Form 5500	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**	**2016** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of 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. . . . . ▶ [x]

D Check box if filing under:
- [ ] Form 5558
- [ ] automatic extension
- [ ] the DFVC program
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
VERIZON SAVINGS AND SECURITY PLAN FOR WEST HOURLY EMPLOYEES

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 105

1c Effective date of plan 09/01/1993

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

ONE VERIZON WAY,
MAIL CODE VC34W419
BASKING RIDGE, NJ 07920

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-2259884

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 908-559-3757

2d Business code (see instructions) 517000

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/11/2017	JONATHAN HAYES
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/11/2017	JONATHAN HAYES
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number)	Preparer's telephone number

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor VERIZON EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE ONE VERIZON WAY, MAIL CODE VC34W419 BASKING RIDGE, NJ 07920	**3b** Administrator's EIN 38-4008214 **3c** Administrator's telephone number 908-559-3757
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report: **a** Sponsor's name	**4b** EIN **4c** PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	13529
6	Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1)	Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	8303
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	742
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	1123
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	2686
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	4551
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	223
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	4774
g	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	4652
h	Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	11
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

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

2E 2F 2H 2I 2J 2K 2O 3H 3I

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

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

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

a Pension Schedules	**b General Schedules**
(1) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)	**(1)** ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
(2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	**(2)** ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
	(3) ☐ ___ **A** (Insurance Information)
	(4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
(3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	**(5)** ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
	(6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2016 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2016 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).	2016
Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation		

For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A Name of plan
VERIZON SAVINGS AND SECURITY PLAN FOR WEST HOURLY EMPLOYEES

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 105

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
23-2259884

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

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04-2647786

(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?
15 37 38 50 52 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	321599	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

(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?
14 27 28 50	EMPLOYER	59302	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

MITCHELL AND TITUS LLP

13-2781641

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10 50	NONE	48291	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

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

RR DONNELLEY

88-0222636

(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?
16 49 50	NONE	13341	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

THOMPSON HINE LLP

34-0575300

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
29 50	NONE	6774	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

AON CONSULTING

22-2232264

(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?
16 50	NONE	6750	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

XEROX CORPORATION

16-0468020

(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?
16 36 50	NONE	6652	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
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(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.
TCW SELECT EQUITY I P. O. BOX 701 MILWAUKEE, WI 53201	0.35%

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

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

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)	DFE/Participating Plan Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2016** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A Name of plan
VERIZON SAVINGS AND SECURITY PLAN FOR WEST HOURLY EMPLOYEES

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 105

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
23-2259884

Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VERIZON MASTER SAVINGS TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC

c EIN-PN 23-2259884-020 | **d** Entity code M | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 421127815

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BELL ATLANTIC MASTER TRUST/OTHER

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC

c EIN-PN 25-1448208-016 | **d** Entity code M | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 195071

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor

c EIN-PN

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)	Financial Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2016** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

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A Name of plan
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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 105

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
23-2259884

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	373362	19317
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	55848368	4907991
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	1049699097	421322886
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	1105920827	426250194
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	1105920827	426250194

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)	6810074	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	14288520	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		21098594
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		0
(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		77518679
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		98617273
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	95797366	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)	50539417	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		146336783
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		-1942128
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	78743	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	327146	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	730853	
(4) Other	2i(4)	80054	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		1216796
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		145611451
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		-46994178
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		632676455

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

(1) [X] Unqualified **(2)** [ ] Qualified **(3)** [ ] Disclaimer **(4)** [ ] Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? [ ] Yes [X] No

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

(1) Name: MITCHELL & TITUS, LLP **(2)** EIN: 13-2781641

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) [ ] This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, 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.

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b		X	

			Yes	No	Amount
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X	
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		100000000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X		
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X	
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X	
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	4n			
o	Defined Benefit Plan or Money Purchase Pension Plan Only: Were any distributions made during the plan year to an employee who attained age 62 and had not separated from service?	4o			

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

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

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS SAVINGS AND SECURITY PLAN FOR WEST REGION HOURLY EMPLOYEES	06-0619596	068

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (See ERISA section 4021.)? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year_____. (See instructions.)

Part V Trust Information

6a Name of trust

6b Trust's EIN

6c Name of trustee or custodian

6d Trustee's or custodian's telephone number

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)	Retirement Plan Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2016** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A Name of plan
VERIZON SAVINGS AND SECURITY PLAN FOR WEST HOURLY EMPLOYEES

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 105

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
23-2259884

Part I Distributions

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

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

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

EIN(s): _____ _____

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

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3** 853

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part III Amendments

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (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 participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year	**14c**	

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

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

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

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

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

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

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

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

20a Is the plan a 401(k) plan? If "No," skip b	☐ Yes ☐ No
20b How did the plan satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals under section 401(k)(3) for the plan year? Check all that apply:	☐ Design-based safe harbor ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☐ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A
21a What testing method was used to satisfy the coverage requirements under section 410(b) for the plan year? Check all that apply:	☐ Ratio percentage test ☐ Average benefit test ☐ N/A
21b Did the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination requirements of sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) for the plan year by combining this plan with any other plan under the permissive aggregation rules?	☐ Yes ☐ No

22a If the plan is a master and prototype plan (M&P) or volume submitter plan that received a favorable IRS opinion letter or advisory letter, enter the date of the letter _____/_____/_____ and the serial number _____.

22b If the plan is an individually-designed plan that received a favorable determination letter from the IRS, enter the date of the most recent determination letter _____/_____/_____.

VERIZON SAVINGS AND SECURITY PLAN FOR WEST REGION HOURLY EMPLOYEES

Financial Statements as of December 31, 2016 and 2015
And for the Year Ended December 31, 2016
Supplemental Schedule as of December 31, 2016
With Independent Auditor's Report

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Verizon Employee Benefits Committee:
Verizon Savings and Security Plan for West Region Hourly Employees

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Verizon Savings and Security Plan for West Region Hourly Employees (the Plan), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Plan's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2016 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2016 is presented for the purpose 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 the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Such information is the responsibility of the Plan's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Mitchell & Titus, LLP

June 22, 2017

VERIZON SAVINGS AND SECURITY PLAN FOR WEST REGION HOURLY EMPLOYEES

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015

(in thousands of dollars)

	2016	2015
Assets		
Investments at fair value	$ 386,222	$ 955,419
Investments at contract value	35,101	94,280
Notes receivable from participants	5,886	58,770
Employer contributions receivable	20	373
Net assets available for benefits	$ 427,229	$ 1,108,842

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

VERIZON SAVINGS AND SECURITY PLAN FOR WEST REGION HOURLY EMPLOYEES

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

(in thousands of dollars)

Additions:		
Participants contributions	$	14,289
Employer contributions		6,810
Total contributions		21,099
Net investment gain from investments in Master Trusts		77,519
Total additions		98,618
Deductions:		
Benefits paid to participants		95,797
Transfers to other plans and other, net		50,540
Administrative expenses		1,217
Total deductions		147,554
Net change		(48,936)
Net transfers to other successor trustee		(632,677)
Net assets available for benefits		
Beginning of year		1,108,842
End of year	$	427,229

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

1. Description of the Plan

The following description of the Verizon Savings and Security Plan for West Region Hourly Employees (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Summary Plan Description and Plan Document for a complete description of the Plan's provisions. The Plan is a defined contribution plan subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Eligibility

The Plan provides eligible employees, as defined in the Plan Document, of Verizon Communications Inc. ("Verizon" or "Plan sponsor") and certain of its subsidiaries ("Participating Affiliates") with a convenient way to save for both short-term and long-term needs.

Covered employees are eligible to make before-tax and/or after-tax contributions to the Plan and to receive matching employer contributions upon completion of enrollment in the Plan, as soon as practicable following the date of hire. Beginning June 1, 2013, covered employees in certain bargaining groups who are not eligible to earn pension benefits and who are employed by Verizon or its Participating Affiliates on the last day of the year in a position subject to a collective bargaining agreement, may receive employer annual discretionary awards ("profit sharing contributions") under the Plan.

An individual's active participation in the Plan shall terminate when the individual ceases to be an eligible employee; however, the individual shall remain a participant until the entire account balance under the Plan has been distributed or forfeited.

Plan Transfers

On April 1, 2016, Verizon sold to Frontier Communications Corporation ("Frontier") its local exchange business and related landline activities in California, Florida, and Texas. Upon the closing of the transaction, net assets of $632.7 million were transferred from the Plan to the Frontier Communications Savings and Security Plan for West Region Hourly Employees sponsored by Frontier. The decrease in assets is reflected in the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Investment Options

Participants direct their contributions to be invested in any of the current investment options.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, rollovers, employer matching contributions, profit sharing contributions, and allocations of Plan income. Allocations of Plan income are based on participant account balances. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Administrative Expenses

Plan administrative fees may include legal, accounting, trustee, recordkeeping, and other administrative fees and expenses associated with maintaining the Plan. The cost of administering the Plan is paid by participants through a combination of fees allocated to each participant's account and fees that are paid as part of the investment fees that are allocated to the Plan's investment options. Participants are provided with a detailed schedule of fees in the annual disclosure notice.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid. Benefits are payable in a lump sum cash payment unless a participant elects, in writing, one of the following three optional forms of benefit payment: (1) payment in Verizon shares for investments in the Verizon Company Stock Fund or the Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP") Shares Fund, with the balance in cash; (2) annual, semiannual, quarterly, or monthly installments in cash of approximately equal amounts to be paid out for a period of 2 to 20 years, as selected by the participant; or (3) for those participants eligible to receive their distribution in installments as described in (2) above, a pro rata portion of each installment payment in Verizon shares for investments in the Verizon Company Stock Fund or the ESOP Shares Fund, with the balance of each installment in cash.

Participant Loans

The Plan includes an employee loan provision authorizing participants to borrow an aggregate amount generally not exceeding the lesser of (i) $50,000 or (ii) 50% of their vested account balances in the Plan, subject to certain limitations. Loans are generally repaid by payroll deductions. The general term of repayment for loans is a minimum of six months and a maximum of five years (fifteen years for a loan to purchase a principal residence). Each new loan will bear interest at a rate based upon the prime rate as of the last business day of the calendar quarter immediately preceding the calendar quarter in which the loan is made. Participant loans have been classified as "Notes receivable from participants" in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits. Interest rates range from 3.25% to 9.50% for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Master Trusts

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Plan participated in the Verizon Master Savings Trust (the "Master Trust") and owned approximately 1.4% and 3.8%, respectively, of the net assets in the Master Trust. This percentage is based on a pro rata share of the net assets in the Master Trust.

Fidelity Management Trust Company (the "Trustee" or "Fidelity") has been designated as the trustee of the Master Trust and is responsible for the control and disbursement of the funds and portfolios of the Plan. Expenses of administering the Plan, including fees and expenses of the Trustee may be charged to the Plan. The Trustee is also responsible for the investment and reinvestment of the funds and portfolios of the Plan, except to the extent that it is directed by Verizon Investment Management Corp. ("VIMCO") or by third-party investment managers appointed by VIMCO. Investment fees are charged against the earnings of the funds and portfolios.

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Plan also owned less than 1% of the net assets allocated to a defined contribution account in the Bell Atlantic Master Trust (together with the Master Trust, the "Master Trusts"). The Bank of New York Mellon ("BNY Mellon") is the trustee of the Bell Atlantic Master Trust. The assets in the Bell Atlantic Master Trust are pooled between defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans. The fair value of the Plan's net assets allocated to the defined contribution account at December 31, 2016 and 2015 was $0.2 million and $0.8 million, respectively, and is included in the table of the Master Trusts' net investments at net asset value ("NAV") (see Note 7).

The Plan's participating interest in the investment funds of the Master Trusts is based on account balances of the participants and their elected investment funds. The net assets of the Master Trusts are allocated by assigning to each plan participating in the Master Trusts those transactions that can be specifically identified as related to the plan, such as contributions, benefit payments, and plan-specific expenses. The income and expenses resulting from the collective investments of the Master Trusts assets are allocated in proportion to the fair value of the assets assigned to such plan.

Plan Modification

The Board of Directors of Verizon may amend, terminate or partially terminate the Plan at any time. The most senior Human Resources officer of Verizon also has the right to modify, alter or amend the Plan at any time subject to collective bargaining requirements. The chief legal counsel to the Verizon Employee Benefits Committee may amend the Plan for changes required by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") in connection with a determination letter or voluntary compliance application. No amendment may permit any of the assets held pursuant to the Plan to be used for any purpose other than for the exclusive benefit of Plan participants and their beneficiaries or for paying reasonable expenses of administering the Plan. In the event the Plan terminates, participants will become fully vested in their accounts.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan provides investment options for participants, who can invest in combinations of stocks, fixed income securities, and other investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, equity price, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is 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 these financial statements.

2. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The preparation of financial statements is in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP").

Use of Estimates

U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements, accompanying notes and supplemental schedule. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Reclassification

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants represent participant loans that are recorded at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when it is earned. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2016 or 2015. A participant loan is in default if loan repayments are delinquent beyond the end of the Plan's grace period. Defaulted loans are treated as an offset distribution or deemed distribution for tax purposes and become taxable income to the participant in the year in which the default occurs. In the case of an offset distribution, the participant loan balance is reduced and a distribution is recorded on the participant's account.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In February 2017, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued the Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2017-06, "Employee Benefit Plan Master Trust Reporting." This ASU requires an employee benefit plan to disclose the plan's percentage interest in a master trust and a list of the investments held by the master trust, presented by general type, within the plan's financial statements. This ASU also removes the requirement to disclose the plan's overall percentage interest in a master trust for plans with divided interests and requires that all plans disclose the dollar amount of their interest in each general type of investment. In addition, the ASU requires the disclosure of the master trust's other asset and liability balances and the dollar amount of the plan's interest in each of those balances. The amendments in this ASU are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018 and will be applied retrospectively. Early adoption is permitted. The Plan is currently evaluating the impact that this ASU will have on the presentation of the financial statements and disclosures.

Investments in Master Trusts

The Plan's interests in the Master Trusts are stated at fair value (except for Fully Benefit-Responsive Contracts ("FBRICs") which are reported at contract value). The Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits reflects the net investment gain from the Plan's interests in the Master Trusts which consists of the realized gains or losses and the unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) in fair value or contract value of those investments, as well as interest and dividends earned. Purchases and sales of investments are reflected as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses on sales of investments are

determined on the basis of average cost. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest earned on investments is recorded on the accrual basis.

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value of financial and non-financial assets and liabilities is defined as an exit price, representing the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. The three-tier hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value, which prioritizes the inputs used in the methodologies of measuring fair value for assets and liabilities, is as follows:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2 – Observable inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities

Level 3 – No observable pricing inputs in the market

Financial assets and financial liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurements. The Plan sponsor's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurements requires judgment, and may affect the valuation of the assets and liabilities being measured and their categorization within the fair value hierarchy.

3. Non-Participant Directed Investments

Information about the net assets and the significant components of the changes in net assets related to the Plan's non-participant directed investments is as follows (in thousands):

	As of December 31,	
	2016	**2015**
Net Assets		
Verizon common stock	$ 121	$ 1,071

Changes in Net Assets	Year ended December 31, 2016
Employer contributions	$ 7,553
Net investment gain	49,495
Benefits paid to participants	(28,874)
Change in diversification adjustment (Note 4)	131,370
Exchange out	(5,393)
Net transfers out	(158,131)
Other	3,030
Net decrease	$ (950)

4. Vesting and Contributions

A participant shall be fully vested in the employer-matching and profit sharing contributions allocated to his or her account or ESOP account and any income thereon upon completing three years of vesting service or upon death, disability, retirement from Verizon or its Participating Affiliates, attainment of normal retirement age, or involuntary termination (other than for cause or in connection with a business transaction).

A terminated employee's non-vested employer-matching and profit sharing contributions are forfeited and offset against subsequent employer-matching and profit sharing contributions to the Plan. Forfeitures used to reduce employer-matching contributions were $0.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2016. The balance in the forfeiture account was $0.7 million and $1.0 million at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.
The Plan is funded by participant contributions up to a maximum of 25% of compensation, by profit sharing contributions, and by employer-matching contributions in shares of Verizon common stock equal to a percentage specified by the Plan or the participant's collective bargaining agreement, as applicable. For participants eligible to earn pension benefits, the matching contribution percentage may not exceed 82% of the initial 6% of the participants' contributions of eligible compensation for each payroll period during the Plan year. Beginning June 1, 2013 for participants in certain bargaining groups who are not eligible to earn pension benefits, the matching contribution percentage is 100% of the initial 6% of the participants' contributions of eligible compensation for each payroll period during the Plan year. Participants attaining the age of 50 or older can elect to make additional before-tax catch-up contributions to the Plan. Beginning June 1, 2013, Verizon and its Participating Affiliates may make a discretionary, performance-based profit sharing contribution to the Plan in an amount up to 3% of each eligible participant's eligible compensation for the Plan year. Eligible participants are those in certain bargaining groups who are not eligible to earn pension benefits and who are employed by Verizon or its Participating Affiliates on the last day of the year in a position subject to a collective bargaining agreement.

Participant contributions may be made on a before-tax basis ("elective contributions") or from currently taxed compensation ("after-tax contributions"). Each participant's elective contributions for the 2016 Plan year were limited to $18,000. For 2016, the total amount of elective contributions, after-tax contributions, employer-matching contributions and certain forfeitures that may be allocated to a Plan participant was limited to the lesser of (1) $53,000 or (2) 100% of the participant's total compensation; and the compensation on which such contributions were based was limited to $265,000. The catch-up contribution limit is $6,000 for participants eligible to make catch-up contributions.

Employer-matching contributions are made in Verizon common stock. Employer profit sharing contributions may be made in cash or in Verizon common stock as determined by Verizon. The Verizon common stock is held by the Plan in a unitized fund, which means participants do not actually own shares of Verizon common stock but rather own an interest in the unitized fund. For the year ended December 31, 2016, total employer-matching and profit sharing contributions of 132.5 thousand shares of Verizon common stock were made with a fair value at the date of contribution of $6.8 million, which included a discretionary profit sharing contribution amount of $19 thousand.

Participants age 50 and older with one year of service are permitted to redirect up to 50% of these employer-matching contributions (100% after attaining age 55 or retiring). A participant who has completed at least three years of service or who has retired may transfer employer-matching contributions made on or after January 1, 2007 to any other investment option or options under the Plan. The same diversification rules apply to profit sharing contributions made or considered made in Verizon common stock. A participant may transfer all or a portion of employer-matching contributions (and related earnings) made before January 1, 2007 to any other investment option or options under the Plan. In Note 3, the "diversification adjustment" reflects the employer-matching contributions that a participant may elect to transfer into any investment option available under the Plan, subject to the provisions of the Plan Document.

5. Related-Party Transactions

VIMCO, an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Verizon, is the investment advisor for certain investment funds and therefore qualifies as a party-in-interest. VIMCO received no compensation from the Plan other than reimbursement of certain expenses directly attributable to its investment advisory and investment management services rendered to the Plan. In addition, certain investments held by the Master Trusts are managed by BNY Mellon, as trustee, and Fidelity, as trustee and record keeper. Therefore, these investments qualify as parties-in-interest transactions. The Plan also allows investment, through a unitized fund, in Verizon common stock, which is a party-in-interest transaction. All of these transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules.

6. Income Tax Status

The Plan has received a determination letter from the IRS dated May 26, 2015, stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code ("the Code") and, therefore, the related trusts are exempt from taxation. The Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification. 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 trusts are tax exempt.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate uncertain tax positions taken by the Plan. The financial statement effects of a tax position are recognized when the position is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, to be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2016, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes the Plan is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2013.

7. Investments in Master Trusts

Valuation of Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include short-term investment funds, primarily in diversified portfolios of investment grade money market instruments and are valued using quoted market prices or other valuation methods.

Investments in securities traded on national and foreign securities exchanges are valued by the custodian at the last reported sale prices on the last business day of the year or, if no sales were reported on that date, at the last reported bid prices. Over-the-counter securities, government obligations, corporate bonds and international bonds are valued at the bid prices or the average of the bid and ask prices on the last business day of the year from published sources or, if not available, from other sources considered reliable such as multiple broker quotes.

Commingled funds not traded on national exchanges are valued by the custodian or fund administrator at NAV. Commingled funds held by third-party custodians appointed by the fund managers provide the fund manager with a NAV. The fund manager has the responsibility for providing this information to the custodian of the respective plan. Hedge fund investments include those investments seeking to maximize absolute returns using a broad range of strategies to enhance returns and provide additional diversification. Hedge funds are valued by the custodian at NAV based on statements received from the investment manager. These funds are valued in accordance with the terms of their corresponding offering or private placement memoranda. Commingled funds and hedge funds for which fair value is measured using the NAV per share as a practical expedient are not leveled within the fair value hierarchy and are included as a reconciling item to total investments in the Master Trusts.
The following table summarizes redemption restrictions for investments for which fair value is estimated using NAV per share. This table does not include the real estate fund, which is noted below the table:

Liquidation Period	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice	Redemption Restrictions
Daily	Daily	Daily	None

For a portion of the real estate fund, redemption requests will be scheduled for payment on the next valuation date which is at least three months after receipt of a written request for redemption (last business day of the quarter). Redemption requests are subject to fund management discretion based on cash available to meet redemption requests. In the event total redemption requests exceed the total cash available to honor such requests, available cash will be prorated among the contract-holders eligible for redemption.

The accounting records of the Master Trusts are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars at the prevailing rates of exchange at the end of each accounting period, with the impact of fluctuations in foreign exchange rates reflected as an unrealized gain or loss in the fair value of the investments.

Cash receipts and payments derived from investment trades involving foreign currency denominated investments are translated into U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rate on the respective transaction date. Net realized gains and losses on foreign currency transactions result from the disposition of foreign currency denominated investments as a result of fluctuations in foreign exchange rates between the trade and settlement dates and the difference between the amount of net investment income accrued and the U.S. dollar amount actually received.

The foreign exchange effect on foreign currency denominated investments is not segregated from the impact of changes in market prices in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

The Plan's interest in the fair value of the Master Trust and the Bell Atlantic Master Trust and the related investment gains are reported in "Investments at fair value" and "Net investment gain from investments in Master Trusts" in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits and in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits, respectively.

The following table represents the Master Trusts' net investments by investment type measured at fair value on a recurring basis by the fair value measurement levels described in Note 2 as of December 31, 2016 (in thousands):

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2016			
	Level 1	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Total**
Investments				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 99	$ 58,060	$ -	$ 58,159
Verizon common stock	7,499,041	-	-	7,499,041
Mutual funds				
U.S. fixed income	1,210,836	-	-	1,210,836
U.S. equity	370,219	-	-	370,219
U.S. small cap	401,443	-	-	401,443
International equity	284,670	-	-	284,670
Global fixed income	308,544	-	-	308,544
Equity				
International equity	2,211,706	-	-	2,211,706
U.S. equity	6,067,660	117	-	6,067,777
Fixed income				
U.S. bonds	5,520	1,003,669	978	1,010,167
U.S. treasuries and agencies	580,777	291,431	-	872,208
Asset-backed securities	-	145,488	-	145,488
International bonds	573	670,940	270	671,783
Convertible securities	2,262	6,530	-	8,792
Total investments at fair value	18,943,350	2,176,235	1,248	21,120,833
Investments measured at NAV				7,524,910
Total investments	$ 18,943,350	$ 2,176,235	$ 1,248	$ 28,645,743

The following table states the change in fair value of the Master Trusts' Level 3 assets for the year ended December 31, 2016 (in thousands):

	Fair Value January 1, 2016	Transfer Out	Transfer In	Acquisitions	Dispositions	Realized Gain/(Loss)	Change in Unrealized Gain	Fair Value December 31, 2016
Fixed income								
U.S. bonds	$ 752	$ -	$ -	$ 826	$ (653)	$ (68)	$ 121	$ 978
International bonds	-	-	-	265	-	5	-	270
Total investments	$ 752	$ -	$ -	$ 1,091	$ (653)	$ (63)	$ 121	$ 1,248

Assets are monitored to assess the appropriate levels assigned within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions, such as bankruptcy, default or delisting, may require the transfer of an asset from one fair value level to another. When such a transfer occurs, it is recognized as of the end of the reporting period.

The total net appreciation of $2.2 billion for the year ended December 31, 2016 includes gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year for all the Master Trusts' investments. Interest and dividends, along with the net appreciation/(depreciation) in fair value or contract value of investments, are allocated to the Plan on a daily basis based upon the Plan's participation in the various investment funds and portfolios that comprise the Master Trusts as a percentage of the total participation in such funds and portfolios. Interest and dividend income for the Master Trusts was $627.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2016.

The Bell Atlantic Master Trust's defined contribution net investments are held in unitized commingled defined benefit and defined contribution investment accounts measured at NAV per share as a practical expedient. The defined contribution net investments held in the Bell Atlantic Master Trust were $139.8 million and $101.9 million at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and are reflected in "Investments measured at NAV" on the fair value hierarchy tables. The net appreciation for the Bell Atlantic Master Trust's net investments was $8.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2016, which is included in the total net appreciation.

The following table represents the Master Trusts' net investments by investment type measured at fair value on a recurring basis by the fair value measurement levels described in Note 2 as of December 31, 2015 (in thousands):

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2015			
	Level 1	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Total**
Investments				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 815	$ 275,663	$ -	$ 276,478
Verizon common stock	6,677,923	-	-	6,677,923
Mutual funds				
U.S. fixed income	1,213,764	-	-	1,213,764
U.S. equity	469,519	-	-	469,519
U.S. small cap	338,019	-	-	338,019
International equity	384,959	-	-	384,959
Global fixed income	223,888	-	-	223,888
Commodities	46,867	-	-	46,867
Alternative investments	10,919	-	-	10,919
Equity				
International equity	2,127,937	-	-	2,127,937
U.S. equity	4,417,611	110	-	4,417,721
Fixed income				
U.S. bonds	29,417	288,297	752	318,466
U.S. treasuries and agencies	341,792	242,733	-	584,525
Asset-backed securities	-	32,030	-	32,030
International bonds	-	781,178	-	781,178
Convertible securities	768	2,976	-	3,744
Total investments at fair value	16,284,198	1,622,987	752	17,907,937
Investments measured at NAV				7,900,012
Total investments	$ 16,284,198	$ 1,622,987	$ 752	$ 25,807,949

The following table states the change in fair value of the Master Trusts' Level 3 assets for the year ended December 31, 2015 (in thousands):

	Fair Value January 1, 2015	**Transfer Out**	**Transfer In**	**Acquisitions**	**Dispositions**	**Realized Loss**	**Change in Unrealized Gain**	**Fair Value December 31, 2015**
Fixed income								
U.S. bonds	$ 7,830	$ (4)	$ -	$ 152	$ (6,847)	$ (1,423)	$ 1,044	$ 752
Total investments	$ 7,830	$ (4)	$ -	$ 152	$ (6,847)	$ (1,423)	$ 1,044	$ 752

Assets are monitored to assess the appropriate levels assigned within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions, such as bankruptcy, default or delisting, may require the transfer of an asset from one fair value level to another. When such a transfer occurs, it is recognized as of the end of the reporting period. Transfers out of international bonds to U.S. bonds reflect a change in classification.

Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts

The underlying investments of the FBRICs are included in the Master Trust's assets at contract value, which as reported by the insurance companies and banks, was approximately $0.7 billion and $1.8 billion as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The FBRICs contract value decreased due to the closing of one of the fixed income investment options, which contained FBRICs.

The Plan holds a portfolio of synthetic investment contracts that meet the criteria of a FBRIC. The contract value of these investment contracts was approximately $35 million and $94 million as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, which is reflected in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits. The contract value is the relevant measurement of the FBRICs because it represents the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The contract value of the investment contracts represents contributions plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses.

The synthetic investment contracts held by the Plan include wrapper contracts that provide a guarantee that the credit rate will not fall below zero percent. The wrap contracts are held with insurance companies and banks. In a typical wrap contract, the wrap issuer agrees to pay the fund the difference between the contract value and the fair value of the covered assets once the fair value has been totally exhausted. Though relatively unlikely, this could happen if the fund experiences significant redemptions during a time when the fair value of the fund's covered assets is below their contract value and fair value is ultimately reduced to zero. Standard & Poor's ("S&P") rated the issuers of these contracts and the contracts underlying the securities from AA- to A+ as of December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. These events include the following: (1) substantive modification of the Plan, including complete or partial plan termination or merger with another plan; (2) any change in law, regulation, or administrative ruling that could have a material adverse effect on the fund's cash flow; (3) the Plan's failure to qualify under section 401(k) of the Code; (4) bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other Plan sponsor events which cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan; and (5) defaults in the debt securities that comprise the covered assets in excess of certain limits. The Plan administrator does not believe the occurrence of any such event is probable at this time.

In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contracts with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Those events may be different under each contract. Such events may include the following: (1) an uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines; (2) a breach of material obligation under the contract; (3) a material misrepresentation; and (4) a material amendment to the agreements without the consent of the issuer.

8. Derivatives

In the normal course of operations, the Master Trust's assets and liabilities may include derivative financial instruments. Derivatives are synthetic instruments used to get various market exposures with limited margin requirements and therefore with leverage risk involved. The contract or notional amounts

disclosed in this footnote provide a measure of the Master Trust's involvement in such instruments but are not indicative of potential loss. The intent is to use derivative financial instruments to gain market exposure or as economic hedges to manage various risks such as market volatility risk, foreign currency exchange rate risk, interest rate risk or credit risk associated with the Master Trust's investment assets or to express investment managers' views of future market movements efficiently.

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Master Trust utilized futures, options, foreign currency forwards, interest rate and credit derivatives to manage risks such as price risk, foreign currency exchange rate risk, interest rate sensitivity and credit risk.

Futures Contracts

Upon entering into a futures contract on behalf of the Master Trust, the investment manager is required to pledge to the broker an amount of cash or securities equal to the minimum "initial margin" requirements of the exchange on which the contract is traded. Pursuant to the contract, the investment manager agrees to receive from or pay to the broker an amount of cash equal to the daily fluctuation in the value of the contract. Such receipts or payments are known as variation margin and are recorded on a daily basis by the trustee as a realized gain or loss equal to the difference in the value of the contract between daily closing prices.

Option Contracts

Purchased and written option contracts are agreements between two parties giving the owner, under a purchased option, the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell a specified item at a fixed price ("exercise" or "strike") during a specified period and, under a written option, the obligation to buy or sell a specified item at a fixed price. When the investment manager buys or writes an option contract, a nonrefundable fee (the "premium") is paid or received by the Master Trust, recorded as an asset or liability and subsequently adjusted to the current market value of the option purchased or written. The premiums paid or received from buying or writing options together with the option settlement amounts are recorded as realized gains or losses when the options expire. The difference between the premium and the amount paid or received on effecting a closing purchase or sale transaction is also treated as a realized gain or loss. If an option is exercised, the premium paid or received is recorded as a realized gain or loss if sold or an adjustment to cost of the underlying investment if acquired upon exercise.

Foreign Currency Forward Contracts

Foreign currency forward contracts are agreements to exchange foreign currencies at a specified future date and rate, the terms of which are not standardized on an exchange. Risk arises both from the possible inability of the counterparties to meet the terms of the contracts (credit risk) and from the movements in foreign currency exchange rates (market risk). The contracts are recorded at fair value on the date the contract is entered into, which is typically zero.

Interest Rate Derivatives

An interest rate swap is a bilateral contract between a buyer and a seller under which the buyer and seller agree to exchange payments based on interest rate movements, typically fixed versus floating rates on an agreed upon notional amount. Counterparty risk, or the risk associated with the party one enters into a contract with, is an important consideration for all forms of contractual agreement that are settled over-the-counter.

Credit Derivatives

A credit default swap ("CDS") is a particular type of swap designed to transfer the credit exposure of fixed income products between two parties. In a CDS, the buyer of the swap makes payments to the swap's seller up until the maturity date of a contract. In return, the seller agrees that, in the event that the debt ("reference name") issuer defaults or experiences another credit event, the seller will pay the buyer the security's principal as well as all interest payments that would have been paid between that time and the security's maturity date.

These triggering events may include the market standard of failure to pay on indebtedness, bankruptcy of the reference credit, debt restructuring, or the acceleration of indebtedness. The seller of such protection may not be required to make payments until a specified amount of losses has occurred with respect to the portfolio and/or may only be required to pay for losses up to a specified amount.

Credit derivatives are used primarily to help mitigate credit risk in the Master Trust's corporate bonds portfolio or to address investment managers' views on the likelihood of future credit events. Through these contracts, the Master Trust either purchases or writes protection on either a single name or a portfolio of reference credits. The credit derivatives written by the Master Trust include CDS.

A CDS is a contract in which, for a fee, a protection seller agrees to reimburse a protection buyer for any losses that occur due to a credit event on a reference name. If there is no credit default event or settlement trigger, as defined by the specific derivative contract, then the protection seller makes no payments to the protection buyer and receives only the contractually specified fee. However, if a credit event occurs as defined in the specific derivative contract sold, the protection seller will be required to make a payment to the protection buyer.

The notional amounts and fair values of the derivative instruments as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 are presented below. The fair values presented in the tables are included in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits under "Investments at fair value" (in thousands):

		December 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
		Notional Amount	Fair Value	Notional Amount	Fair Value
Equity					
Futures contracts	Long (short-term)	$ 13,241	$ 242	$ 30,734	$ (248)
Futures contracts	Short (short-term)	(5,612)	35	(10,392)	(160)
Equity Total		$ 7,629	$ 277	$ 20,342	$ (408)
Fixed Income					
Futures contracts	Short (long-term)	$ (102,273)	$ 552	$ (790,072)	$ 815
Futures contracts	Long (short-term)	453,199	263	201,971	(1,033)
Futures contracts	Short (short-term)	(202,281)	(127)	(235,329)	414
Fixed income options	Short (short-term)	(15,800)	(69)	-	-
Interest rate swaps		72,418	7,577	130,979	785
CDS	Long	-	-	3,600	(16)
CDS	Short	31,012	994	104,624	240
Fixed Income Total		$ 236,275	$ 9,190	$ (584,227)	$ 1,205
Commodities					
Futures contracts	Short (short-term)	$ -	$ -	$ 33,417	$ (1,394)
Commodities Total		$ -	$ -	$ 33,417	$ (1,394)
Foreign Exchange					
Forwards contracts	Cross	$ 2,617	$ 11	$ 34,215	$ (406)
Forwards contracts	Long	718,762	24,581	523,140	1,730
Forwards contracts	Short	503,503	(13,950)	714,129	2,415
Foreign exchange options	Short (short-term)	(13,929)	(11)	(6,900)	-
Foreign Exchange Total		$ 1,210,953	$ 10,631	$ 1,264,584	$ 3,739

9. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following table reconciles the Net assets available for benefits per the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits to the Plan's Form 5500 Asset and Liability Statement at December 31, 2016 and 2015 (in thousands):

	2016	2015
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	$ 427,229	$ 1,108,842
Adjustment for deemed no post default payments	(979)	(2,921)
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	$ 426,250	$ 1,105,921

The following table reconciles the Net change and net transfers per the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits to Net income and transfers of assets per the Plan's Form 5500 Income and Expense Statement for the year ended December 31, 2016 (in thousands):

	2016
Net change and net transfers per the financial statements	$ (681,613)
Adjustment for deemed no post default payments	1,942
Net income and transfers of assets per Form 5500	$ (679,671)

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Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	Current Value
Notes receivable from participants*	0-15 years maturity at 3.25% - 9.50%	$ 5,886

* *Party-in-interest*

Cost information is not required because investments are participant-directed.

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Schedule H - Part IV Line 4(i) and 4(j)

The required supplement schedule attachments, noted below, are included within the Audited financial statements, on Schedule H, Part III - Line 3 (a), which consists of the entire audit report issued by the Plan's independent auditors.

Form/Schedule	Line Number	Description	Attachment
5500 Schedule H	Line 4i	Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)	X
5500 Schedule H	Line 4j	Schedule of Reportable Transactions	