

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2016 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information		
For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2016</u> and ending <u>12/31/2016</u>			
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.)	
	☒ a single-employer plan	☐ a DFE (specify) ____	
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report ☐ an amended return/report	☐ the final return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)	
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☒		
D Check box if filing under:	☒ Form 5558 ☐ special extension (enter description)	☐ automatic extension	☐ the DFVC program

Part II	Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information		
1a Name of plan	<u>VERSO CORPORATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN FOR UNION EMPLOYEES</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<u>002</u>
		1c Effective date of plan	<u>08/10/2006</u>
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)	<u>VERSO CORPORATION</u> <u>8540 GANDER CREEK DRIVE</u> <u>MIAMISBURG, OH 45342</u>		
	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)	<u>75-3217389</u>	
	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number	<u>937-528-3608</u>	
	2d Business code (see instructions)	<u>322100</u>	

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.	<u>10/16/2017</u>	<u>KENNETH SAWYER</u>
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE
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	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
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 VERSO PAPER HOLDINGS LLC	4b EIN 75-3217389 4c PN 002
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 784
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year..... a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 389 6a(2) 4 6b 2 6c 187 6d 193 6e 4 6f 197 6g 197 6h 0
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: 2F 2G 2J 2K 2R 2S 2T 3D 3H b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:	
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)	
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☒ <u>1</u> A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 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 A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500. ► Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2016 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2016** and ending **12/31/2016**

A Name of plan VERSO CORPORATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN FOR UNION EMPLOYEES	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 VERSO CORPORATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 75-3217389	

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier
NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
13-5582869	66915	QK63041	197	05/23/2016	12/31/2016

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid

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

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

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

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

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end **4** 632372**5** Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... **5****6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier**6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year**6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount**6d**

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee(3) ☒ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶**b** Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 0**c** Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year**7c(1)**

(2) Dividends and credits.....

7c(2)

(3) Interest credited during the year.....

7c(3)

5155

(4) Transferred from separate account

7c(4)

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

818153

▶ TRANSFERS AND LOAN PAYMENTS

(6) Total additions **7c(6)** 823308**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**). **7d** 823308**e** Deductions:

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

7e(1)

172572

(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....

7e(2)

4835

(3) Transferred to separate account

7e(3)

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

13529

▶ TRANSFERS

(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 190936**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)..... **7f** 632372

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
 g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
 h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
 j ☐ HMO contract
 k ☐ PPO contract
 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3))		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2016
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Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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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 FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL
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04-2647786

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

13-3689044

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation CHARLES SCHWAB & CO, INC.

94-1737782

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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?
37 60 64 65 71	RECORD KEEPER	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

TRANSAMERICA RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS

13-3689044

(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?
12 15 28 37 38 50 54 59 61 62 63 64 65	RECORD KEEPER	13624	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

NATIONA FINANCIAL SERVICES

04-3523567

(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?
33 71	SECURITIES BROKER	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

CHARLES SCHWAB & CO, INC.

94-1737782

(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?
33 71	SECURITIES BROKER	34	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	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)

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			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
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
FEDERATED 30 DAN ROAD CANTON, MA 02021	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
JOHN HANCOCK 601 CONGRESS STREET BOSTON, MA 02210	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
CHARLES SCHWAB & CO, INC.	33 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS 06-1194217	RATE OF 0.10% OF AVERAGE DAILY BALANCE OF ASSET(S)	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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CHARLES SCHWAB & CO, INC.	33 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
SCHWAB FUNDS 94-3106735	RATE OF 0.25% OF AVERAGE DAILY BALANCE OF ASSET(S)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INV INST OPERATIONS CO INC	37 60 64 65 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
GLENMEDE SMCAP EQ IS 04-0025081	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INV INST OPERATIONS CO INC	37 60 64 65 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
JH DSCPL VAL MDCP I 01-0233346	0.10%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INV INST OPERATIONS CO INC	37 60 64 65 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
SENTINEL COM STK I PO BOX 8480 BOSTON, MA 02266		0.10%
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INV INST OPERATIONS CO INC	37 60 64 65 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
TRP BLUE CHIP GRTH 52-2269240		0.15%
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INV INST OPERATIONS CO INC	37 60 64 65 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
TRP EQUITY INC ADV 52-2269240		0.40%

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INV INST OPERATIONS CO INC	37 60 64 65 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		
TRP RETIRE BAL	0.15%	
52-2269240		
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2		
FIDELITY INV INST OPERATIONS CO INC	37 60 64 65 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		
TRP RETIREMENT 2010	0.15%	
52-2269240		
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2		
FIDELITY INV INST OPERATIONS CO INC	37 60 64 65 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		
TRP RETIREMENT 2015	0.15%	
52-2269240		

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INV INST OPERATIONS CO INC	37 60 64 65 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation TRP RETIREMENT 2020 52-2269240		
(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. 0.15%		
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 FIDELITY INV INST OPERATIONS CO INC		
(b) Service Codes (see instructions) 37 60 64 65 71		
(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation 0		
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation TRP RETIREMENT 2025 52-2269240		
(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. 0.15%		
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 FIDELITY INV INST OPERATIONS CO INC		
(b) Service Codes (see instructions) 37 60 64 65 71		
(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation 0		
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation TRP RETIREMENT 2030 52-2269240		
(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. 0.15%		

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INV INST OPERATIONS CO INC	37 60 64 65 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		
TRP RETIREMENT 2035	0.15%	
52-2269240		
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2		
FIDELITY INV INST OPERATIONS CO INC	37 60 64 65 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		
TRP RETIREMENT 2040	0.15%	
52-2269240		
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2		
FIDELITY INV INST OPERATIONS CO INC	37 60 64 65 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation		
TRP RETIREMENT 2045	0.15%	
52-2269240		

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INV INST OPERATIONS CO INC	37 60 64 65 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
TRP RETIREMENT 2050 52-2269240	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INV INST OPERATIONS CO INC	37 60 64 65 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
TRP RETIREMENT 2055 52-2269240	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2016 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A Name of plan <u>VERSO CORPORATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN FOR UNION EMPLOYEES</u>	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:80%; padding: 5px;"> B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► </td> <td style="width:20%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <u>002</u> </td> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #f2f2f2;"> <td colspan="2" style="height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<u>002</u>		
B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<u>002</u>				
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>VERSO CORPORATION</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>75-3217389</u>				

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CLEARBRIDGE LARGE CAP GROWTH R2

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): LEGG MASON/WESTERN ASSET

c EIN-PN <u>74-2007858-183</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1342618</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

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

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

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

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

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
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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
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016		
A Name of plan VERSO CORPORATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN FOR UNION EMPLOYEES	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 VERSO CORPORATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 75-3217389	

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

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)		
(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)	1919502	7359
(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)	615495	0
(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)	140743	35618
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	1342618
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities.....	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13)	26714234	10749046
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	0	632372
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	167435

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	29389974	12934448

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k		

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	29389974	12934448
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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)	772	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
(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)		772
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)	3844	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	5155	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		8999
(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)	190650	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		190650
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		207199
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		678610
c Other income.....	2c		9644
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		1095874

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	17508448	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		17508448
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		22701
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)	4235	
(4) Other	2i(4)	16016	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		20251
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		17551400

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-16455526
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

(1) ☐ 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 ☐ No

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

(1) Name: CLARK, SCHAEFER, HACKETT & CO

(2) EIN: 31-0800053

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:

a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.).....

b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	
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		5000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m	X		
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	4n	X		
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)

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) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2016 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A Name of plan <u>VERSO CORPORATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN FOR UNION EMPLOYEES</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>VERSO CORPORATION</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>75-3217389</u>

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions	1	<u>0</u>
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): <u>04-6568107</u> <u>13-3689044</u>		
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	<u>47</u>

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ 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
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

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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): _____

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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
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18	If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment	☐
19	If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) 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
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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 / / .	



Verso Corporation Retirement Savings Plan for Union Employees

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule
December 31, 2016 and 2015
with Independent Auditors' Report

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Benefit Plans Administration Committee
Verso Corporation Retirement Savings Plan for Union Employees
Miamisburg, Ohio

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of Verso Corporation Retirement Savings Plan for Union Employees (the "Plan"), which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2016, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, 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.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on conducting the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 3, which was certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity) and State Street Bank and Trust Company (State Street), the trustees of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that Fidelity held the Plan's investment assets and executed investment transactions as of December 31, 2015 and for the period from January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016 and that State Street held the Plan's investment assets and executed investment transactions for the period from July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. The plan administrator has obtained certifications from the trustees as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and for the year ended December 31, 2016, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the trustees is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we have not been able to obtain sufficient, appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on these financial statements.

Other Matter – Supplemental Schedule

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2016 is required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we do not express an opinion on the supplemental schedule.

Other Matter – 2015 Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2015, were audited by predecessor auditors. As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the plan administrator instructed the predecessor auditors not to perform, and they did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by Fidelity Management Trust Company the trustee of the Plan. Their report, dated October 17, 2016, indicated that (a) because of the significance of the information that they did not audit, they were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion and accordingly, they did not express an opinion on the financial statements and (b) the form and content of the information included in the financial statements other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee, were presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Report on Form and Content in Compliance With DOL Rules and Regulations

The form and content of the information included in the 2016 financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustees, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

Dayton, Ohio
October 13, 2017

Verso Corporation Retirement Savings Plan for Union Employees
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Assets:		
Investments, at fair value:		
Interest-bearing cash	\$ 7,359	\$ 1,780,837
Registered investment companies	10,749,046	26,687,892
Common/collective trust	1,342,618	-
Self-directed brokerage accounts	<u>167,435</u>	<u>780,502</u>
	<u>12,266,458</u>	<u>29,249,231</u>
Investments, at contract value:		
Guaranteed interest account	<u>632,372</u>	<u>-</u>
Notes receivable from participants	<u>35,618</u>	<u>140,743</u>
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>772</u>
Total assets	<u>12,934,448</u>	<u>29,390,746</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u><u>\$ 12,934,448</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 29,390,746</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Verso Corporation Retirement Savings Plan for Union Employees
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2016

Additions:

Interest and dividends	\$ 195,805
Net appreciation of investments	895,453
Investment expenses	<u>(4,235)</u>
	<u>1,087,023</u>
 Interest - notes receivable from participants	 <u>3,844</u>
	<u>1,090,867</u>

Deductions:

Benefits paid	17,508,448
Deemed distributions	22,701
Administrative expenses	<u>16,016</u>
	<u>17,547,165</u>
 Net decrease	 (16,456,298)

Net assets available for benefits:

Beginning of year	<u>29,390,746</u>
 End of year	 <u><u>\$ 12,934,448</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN:

The following description of the Verso Corporation Retirement Savings Plan for Union Employees (the "Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. The Plan is sponsored by Verso Corporation (the "Sponsor"). Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution 401(k) savings plan for all former regular, active, full-time and part-time hourly union employees of the Sartell, Minnesota and Bucksport, Maine Mills. Employees were eligible to enter the Plan immediately.

The Sartell Mill was closed during 2012. The Sponsor announced its plans to close the paper mill in Bucksport, Maine on October 1, 2014, and operations at Bucksport were halted during December 2014. At this time, the vast majority of Bucksport employees were terminated and the terminated participants' account balances became 100% vested.

The Sponsor sold its equity interests in the subsidiaries that owned the Bucksport Mill to AIM Development (USA) LLC, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of American Iron and Metal Company Inc., or "AIM" on January 29, 2015. Certain employees of Bucksport continued employment with the Sponsor through an employee leasing agreement between the Sponsor and AIM through June 30, 2016. At this time, all Bucksport employees were terminated and their related account balances became 100% vested.

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

Contributions

Due to the closure of the Sartell Mill and the Bucksport Mill, there were not participant or Sponsor contributions during 2016. Prior to the Mill closures, participants became eligible upon their hire dates and were automatically enrolled at a 5% deferral contribution rate. Participants were permitted to defer up to 85% of their eligible compensation on a before-tax or after-tax basis. Participants could also contribute rollover amounts representing distributions from other eligible qualified plans. For those participants who had attained age 50 or older by the end of the calendar year, the plan permitted catch-up contributions subject to limitations imposed by the IRS. The Internal Revenue Code establishes a limit on the percent of compensation deferred by participants. The Sponsor determined that the salary deferral percentage, the employer matching percentage and the total defined contribution percentage comply with several tests prescribed by the IRS. If the tests were not met, then the excess participant contributions were refunded to those participants.

Prior to the Mill closures, the Sponsor made matching contributions and non-elective contributions based on formulas defined in the plan document.

Participants directed the investment of their contributions and Sponsor contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan and may change their investment options at any time.

Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and Sponsor matching contributions. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Notes receivable from participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts up to a maximum of 50% of their vested account balance, but not to exceed \$50,000. Participants are permitted to have no more than two loans outstanding at a time. Loan terms range from one to five years, or up to a reasonable payment period established by the plan administrator for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participants' account and bear interest at a rate which must be commensurate with local prevailing rates and is determined by the Plan administrator at the time the loan is made. Principal and interest were paid ratably through payroll deductions prior to the termination of Plan participants. Participants with remaining balances are permitted to make payments directly to the Plan.

Payment of benefits

Upon termination of employment, participants have the option to leave their balance in their account (if the balance is greater than \$1,000) or receive lump-sum distributions. Participants may also make certain in-service withdrawals from the Plan such as hardship and post age 59 ½ withdrawals.

Vesting

Participants were immediately vested in all employee contributions and earnings or losses thereon. Participants became fully vested in Sponsor matching and non-elective contributions due to the closure of the Sartell and Bucksport Mills.

Forfeitures

Forfeitures of non-vested sponsor contributions may be used to restore the amount of previous forfeitures for rehired participants with separations of service of less than five years, to reduce the amount of Sponsor contributions, or to pay the cost of administering the Plan. For the year ended December 31, 2016, forfeited non-vested accounts in the amount of \$62 were used to reduce the amount of Plan expenses. There was \$6,226 and \$4,671 of unallocated forfeitures outstanding at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting.

Investment contracts held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the plan.

Use of estimates

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

Investment valuation and income recognition

Investments are reported at fair value (except for fully-benefit responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Notes receivable from participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. 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. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Payment of benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Sponsor and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to distributions and the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment-related expenses and other plan administration expenses are included in investment income and are charged to participant accounts based on their accounts balances.

Change in accounting policy

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2015-12, "Plan Accounting: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Topic 960), Defined Contribution Pension Plans (Topic 962), Health and Welfare Benefit Plans (Topic 965): (Part I) Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts, (Part II) Plan Investment Disclosures, and (Part III) Measurement Date Practical Expedient." ASU 2015-12 simplifies disclosures and reporting by employee benefit plans. ASU 2015-12 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, with earlier adoption permitted. The Plan elected to early adopt Part II of ASU 2015-12 in 2015; in 2016, the Plan adopted the remaining parts applied retrospectively to all periods presented. This change has no impact on net assets available for benefits.

Additionally, FASB issued ASU 2015-07, "Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities that Calculate Net Asset Value Per Share (or Its Equivalent)." ASU 2015-07 simplifies disclosures and reporting on investments valued at net asset value as a practical expedient. ASU 2015-07 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, with earlier adoption permitted. The Plan has elected to early adopt ASU 2015-07, applied retrospectively to all periods presented. This change has no impact on net assets available for benefits.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the 2015 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the 2016 presentation.

Subsequent events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through the report date, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

3. INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY TRUSTEE:

Plan management has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Fidelity Management Trust Company (Fidelity) and State Street Bank and Trust Company (State Street) have certified the completeness and accuracy of all investments reflected on the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2016; the related investment activity reflected in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2016. Fidelity was the trustee of the Plan as of December 31, 2015 and from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 and State Street Bank and Trust Company was the trustee of the Plan from July 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016.

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT:

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

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

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

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

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

Interest-bearing cash: Valued at cost which approximates fair value.

Registered investment companies: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. The funds held by the Plan are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV per share and to transact at that price. The registered investment companies held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Common/collective trust: These investments do not have a readily determinable fair value. As permitted by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the Plan has valued such investments at Net Asset Value ("NAV") per share. The NAV per share, as provided by the investment manager, is based on the underlying net assets owned by the fund, divided by the number of shares outstanding. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying securities within the fund.

Self-directed brokerage accounts: Accounts primarily consist of mutual funds and common stocks that are valued on the basis of readily determinable market prices.

Verso Corporation Retirement Savings Plan for Union Employees
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2016 and 2015

The following table sets forth, by level within the fair value hierarchy, a summary of the Plan's investments that were measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2016:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Assets at NAV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Interest-bearing cash	\$ 7,359	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,359
Registered investment□ companies	10,749,046	-	-	-	10,749,046
Common/collective trust	-	-	-	1,342,618	1,342,618
Self-directed brokerage accounts	167,435	-	-	-	167,435
Total	<u>\$ 10,923,840</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,342,618</u>	<u>\$ 12,266,458</u>

The following table sets forth, by level within the fair value hierarchy, a summary of the Plan's investments that were measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2015:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Assets at NAV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Interest-bearing cash	\$ 1,780,837	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,780,837
Registered investment□ companies	26,687,892	-	-	-	26,687,892
Self-directed brokerage accounts	780,502	-	-	-	780,502
Total	<u>\$ 29,249,231</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 29,249,231</u>

The table below sets forth the fair value and redemption frequency for those assets whose fair value is estimated using the net asset value per share as of December 31, 2016:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency (If Currently Eligible)</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Common collective trust	\$1,342,618	\$ -	Daily	1 day

The common/collective trust held by the Plan is a direct filing entity.

5. GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CONTRACT WITH NYL GUARANTEED INTEREST ACCOUNT:

In 2016, the Plan entered into a traditional fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contract with New York Life Insurance Company Guaranteed Interest Account totaling \$632,372. New York Life Insurance Company maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting. The guaranteed investment contract does not permit the insurance company to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

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

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

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

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

6. RELATED PARTY AND PARTY IN INTEREST TRANSACTIONS:

Certain Plan investments were managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company or State Street Bank and Trust Company, the trustees; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

7. PLAN TERMINATION:

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Sponsor has the right to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, all benefits will be distributed to participants and beneficiaries in proportion to their respective account balances.

8. TAX STATUS:

The plan sponsor adopted Transamerica Retirement Solutions prototype plan document, for which a letter from the Internal Revenue Service has been received indicating that an employer who adopts this prototype plan will be considered to have a plan qualified under applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The plan sponsor has elected not to request a separate determination letter for the Plan. The plan sponsor and the Plan's administrator believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, they believe the Plan was qualified as of the financial statement date.

9. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES:

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

10. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500:

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 as of December 31, 2015:

Net assets available for benefits per financial statements	\$ 29,390,746
Contributions receivable at the end of the year	(772)
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 29,389,974</u>

The following is a reconciliation of contributions from per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2016:

Contributions per financial statements	\$ -
Contributions receivable at the beginning of the year	772
Contributions per Form 5500	<u>\$ 772</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

Verso Corporation Retirement Savings Plan for Union Employees
EIN #75-3217389; Plan #002
Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
December 31, 2016

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Description of Investment</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Current Value</u>
*	State Street Bank and Trust Company	Interest-bearing cash	**	\$ 7,359
		Unallocated insurance contract:		
		NYL Guaranteed Interest Account	**	632,372
		Common/collective trust:		
		ClearBridge Large Cap Growth R2	**	1,342,618
		Registered Investment Companies:		
		American Funds Target Date Retirement 2020 R6	**	232,637
		American Funds Target Date Retirement 2025 R6	**	329,578
		American Funds Target Date Retirement 2030 R6	**	328,916
		Cohen & Steers Real Estate Securities Z	**	465,091
		Federated Strategic Value Dividend I	**	1,325,960
		Glenmede Small Cap Equity Instl	**	601,022
		Goldman Sachs Intl Eq Insghts R6	**	876,260
		Janus Enterprise N	**	550,962
		John Hancock Disciplined Value Mid Cap I	**	580,113
		Oppenheimer International Growth I	**	728,691
		Prudential High-Yield Q	**	447,925
*	State Street S&P 500 Indx Fund NL Class N			1,310,813
	Thornburg Developing World R6		**	429,772
	Vanguard Intermediate Term Bond Index Inst		**	1,273,369
	Western Asset Core Plus Bond IS		**	1,267,937
				<u>10,749,046</u>
		Self-directed brokerage accounts	**	167,435
*	Loans to various plan participants - at various maturity dates and interest rates ranging from 3.25% to 6.25%		-	35,618
				<u>\$ 12,934,448</u>

* Party-in-interest

** Cost information is not required as Plan is participant directed



Schedule C, Line 2(h) Formula Descriptions

Verso Corporation Retirement Savings Plan for Union Employees

EIN No.: 75-3217389, Plan No. 002

Plan Year Ending: 12/31/2016

Indirect Compensation in the form of revenue sharing was paid to the following Service Providers:

NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES

04-3523567

Revenue amounts are shown in annualized basis points of plan assets invested in applicable fund

Fund Family	Fund Name	Start Date	End Date	Revenue to National Financial Services
FEDERATED	FEDERATED STRAT VAL DIV INSTL	5/23/2016	12/31/2016	0.910
JOHN HANCOCK	JHANCOCK DISPL VAL MIDCAP I	5/23/2016	12/31/2016	0.260

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Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets

Plan Year Ending: 12/31/2016

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par or Maturity Value	(e) CURRENT VALUE
*	State Street Bank & Trust Co.	Cash Reserve Account	\$ 7,359
	NYL	NYL Guaranteed Interest Account	\$ 632,372
		Insurance Company/General Account Total	\$ 632,372
	Legg Mason/Western Asset	ClearBridge Large Cap Growth R2	\$ 1,342,618
		Collective Trust Fund Total	\$ 1,342,618
	American Funds	American Funds Target Date Retirement 2020 R6	\$ 232,637
	American Funds	American Funds Target Date Retirement 2025 R6	\$ 329,578
	American Funds	American Funds Target Date Retirement 2030 R6	\$ 328,916
	Cohen & Steers	Cohen & Steers Real Estate Securities Z	\$ 465,091
	Federated	Federated Strategic Value Dividend I	\$ 1,325,960
	Glenmede	Glenmede Small Cap Equity Instl	\$ 601,022
	Goldman Sachs	Goldman Sachs Intl Eq Insights R6	\$ 876,260
	Janus	Janus Enterprise N	\$ 550,962
	John Hancock	John Hancock Disciplined Value Mid Cap I	\$ 580,113
	Oppenheimer	Oppenheimer International Growth I	\$ 728,691
	Prudential	Prudential High-Yield Q	\$ 447,925
	State Street Global Advisors	State Street S&P 500 Indx Fund NL Class N	\$ 1,310,813
	Thornburg	Thornburg Developing World R6	\$ 429,772
	Vanguard	Vanguard Intermediate Term Bond Index Inst	\$ 1,273,369
	Legg Mason/Western Asset	Western Asset Core Plus Bond IS	\$ 1,267,937
		Mututal Fund Total	\$ 10,749,045
	Charles Schwab Institutional	Personal Choice Retirement Account (Other Funds)	\$ 167,435
*	Participants	Notes Receivable with interest rates of 3.25% to 6.25%	\$ 35,543
		TOTAL PLAN ASSETS	\$ 12,934,372

* Indicates Party-In-Interest to the Plan