919
Employer QNEC	354,672	318,761
<i>Total receivables</i>	396,202	362,191
<i>Net assets available for benefits</i>	\$ 3,654,704	\$ 2,185,929

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

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,	2023	2022
ADDITIONS		
INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 364,019	\$ (317,604)
Dividends	60,621	11,435
<i>Total investment income (loss)</i>	424,640	(306,169)
INTEREST INCOME ON NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS	2,635	534
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Participants	1,132,625	769,355
Employer - match	185,772	150,324
Employer - QNEC	35,911	268,530
Rollovers	71,675	42,560
<i>Total contributions</i>	1,425,983	1,230,769
<i>Total additions</i>	1,853,258	925,134
DEDUCTIONS		
Benefits paid to participants	(356,991)	(351,812)
Administrative expenses	(27,492)	(23,781)
<i>Total deductions</i>	(384,483)	(375,593)
<i>Net increase</i>	1,468,775	549,541
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	2,185,929	1,636,388
<i>End of year</i>	\$ 3,654,704	\$ 2,185,929

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

NES 401(K) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the NES 401(k) Plan (Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General:

The Plan is a defined contribution plan. Novel Energy Solutions, LLC (the "Company") is the administrator and sponsor of the Plan. The Plan was established on January 1, 2018, and used Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company and Great-West Trust Company, LLC and Fidelity Management Trust Company as the plan custodians ("custodians" "trustees"). The Plan was most recently restated on March 2, 2023. The participants are responsible for the direction of their account balances into specific investment options. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

Eligibility:

Employees of the Company who are not covered by collective bargaining agreements under which they have specifically negotiated coverage by the Plan, who are not resident aliens, who are not leased employees, and who have obtained the age of eighteen years are eligible to participate. Plan entry dates are the first day of each calendar month.

Contributions:

Each year, participants may contribute up to 75% of compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 6% of eligible compensation and their contributions are invested in a designated balanced fund until changed by the participant. The Company contributes a discretionary matching contribution of 25% of the first 6% of base compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan. Total matching contributions for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, totaled \$185,772 and \$150,324, respectively. The Company may also make discretionary non-elective contributions. There were no discretionary non-elective contributions for the years ended December 31, 2023 or 2022. Contributions are subject to certain IRS limitations.

Participant accounts:

Each participant's account is credited with participant deferrals, Roth deferrals, company matching contributions, any other discretionary contributions made by the Company and plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. Participant accounts are valued at the end of each business day. The benefit the participant is entitled to is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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NOTE 1. (CONTINUED)

Vesting:

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. For any discretionary company matching contributions and earnings thereon, participants are fully vested after four years of service.

Notes receivable from participants:

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of 50% of their vested account balances or \$50,000. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates ranging of 5.25% - 9.50%, which are commensurate with prevailing market rates. Rates are determined monthly at the prime rate of interest plus 2%. Principal and interest are paid through weekly payrolls and must be paid within five years, unless used for principal residence, which are repaid within ten years.

Payment of benefits:

Distributions to terminated or retired participants are made in a single lump-sum payment to the participant (or in the case of death, the participant's beneficiary) or periodic installments over a period specified by the plan. If terminated/retired participants do not voluntarily elect to move their funds out of the plan, vested account balances between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are rolled into an IRA on the employee's behalf. If a participant terminates employment and the participant's account balance does not exceed \$1,000, the Plan administrator can authorize the benefit payment without the Participant's consent.

Active (not terminated/retired) participants experiencing financial hardship may withdraw a portion of their account balance as defined in the Plan and withdrawals are limited pursuant to the Plan's provisions.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting:

The financial statements of the Plan are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2. (CONTINUED)

Investment valuation and income recognition:

Investments are reported at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Contract value is the relevant measurement for investments in fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the plan. The Plan's Trustees determine the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors, custodians and insurance company. See Note 4 for the discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Notes receivable from participants:

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Related fees are charged directly to the borrowing participant's account and are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 or 2022. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded based on the terms of the Plan document.

Payment of benefits:

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses:

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to administration of notes receivable from participants and distributions are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in the administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in the net depreciation or appreciation of fair value of investments.

Forfeited accounts:

Forfeited accounts can be used to reduce Employer contributions or pay reasonable Plan expenses. During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, \$43,356 and \$1,730 respectively, of forfeited accounts were used to reduce employer contributions and pay Plan expenses. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$71,996 and \$62,730, respectively.

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NOTE 2. (CONTINUED)

Subsequent events:

In preparing these financial statements, the Plan has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through April 8, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3. CERTIFICATION OF INVESTMENT INFORMATION

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Fidelity Management Trust Company certified as to the completeness and accuracy of all investment information reflected in the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023, and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period ending March 2, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023.

Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company and Great-West Trust Company, LLC certified as to the completeness and accuracy of all investment information reflected in the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022, and the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period ending January 1, 2023 through March 2, 2023 and the year ended December 31, 2022.

NOTE 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 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 as follows:

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

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include

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

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

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NOTE 4. (CONTINUED)

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

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

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.

Common collective trust: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of units of a bank collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is a readily determinable fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment advisor reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

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

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 investments at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 3,177,520	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,177,520
<i>Total investments at fair value</i>	\$ 3,177,520	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,177,520

Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common collective trusts	\$ -	\$ 1,251,599	\$ -	\$ 1,251,599
Mutual funds	469,240	-	-	469,240
<i>Total investments at fair value</i>	\$ 469,240	\$ 1,251,599	\$ -	\$ 1,720,839

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NOTE 5. GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT WITH GREAT-WEST LIFE & ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

The Plan entered into a traditional fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contract with Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company, the “Custodian” or “Contract Issuer”, totaling \$0 and \$97,134 for December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Custodian maintained the contributions in a general account. The account was credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The Custodian was contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate was based on a formula established by the Contract Issuer. The crediting rate was reviewed on an annual basis for resetting. The guaranteed investment contract did not permit the Custodian to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

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 the Custodian, 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.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the Contract Issuer. Such events include (1) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other Plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA (5) premature termination of the contract. No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the Contract Issuer and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events allow the Contract Issuer to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Such events include (1) an uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines, (2) a breach of material obligation under the contract, (3) a material misrepresentation, (4) a material amendment to the agreement without the consent of the Contract Issuer.

The group annuity contract was terminated on March 2, 2023.

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NOTE 6. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are managed by the Custodians. As Custodians for the Plan, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. All of these party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

NOTE 7. PLAN TERMINATION

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

NOTE 8. PLAN TAX STATUS

The Plan is placing reliance on an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020, received from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on the Prototype Non-standardized Pre-Approved Profit Sharing and Money Purchase Plan with CODA indicating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and is therefore not subject to tax under the current income tax law. The prototype Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter; however, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 9. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in 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 10. NON-EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS

During the Plan years ended December 31, 2023, December 2022, and December 2021, the Employer failed to remit employee 401(k) deferral contributions for certain payrolls within the timeframe prescribed by the Department of Labor. This is deemed a prohibited transaction in accordance with ERISA and the IRC.

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NOTE 11. SECURE ACT 2.0

In December 2022, Securing a Strong Retirement Act (SECURE 2.0) was passed into law. The provisions of SECURE 2.0 continue the themes and reforms that began with the 2019 CARES Act. The effective date of the provisions of SECURE 2.0 vary from becoming effective immediately through 2028. Those provisions include both required and optional elements. Management has evaluated those provisions and determined there is no current impact on the Plan. Plan management will determine the optional provisions to elect in the future.

NOTE 12. RECONCILIATION TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 as of December 31:

	2023	2022
Total net assets per audit report	\$ 3,654,704	\$ 2,185,929
Current year participant contribution receivables	(35,673)	(35,511)
Current year employer contribution receivables	(5,857)	(7,919)
Employer QNEC receivable	(354,672)	(318,761)
Net assets available for benefit per the Form 5500	\$ 3,258,502	\$ 1,823,738

The following is a reconciliation of the net increase per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for years ended December 31:

	2023	2022
Net increase per the financial statements	\$ 1,468,775	\$ 549,541
Prior year contribution receivables	43,430	11,050
Current year contribution receivables	(41,530)	(43,430)
Employer QNEC receivable	(35,911)	(268,530)
Net income per the Form 5500	\$ 1,434,764	\$ 248,631

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SCHEDULE H- LINE 4I, SCHEDULE OF ASSETS
(HELD AT END OF YEAR)

DECEMBER 31, 2023

(a) Party in Interest	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description	(d) ** Cost	(e) Current Market Value
	American Century Small Cap Growth fund R6 Class	Mutual Fund	**	\$ 47,438
	Calvert Bond Fund Class R6	Mutual Fund	**	107,414
	Calvert International Equity Fund Class R6	Mutual Fund	**	159,639
	Invesco Small Cap Value Fund Class R6	Mutual Fund	**	4,635
	Cohen & Steers Real Estate Securities Fund, Inc. Class A	Mutual Fund	**	24,418
	Putnam Large Cap Value Fund Class R6	Mutual Fund	**	31,742
	BlackRock Sustainable Advantage Large Cap Core Fund Class K	Mutual Fund	**	106,662
	Pimco International Bond Fund (U.S. Dollar-Hedged) Class A	Mutual Fund	**	5,547
	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth Fund Class R6	Mutual Fund	**	141,382
*	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	185,441
*	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	79,684
*	Fidelity Freedom 2015 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	5,318
*	Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	5,552
*	Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	100,409
*	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	155,330
*	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	338,816
*	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	152,497
*	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	183,937
*	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	351,738
*	Fidelity Freedom 2055 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	339,894
*	Fidelity Freedom 2060 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	451,977
*	Fidelity Freedom Income Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	10,990
*	Fidelity Government Money Market Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	132,618
*	Fidelity Freedom 2065 Fund Class K6	Mutual Fund	**	54,442
	<i>Total investments</i>			<u>3,177,520</u>
*	Notes Receivable from participants (5.25% - 9.50% interest rate range)		-	80,982
<i>Total investments and notes receivable from participants</i>				\$ 3,258,502

* Indicates party in interest

** Cost information is not required for participant directed investments

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SCHEDULE H – LINE 4A,
SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
☒ Yes	\$ 464,180	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -