

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.

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

- 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.) [x] a single-employer plan [ ] a DFE (specify) \_\_\_\_
B This return/report is: [ ] the first return/report [ ] the final return/report [ ] an amended return/report [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. [ ]
D Check box if filing under: [x] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension [ ] the DFVC program [ ] special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. [ ]

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: ESECLENDING RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 04/01/2006
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): SECURITIES FINANCE TRUST COMPANY
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 46-3307340
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 617-204-4500
2d Business code (see instructions): 523900

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

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

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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

<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor  JILL CAREY  ONE BOSTON PLACE, 24TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02108	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN 46-3307340  <b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number 617-204-4500
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<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN  <b>4d</b> PN
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<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	127
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<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).		
<b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....	<b>6a(1)</b>	96
<b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....	<b>6a(2)</b>	100
<b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	<b>6b</b>	0
<b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....	<b>6c</b>	30
<b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....	<b>6d</b>	130
<b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....	<b>6e</b>	0
<b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....	<b>6f</b>	130
<b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....	<b>6g(1)</b>	123
<b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....	<b>6g(2)</b>	124
<b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6h</b>	3

<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	
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**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
 2K 2J 2S 2T 3H 2E 2F 2G 3D

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

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

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

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

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

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

**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>ESECLENDING RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>SECURITIES FINANCE TRUST COMPANY</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>46-3307340</b>	

**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

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

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

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

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

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

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**04-2647786**

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

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

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

PINNACLE PENSION CONSULTANTS LLC

81-0776852

(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	20000	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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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	-4586	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

(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.	
BLKRK HI YLD INST - BNY MELLON INV  52-2269240	0.15%	
(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.	
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(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.	
MFS MID CAP GRTH R3 - MFS SERVICE  04-2865649	0.50%	

**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.

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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.	
MFS MID CAP VALUE R3 - MFS SERVICE  04-2865649	0.50%	
(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.	
MFS VALUE R3 - MFS SERVICE CENTER  04-2865649	0.50%	
(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.	
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**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

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

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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**Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**  
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	<b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <hr/> <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>ESECLENDING RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN)	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>SECURITIES FINANCE TRUST COMPANY</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>46-3307340</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PUTNAM STABLE VALUE</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PUTNAM FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>04-3159710-202</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>435442</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
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<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

**c** EIN-PN

**d** Entity code

**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

**c** EIN-PN

**d** Entity code

**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Asset and Liability Statement</b>
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**1** Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	0	0
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	0	0
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	0	0
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	1248	2432
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>	0	0
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>	0	0
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>	0	0
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	206999	306844
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	486420	435442
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	0	0
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>	0	0
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>	0	0
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	14670716	17733763
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>	0	0
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>	0	0

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>	0	0
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>	0	0
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>	0	0
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	15365383	18478481
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>	0	0
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>	0	0
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>	0	0
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>	0	0
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	15365383	18478481

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

**2** Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	222416	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	1201426	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	20259	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>	0	1444101
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>	92	
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>	0	
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>	0	
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	20319	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	0	
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		20411
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	598123	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		598123
<b>(3)</b> Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		0
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

	(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	2b(6)	17645
(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)	1883012
<b>c</b> Other income .....	2c	0
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2d	3963292

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:		
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	2e(1)	834780
(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)	834780
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	2f	0
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	2g	0
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	2h	0
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:		
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	2i(1)	0
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	2i(2)	0
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	2i(3)	-4586
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	2i(4)	0
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	2i(5)	20000
(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)	15414
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2j	850194

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d .....	2k	3113098
<b>l</b> 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: **BOIVIN & ASSOCIATES, CPA, LLC**

(2) EIN: **27-1516157**

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

(1)  This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2)  It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

**4** CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
<b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
<b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		500000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.		X	

**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.)

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

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

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

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>ESECLENDING RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>SECURITIES FINANCE TRUST COMPANY</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>46-3307340</b>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

<b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> 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): <u>04-6568107</u>		
<b>Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.</b>		
<b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....	<b>3</b>	

<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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<b>4</b> Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.</b>			
<b>5</b> 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. <b>Date:</b> Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ <b>If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.</b>			
<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	<b>6a</b>		
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	<b>6b</b>		
<b>c</b> Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	<b>6c</b>		
<b>If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.</b>			
<b>7</b> Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>8</b> 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? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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<b>9</b> 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.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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<b>10</b> Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>11 a</b> Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>b</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.) .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>12</b> Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

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

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

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</b> If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....	<b>16b</b>	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**b** If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:  
 Yes.  
 No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.  
 No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.  
 No. Other. Provide explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

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

**21b** If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).  
 Design-based safe harbor method  
 "Prior year" ADP test  
 "Current year" ADP test  
 N/A

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

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE  
eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan  
Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023**

eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

Financial Statements and  
Supplemental Schedule

Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

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**Report of Independent Auditors**

To the Plan Administrator and Participants  
eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements 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 eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, 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 (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

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

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about eSecLending Retirement Savings 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 GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

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

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

## **Other Matter**

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

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is 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).

*Boivin & Associates, CPAs, PLLC*

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Merrimack, New Hampshire

July 22, 2025

## eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

### Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	<b>December 31</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments, at fair value	<b>\$ 18,171,637</b>	\$ 15,158,384
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	—	2,800
Notes receivable from participants	<b>306,844</b>	206,999
Total receivables	<b>306,844</b>	209,799
Net assets available for benefits	<b>\$ 18,478,481</b>	\$ 15,368,183

*See accompanying notes.*

## eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

### Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	<b>Years Ended December 31</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Interest and dividend income	\$ 615,860	\$ 390,158
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	1,883,012	2,041,642
Net investment income	2,498,872	2,431,800
 Interest income from notes receivable from participants	 20,319	 9,314
Contributions:		
Participants	1,201,426	1,040,843
Employer	219,616	203,702
Rollovers	20,259	216,812
	1,441,301	1,461,357
Total additions	3,960,492	3,902,471
 <b>Deductions</b>		
Benefits paid directly to participants	834,780	1,524,659
Administrative expenses	15,414	13,702
Total deductions	850,194	1,538,361
Net increase	3,110,298	2,364,110
 Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	 15,368,183	 13,004,073
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	\$ 18,478,481	\$ 15,368,183

*See accompanying notes.*

# eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

## Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024

### 1. Description of the Plan

The following brief description of the eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Agreement for more complete information regarding the terms of the Plan.

#### General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan, most recently restated effective September 23, 2021, covering all employees, except college interns or cooperative education students regardless of hours worked, nonresident aliens, leased employees and employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, who have completed three months of eligibility service. Participants enter the Plan after they have met the eligibility requirements.

The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

#### Contributions

Eligible employees may contribute from 1% to 90% of their annual compensation, subject to Internal Revenue Code limitations. Participants who have attained age fifty 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. Participants direct their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

The Plan also includes an automatic enrollment feature. As a result, individuals hired by the Company who do not affirmatively elect not to participate are automatically enrolled in the Plan 30 days after eligibility requirements are satisfied and will have their compensation reduced by 6% and invested in the Qualified Default Investment Alternative fund (the Fidelity Freedom Funds). These employees will also have their deferrals increased by 1% per year, not to exceed 10% of their compensation, unless the employee affirmatively elects not to increase their contributions.

The Plan also permits Roth elective deferrals. Roth elective deferrals shall be treated in the same manner as participant elective deferrals, except that Roth elective deferrals are not “pre-tax” deferrals as defined in the Code.

# eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 1. Description of the Plan (continued)

#### Contributions (continued)

The Company may elect to provide a discretionary matching contribution. The Company elected to provide a matching contribution of 50% of 6% of eligible compensation, limited to a maximum amount of \$3,000 per participant for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

#### Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the employer's matching contribution and Plan earnings (losses). The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

#### Forfeitures

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited non-vested employer contributions totaled \$14 and \$4,307, respectively. These amounts will be used to reduce future employer contributions. Forfeitures used to reduce employer contributions during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 amounted to \$7,224 and \$3,323, respectively.

#### Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

Effective January 1, 2019, a participant is 25% vested after one year of credited service, 50% after two years, 75% after three years, and is 100% vested after the completion of four years of credited service.

Prior to January 1, 2019, vesting in the Company's contribution portion of their accounts, if any, plus actual earnings thereon were based on the following years of continuous service. A participant was 25% vested after two years of credited service, 50% after three years, 75% after four years, and was 100% vested after the completion of five years of credited service.

Employees hired after January 1, 2019 earn vesting credit on the elapsed time method generally based upon date of employment (only whole years of service will count). In addition, if you were an employee before January 1, 2019, you receive vesting credit for your years of service based on the (1,000 hours) method.

# eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 1. Description of the Plan (continued)

#### Payment of Benefits

Upon separation of employment due to termination, death, disability or retirement, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum amount. Prior to termination of employment, a participant can withdraw their deferred compensation balance in the event of certain hardship circumstances or upon reaching 59 1/2 years of age.

#### Notes Receivable from Participants

The plan administrator is authorized to grant loans to any active participant. The minimum loan is \$1,000, up to a maximum amount equal to the lesser of \$50,000, or 50% of the participant's vested account balance. Loan terms range from 1-5 years or up to 10 years for the purchase of a primary residence. Loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear an interest rate determined at the inception of the loan and commensurate with the current prevailing prime interest rate. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

#### Plan Termination

While the Company has not expressed any intent to terminate the Plan, it may do so at any time in accordance with the provisions of ERISA. In the event that the Plan terminates, all participants will automatically become fully vested in their accounts. The net assets of the Plan would be allocated among the participants and beneficiaries based on the current value of all assets held and the amounts in the participants' individual accounts.

### 2. Significant Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

#### Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price). See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

## eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

#### **2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

##### **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition (continued)**

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

Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for the management of investments are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

##### **Revenue Credit/Administrative Expenses**

The Plan entered into a fixed basis point pricing agreement with Fidelity Workplace Services, LLC. The fees, charged quarterly, related to recordkeeping services are fixed at 11 basis points effective August 1, 2024 (13 basis points effective February 1, 2022) and subject to certain revenue credit offsets, as described in the service agreement. Net revenue of \$(5,786) and \$(7,242) was allocated to participant accounts for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

In addition, an annual amount of \$20,000 is deducted from participant accounts pro rata on a quarterly basis for expenses associated with the Plan investment advisor. Advisor fees of \$20,000 and \$20,000 were charged to participant accounts for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Certain other administrative expenses such as participant loan processing fees and other participant specific fees are deducted directly from participant accounts. Participant specific fees of \$1,200 and \$944 were charged to participant accounts for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The total amounts deducted from participant accounts in 2024 and 2023 amounted to \$15,414 and \$13,702, respectively.

##### **Notes Receivable from Participants**

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when it is earned. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

# eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### 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 that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### 3. Certified Investments

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of mutual funds, interest, dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the years then ended, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan.

### 4. Fair Value Measurements

The fair value framework establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below.

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible to the reporting entity at the measurement date for identical assets and liabilities.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 inputs include the following:

- Quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets.
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active.

eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan  
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**4. Fair Value Measurements (continued)**

- Observable inputs other than quoted prices that are used in the valuation of the asset or liabilities (e.g., interest rate and yield curve quotes at commonly quoted intervals)
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means

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

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability (i.e., supported by little or no market activity). Level 3 inputs include management’s own assumption about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability (including assumptions about risk).

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is classified is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measure in its entirety.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used by the Plan. There have been no changes in the valuation methodologies at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

*Mutual funds* are valued daily at the closing price per share, as reported by the fund. 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 *collective investment trust* (Putnam Stable Value Fund) is based on the redemption value of the fund on the last business day of the plan year. The net asset value is quoted on a private market that is not active; however, the unit price is based on underlying investments which are traded on an active market and the stated value is \$1 per unit. Redemptions are processed daily. The net asset value is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. There are no unfunded commitments.

Withdrawals influenced by Company-initiated events, such as in connection with the sale of a business, may result in a distribution at other than contract value. Withdrawals made in order to accommodate distributions to participants under a participating plan, whether in-service or following termination of employment may be made on any business day. The trust can, under certain circumstances, defer honoring any payment requests or other obligations.

## eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

#### 4. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

Withdrawals directed by a Plan Sponsor must be preceded by a twelve-month written notice to the Trustee; provided, however, that the Trustee may, in its discretion, complete any such plan-level withdrawals before the expiration of such twelve-month period. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk, contract issues or restrictions. No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at the daily value of the Putnam Stable Value Fund.

The average yield based on actual earnings of the underlying investments in the Putnam Stable Value Fund was 3.83% and 3.62% for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The valuation methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while plan management believes the 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 investment assets and liabilities, if any, as of December 31, 2024.

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	<u>\$ 17,736,195</u>			<u>\$ 17,736,195</u>
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ 17,736,195</u>			<u>17,736,195</u>
Collective investment trust *				<u>435,442</u>
Total investments at fair value				<u>\$ 18,171,637</u>

## eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

#### 4. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

The following table sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy the Plan's investment assets and liabilities, if any, as of December 31, 2023.

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 14,671,964			\$ 14,671,964
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ 14,671,964</u>			14,671,964
Collective investment trust *				<u>486,420</u>
Total investments at fair value				<u>\$ 15,158,384</u>

\* In accordance with Accounting Standards Update 2015-07 of ASC 820-10, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

#### 5. 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. Market risks include global events which could impact the value of investment securities, such as a pandemic or international conflict. 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 statements of net assets available for benefits.

#### 6. Parties-In-Interest

Section 3(14) of ERISA defines a party-in-interest to include, among others, fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan or an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan. Accordingly, notes receivable from participants and the management of investments held by the trustee are considered party-in-interest transactions.

# eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 6. Parties-In-Interest (continued)

Certain plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by an affiliate of Fidelity Management Trust Company, the plan trustee. In addition, Fidelity Workplace Services, LLC is the plan recordkeeper and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. These investments and transactions are considered to be party-in-interest transactions; however, they are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules under ERISA.

### 7. Income Tax Status

The Plan has adopted the non-standardized pre-approved profit sharing plan of Fidelity Management & Research LLC. The non-standardized pre-approved profit sharing plan sponsor received an advisory letter from the IRS dated June 30, 2020 in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the form of the non-standardized pre-approved profit sharing plan was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (Code). The plan administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax exempt.

Accounting standards require recording uncertain income tax positions that exist in the Plan's financial statements. Plan management has determined there are no uncertain tax positions and believes there is no adjustment or disclosure required in the Plan's financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

### 8. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500 to the financial statements at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net assets available for benefits, per Form 5500	\$ 18,478,481	\$ 15,365,383
Employer contribution receivable	—	2,800
Net assets available for benefits, per financial statements	<u>\$ 18,478,481</u>	<u>\$ 15,368,183</u>

## eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

#### 8. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500 (continued)

The following is a reconciliation of the net change per the Form 5500 to the net change per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024:

Net increase per the Form 5500	\$ 3,113,098
Employer contributions receivable at December 31, 2023	<u>(2,800)</u>
Net increase per the financial statements	<u>\$ 3,110,298</u>

#### 9. Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated all subsequent events through July 22, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. During this period, there have been no material events that would require recognition in the financial statements or disclosures to the financial statements.

## Supplemental Schedule

## eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

EIN: 46-3307340 Plan 001

### Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(e) Current Value
	Mutual Funds:		
*	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	15,985 shares	\$ 3,263,886
	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth Fund	22,193 shares	1,858,421
*	Fidelity Contrafund	73,539 shares	1,546,524
	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund	26,677 shares	1,433,099
	JPMorgan Small Cap Growth Fund	53,562 shares	1,195,499
	MFS Value Fund	24,399 shares	1,175,062
*	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund	52,055 shares	908,880
	MFS Mid Cap Growth Fund	28,292 shares	799,523
	PGIM Total Return Bond Fund	60,587 shares	717,345
	DFA US Small Cap Value Fund	14,615 shares	708,918
*	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund	38,831 shares	528,877
*	Fidelity Freedom 2055 Fund	31,756 shares	501,106
	MFS Mid Cap Value Fund	15,195 shares	463,608
*	Fidelity International Index Fund	9,276 shares	440,989
*	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund	26,181 shares	408,165
*	Fidelity Extended Market Index Fund	4,109 shares	373,460
*	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund	26,336 shares	353,164
	Invesco Emerging Markets All Cap Fund	9,061 shares	295,106
*	Fidelity Freedom 2060 Fund	14,460 shares	209,377
*	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund	11,406 shares	131,168
	BlackRock High Yield Bond Portfolio	17,940 shares	127,374
*	Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund	10,412 shares	106,412
*	Fidelity Freedom 2065 Fund	5,618 shares	74,440
*	Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund	4,454 shares	60,393
	Vanguard Real Estate Fund	419 shares	52,967
*	Fidelity Government Money Market Fund	2,432 shares	2,432
			<u>17,736,195</u>
	Common Collective Trust:		
	Putnam Stable Value Fund	435,442 units	435,442
	Total Investments		<u>\$ 18,171,637</u>

eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

EIN: 46-3307340 Plan 001

Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (Continued)

December 31, 2024

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE  
eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan  
Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023**

eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

Financial Statements and  
Supplemental Schedule

Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

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**Report of Independent Auditors**

To the Plan Administrator and Participants  
eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements 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 eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, 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 (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

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

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about eSecLending Retirement Savings 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 GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

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

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

## **Other Matter**

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

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is 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).

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Merrimack, New Hampshire

July 22, 2025

## eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

### Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31	
	2024	2023
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 18,171,637	\$ 15,158,384
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	—	2,800
Notes receivable from participants	306,844	206,999
Total receivables	306,844	209,799
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 18,478,481	\$ 15,368,183

*See accompanying notes.*

## eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

### Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	<b>Years Ended December 31</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Interest and dividend income	\$ 615,860	\$ 390,158
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	1,883,012	2,041,642
Net investment income	<u>2,498,872</u>	<u>2,431,800</u>
Interest income from notes receivable from participants	20,319	9,314
Contributions:		
Participants	1,201,426	1,040,843
Employer	219,616	203,702
Rollovers	20,259	216,812
	<u>1,441,301</u>	<u>1,461,357</u>
Total additions	<u>3,960,492</u>	<u>3,902,471</u>
<b>Deductions</b>		
Benefits paid directly to participants	834,780	1,524,659
Administrative expenses	15,414	13,702
Total deductions	<u>850,194</u>	<u>1,538,361</u>
Net increase	<u>3,110,298</u>	<u>2,364,110</u>
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	<u>15,368,183</u>	<u>13,004,073</u>
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	<u><u>\$ 18,478,481</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,368,183</u></u>

*See accompanying notes.*

# eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

## Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024

### 1. Description of the Plan

The following brief description of the eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Agreement for more complete information regarding the terms of the Plan.

#### General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan, most recently restated effective September 23, 2021, covering all employees, except college interns or cooperative education students regardless of hours worked, nonresident aliens, leased employees and employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, who have completed three months of eligibility service. Participants enter the Plan after they have met the eligibility requirements.

The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

#### Contributions

Eligible employees may contribute from 1% to 90% of their annual compensation, subject to Internal Revenue Code limitations. Participants who have attained age fifty 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. Participants direct their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

The Plan also includes an automatic enrollment feature. As a result, individuals hired by the Company who do not affirmatively elect not to participate are automatically enrolled in the Plan 30 days after eligibility requirements are satisfied and will have their compensation reduced by 6% and invested in the Qualified Default Investment Alternative fund (the Fidelity Freedom Funds). These employees will also have their deferrals increased by 1% per year, not to exceed 10% of their compensation, unless the employee affirmatively elects not to increase their contributions.

The Plan also permits Roth elective deferrals. Roth elective deferrals shall be treated in the same manner as participant elective deferrals, except that Roth elective deferrals are not “pre-tax” deferrals as defined in the Code.

# eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 1. Description of the Plan (continued)

#### Contributions (continued)

The Company may elect to provide a discretionary matching contribution. The Company elected to provide a matching contribution of 50% of 6% of eligible compensation, limited to a maximum amount of \$3,000 per participant for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

#### Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the employer's matching contribution and Plan earnings (losses). The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

#### Forfeitures

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited non-vested employer contributions totaled \$14 and \$4,307, respectively. These amounts will be used to reduce future employer contributions. Forfeitures used to reduce employer contributions during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 amounted to \$7,224 and \$3,323, respectively.

#### Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

Effective January 1, 2019, a participant is 25% vested after one year of credited service, 50% after two years, 75% after three years, and is 100% vested after the completion of four years of credited service.

Prior to January 1, 2019, vesting in the Company's contribution portion of their accounts, if any, plus actual earnings thereon were based on the following years of continuous service. A participant was 25% vested after two years of credited service, 50% after three years, 75% after four years, and was 100% vested after the completion of five years of credited service.

Employees hired after January 1, 2019 earn vesting credit on the elapsed time method generally based upon date of employment (only whole years of service will count). In addition, if you were an employee before January 1, 2019, you receive vesting credit for your years of service based on the (1,000 hours) method.

# eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 1. Description of the Plan (continued)

#### Payment of Benefits

Upon separation of employment due to termination, death, disability or retirement, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum amount. Prior to termination of employment, a participant can withdraw their deferred compensation balance in the event of certain hardship circumstances or upon reaching 59 1/2 years of age.

#### Notes Receivable from Participants

The plan administrator is authorized to grant loans to any active participant. The minimum loan is \$1,000, up to a maximum amount equal to the lesser of \$50,000, or 50% of the participant's vested account balance. Loan terms range from 1-5 years or up to 10 years for the purchase of a primary residence. Loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear an interest rate determined at the inception of the loan and commensurate with the current prevailing prime interest rate. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

#### Plan Termination

While the Company has not expressed any intent to terminate the Plan, it may do so at any time in accordance with the provisions of ERISA. In the event that the Plan terminates, all participants will automatically become fully vested in their accounts. The net assets of the Plan would be allocated among the participants and beneficiaries based on the current value of all assets held and the amounts in the participants' individual accounts.

### 2. Significant Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

#### Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price). See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

## eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

#### **2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

##### **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition (continued)**

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

Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for the management of investments are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

##### **Revenue Credit/Administrative Expenses**

The Plan entered into a fixed basis point pricing agreement with Fidelity Workplace Services, LLC. The fees, charged quarterly, related to recordkeeping services are fixed at 11 basis points effective August 1, 2024 (13 basis points effective February 1, 2022) and subject to certain revenue credit offsets, as described in the service agreement. Net revenue of \$(5,786) and \$(7,242) was allocated to participant accounts for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

In addition, an annual amount of \$20,000 is deducted from participant accounts pro rata on a quarterly basis for expenses associated with the Plan investment advisor. Advisor fees of \$20,000 and \$20,000 were charged to participant accounts for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Certain other administrative expenses such as participant loan processing fees and other participant specific fees are deducted directly from participant accounts. Participant specific fees of \$1,200 and \$944 were charged to participant accounts for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The total amounts deducted from participant accounts in 2024 and 2023 amounted to \$15,414 and \$13,702, respectively.

##### **Notes Receivable from Participants**

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when it is earned. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

# eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### 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 that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### 3. Certified Investments

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of mutual funds, interest, dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the years then ended, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan.

### 4. Fair Value Measurements

The fair value framework establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below.

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible to the reporting entity at the measurement date for identical assets and liabilities.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 inputs include the following:

- Quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets.
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

**4. Fair Value Measurements (continued)**

- Observable inputs other than quoted prices that are used in the valuation of the asset or liabilities (e.g., interest rate and yield curve quotes at commonly quoted intervals)
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means

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

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability (i.e., supported by little or no market activity). Level 3 inputs include management’s own assumption about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability (including assumptions about risk).

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is classified is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measure in its entirety.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used by the Plan. There have been no changes in the valuation methodologies at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

*Mutual funds* are valued daily at the closing price per share, as reported by the fund. 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 *collective investment trust* (Putnam Stable Value Fund) is based on the redemption value of the fund on the last business day of the plan year. The net asset value is quoted on a private market that is not active; however, the unit price is based on underlying investments which are traded on an active market and the stated value is \$1 per unit. Redemptions are processed daily. The net asset value is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. There are no unfunded commitments.

Withdrawals influenced by Company-initiated events, such as in connection with the sale of a business, may result in a distribution at other than contract value. Withdrawals made in order to accommodate distributions to participants under a participating plan, whether in-service or following termination of employment may be made on any business day. The trust can, under certain circumstances, defer honoring any payment requests or other obligations.

## eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

#### 4. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

Withdrawals directed by a Plan Sponsor must be preceded by a twelve-month written notice to the Trustee; provided, however, that the Trustee may, in its discretion, complete any such plan-level withdrawals before the expiration of such twelve-month period. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk, contract issues or restrictions. No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at the daily value of the Putnam Stable Value Fund.

The average yield based on actual earnings of the underlying investments in the Putnam Stable Value Fund was 3.83% and 3.62% for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The valuation methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while plan management believes the 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 investment assets and liabilities, if any, as of December 31, 2024.

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	<u>\$ 17,736,195</u>			<u>\$ 17,736,195</u>
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ 17,736,195</u>			<u>17,736,195</u>
Collective investment trust *				<u>435,442</u>
Total investments at fair value				<u>\$ 18,171,637</u>

## eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

#### 4. Fair Value Measurements (continued)

The following table sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy the Plan's investment assets and liabilities, if any, as of December 31, 2023.

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 14,671,964			\$ 14,671,964
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ 14,671,964</u>			14,671,964
Collective investment trust *				<u>486,420</u>
Total investments at fair value				<u>\$ 15,158,384</u>

\* In accordance with Accounting Standards Update 2015-07 of ASC 820-10, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

#### 5. 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. Market risks include global events which could impact the value of investment securities, such as a pandemic or international conflict. 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 statements of net assets available for benefits.

#### 6. Parties-In-Interest

Section 3(14) of ERISA defines a party-in-interest to include, among others, fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan or an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan. Accordingly, notes receivable from participants and the management of investments held by the trustee are considered party-in-interest transactions.

# eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 6. Parties-In-Interest (continued)

Certain plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by an affiliate of Fidelity Management Trust Company, the plan trustee. In addition, Fidelity Workplace Services, LLC is the plan recordkeeper and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. These investments and transactions are considered to be party-in-interest transactions; however, they are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules under ERISA.

### 7. Income Tax Status

The Plan has adopted the non-standardized pre-approved profit sharing plan of Fidelity Management & Research LLC. The non-standardized pre-approved profit sharing plan sponsor received an advisory letter from the IRS dated June 30, 2020 in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the form of the non-standardized pre-approved profit sharing plan was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (Code). The plan administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax exempt.

Accounting standards require recording uncertain income tax positions that exist in the Plan's financial statements. Plan management has determined there are no uncertain tax positions and believes there is no adjustment or disclosure required in the Plan's financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

### 8. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500 to the financial statements at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net assets available for benefits, per Form 5500	\$ 18,478,481	\$ 15,365,383
Employer contribution receivable	—	2,800
Net assets available for benefits, per financial statements	<u>\$ 18,478,481</u>	<u>\$ 15,368,183</u>

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### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

#### 8. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500 (continued)

The following is a reconciliation of the net change per the Form 5500 to the net change per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024:

Net increase per the Form 5500	\$ 3,113,098
Employer contributions receivable at December 31, 2023	<u>(2,800)</u>
Net increase per the financial statements	<u>\$ 3,110,298</u>

#### 9. Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated all subsequent events through July 22, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. During this period, there have been no material events that would require recognition in the financial statements or disclosures to the financial statements.

## Supplemental Schedule

## eSecLending Retirement Savings Plan

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### Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2024

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	Mutual Funds:		
*	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	15,985 shares	\$ 3,263,886
	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth Fund	22,193 shares	1,858,421
*	Fidelity Contrafund	73,539 shares	1,546,524
	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund	26,677 shares	1,433,099
	JPMorgan Small Cap Growth Fund	53,562 shares	1,195,499
	MFS Value Fund	24,399 shares	1,175,062
*	Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund	52,055 shares	908,880
	MFS Mid Cap Growth Fund	28,292 shares	799,523
	PGIM Total Return Bond Fund	60,587 shares	717,345
	DFA US Small Cap Value Fund	14,615 shares	708,918
*	Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund	38,831 shares	528,877
*	Fidelity Freedom 2055 Fund	31,756 shares	501,106
	MFS Mid Cap Value Fund	15,195 shares	463,608
*	Fidelity International Index Fund	9,276 shares	440,989
*	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund	26,181 shares	408,165
*	Fidelity Extended Market Index Fund	4,109 shares	373,460
*	Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund	26,336 shares	353,164
	Invesco Emerging Markets All Cap Fund	9,061 shares	295,106
*	Fidelity Freedom 2060 Fund	14,460 shares	209,377
*	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund	11,406 shares	131,168
	BlackRock High Yield Bond Portfolio	17,940 shares	127,374
*	Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund	10,412 shares	106,412
*	Fidelity Freedom 2065 Fund	5,618 shares	74,440
*	Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund	4,454 shares	60,393
	Vanguard Real Estate Fund	419 shares	52,967
*	Fidelity Government Money Market Fund	2,432 shares	2,432
			<u>17,736,195</u>
	Common Collective Trust:		
	Putnam Stable Value Fund	435,442 units	435,442
	Total Investments		<u>\$ 18,171,637</u>

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Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (Continued)

December 31, 2024

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\* Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan.

Note: Cost information has not been included because all investments are participant directed, and the cost of participant loans is \$-0-.



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