

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). <p style="text-align: center;">▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p>	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">2020</div> This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2020</u> and ending <u>12/31/2020</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 ☒ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☐
D Check box if filing under:	☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)

Part II	Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information				
1a Name of plan <u>NORTH STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY DBA NORTH STATE COMMUNICATIONS EMPLOYEES' SAVINGS PLUS PLAN</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>002</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan <u>11/01/1988</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>11/01/1988</u>	
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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>NORTH STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY DBA NORTH STATE COMMUNICATIONS</u> <u>4100 MENDENHALL OAKS PARKWAY</u> <u>SUITE 300</u> <u>HIGH POINT, NC 27265</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>56-0341710</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>336-886-3600</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>517000</u></td> </tr> </table>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>56-0341710</u>	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>336-886-3600</u>	2d Business code (see instructions) <u>517000</u>	
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2d Business code (see instructions) <u>517000</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.	10/07/2021	CARRIE MIRANDA
	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

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor		3b Administrator's EIN	
		3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN 4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5	516
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)	401
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	0
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....		6b	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	0
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	0
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	0
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	0
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		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: 2J 2K 2E 2G 2F 2T 3D			
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>0</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 2020 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2020 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) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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A Name of plan NORTH STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY DBA NORTH STATE COMMUNICATIONS EMPLOYEES' SAVINGS PLUS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NORTH STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY DBA NORTH STATE COMMUNICATIONS	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-0341710	

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
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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)

BRANCH BANKING & TRUST COMPANY

56-1368984

(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 21 38 64	TRUSTEE	79939	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

CAPTRUST FINANCIAL ADVISORS

4208 SIX FORKS ROAD SUITE 1700
RALEIGH, NC 27609

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	39554	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 ☐

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)

(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 ☐

(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
(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
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(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:	
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<p style="text-align: center;">SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DFE/Participating Plan Information</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: large; font-weight: bold;">2020</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</p>
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For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2020 and ending 12/31/2020

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<p>C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>NORTH STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY DBA NORTH STATE COMMUNICATIONS</u></p>	<p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>56-0341710</u></p>	

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)	

<p>a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>WELLS FARGO STABLE VALUE FUND C</u></p>		
<p>b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.</u></p>		
<p>c EIN-PN <u>52-2252209-001</u></p>	<p>d Entity code <u>C</u></p>	<p>e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>4408982</u></p>
<p>a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:</p>		
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<p>c EIN-PN</p>	<p>d Entity code</p>	<p>e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)</p>

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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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
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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 2020 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>NORTH STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY DBA NORTH STATE COMMUNICATIONS</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>56-0341710</u>	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
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	Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a	0	0
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)		
	(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)		
	(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	5016142	4408982
	(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)	42922814	39913368
	(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	47938956 44322350
Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g	
h	Operating payables	1h	0 0
i	Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	
j	Other liabilities.....	1j	0 44322350
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0 44322350
Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	47938956 0

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.

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
Income			
a	Contributions:		
(1)	Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	1051881
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1806938
	(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)	2858819
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)	1738940
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)	1738940
(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)		111515
(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)		5712822
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		10422096

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	13907759	
(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)		13907759
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)	4100	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	79939	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	39554	
(4) Other.....	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		123593
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		14031352

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-3609256
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		44329700

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **DIXON HUGHES GOODMAN LLP**

(2) EIN: **56-0747981**

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.)

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	

	Yes	No	Amount
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)			
4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)			
4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)			
4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	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?		X	
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.)	X		
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.)	X		
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?	X		
4k	X		
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
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			
5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.			
5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)			
5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)	
LUMOS NETWORK SAVINGS AND SECURITY PLAN	90-0673286	002	
5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.			

<div>SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Retirement Plan Information</div> <div>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).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div>	<div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2020</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div>
For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2020 and ending 12/31/2020		
A Name of plan NORTH STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY DBA NORTH STATE COMMUNICATIONS EMPLOYEES' SAVINGS PLUS PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NORTH STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY DBA NORTH STATE COMMUNICATIONS		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-0341710
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 0
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): 56-1368984		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year		3
Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III	Amendments	
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box..... ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No		
Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2020 v. 200204		

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

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....

14a

b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

14b

c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

14c

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

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....

15a

b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....

15b

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

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year.....

16a

b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....

16b

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ Yes.

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

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

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____



North State Telephone Company d/b/a North State Communications Employees' Savings Plus Plan



Financial Statements and Supplementary Information

**As of December 31, 2020 (in Liquidation) and 2019 and
for the Year Ended December 31, 2020 (in Liquidation)**



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Independent Auditors' Report

Advisory Committee

North State Telephone Company d/b/a North State Communications Employees' Savings Plus Plan
Charlotte, NC

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of North State Telephone Company d/b/a North State Communications Employees' Savings Plus Plan (the "Plan"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2020 (in Liquidation) and 2019, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2020 (in Liquidation), 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 audits 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 ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 4, which was certified by Branch Banking and Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing the information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained a certification from the trustee for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, and for the year ended December 31, 2020, that the information provided to the plan administrator by the trustee 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.



Emphasis of Matter

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Plan was terminated effective December 31, 2020, and liquidation was deemed to be imminent. As a result, the Plan has changed its basis of accounting from the ongoing basis to liquidation basis used in presenting the 2020 financial statements. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Other Matter - Supplementary Information

The supplemental schedules as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020 are required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA and are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Because of the significance of the matter described in the *Basis of Disclaimer of Opinion* paragraph, we do not express an opinion on the supplemental schedules.

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

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedules, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee, 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP

High Point, NC
September 30, 2021

North State Telephone Company d/b/a North State Communications Employees' Savings Plus Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2020 (in Liquidation) and 2019

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value	<u>\$ 44,322,350</u>	<u>\$ 47,938,956</u>
LIABILITIES		
Transfers payable to qualified plan	<u>44,322,350</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 47,938,956</u>

North State Telephone Company d/b/a North State Communications Employees' Savings Plus Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2020 (in Liquidation)

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment income:

Interest and dividend income	\$ 1,738,940
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>5,824,337</u>

Total investment income	<u>7,563,277</u>
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Contributions:

Participant	1,806,938
Company	<u>1,051,881</u>

Total contributions	<u>2,858,819</u>
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Total additions	<u>10,422,096</u>
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Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants	13,907,759
Administrative expenses	<u>123,593</u>

Total deductions	<u>14,031,352</u>
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Net change	(3,609,256)
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Transfers out to a qualified plan	(44,329,700)
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Net assets available for benefits:

Beginning of year	<u>47,938,956</u>
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End of year	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>
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Notes to Financial Statements

1. Description of Plan

The following description of the North State Telephone Company d/b/a North State Communications Employees' Savings Plus Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering certain employees of North State Telephone Company (the "Company") which was acquired by MTN Infrastructure Top Co, Inc. (d/b/a Segra) on May 18, 2020. The Advisory Committee of the Company controls and manages the operation and administration of the Plan. Brank Banking and Trust ("BB&T") served as the trustee of the Plan (the "trustee"). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 (the "CARES Act") was passed by Congress. The CARES Act, among other things, includes several temporary relief provisions available to tax qualified retirement plans and their participants. Plan management evaluated the impact of the CARES Act on the Plan and approved changes to the Plan in 2020 to temporarily (i) add COVID-19-related distributions of up to \$100,000 for eligible participants and (ii) suspend required minimum distributions for 2020. These temporary CARES Act provisions expired at the end of 2020.

Plan Status

Effective December 31, 2020, as a result of the sale of the Company, the Plan was terminated and merged into the Lumos Networks Employees' Savings and Security Plan. In accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"), the Plan has changed its basis of accounting used to value Plan assets from the ongoing basis to the liquidation basis as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020. The ongoing basis of accounting approximated the liquidation basis of accounting as of December 31, 2020.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 100% of their pretax and after-tax annual compensation, as defined in the plan document, subject to Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") limitations. Eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan at a deferral rate of 3%, as specified in the plan document, until changed by the employee. Effective January 1, 2019, the Plan was amended to include an automatic escalation provision of 1% annually up to 10%. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. The Company makes safe-harbor matching contribution is equal to 100% of the first 3% of the individual participant's contributions, plus 50% of the individual participant's contributions between 3% and 5%. The Company may make discretionary non-safe harbor matching contributions based on a percentage determined by management of the Company, ranging from 75% to 100% of the individual's participant contributions between 3% and 6.5%, depending on years of service. The safe harbor and non-safe harbor matching contribution provisions are summarized by the following table:

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	<u>Years of Service</u>
Safe Harbor:	
100% of the first 3% of participant contributions, Plus any 50% of participant contributions between 3% and 5%	
Discretionary Non-Safe Harbor:	Less than 5
75% of participant contributions between 3% and 5%	> 5 < 10
100% of participant contributions between 3% and 5%	> 10 < 15
100% of participant contributions between 3% and 5.5%	> 15 < 20
100% of participant contributions between 3% and 6%	> 20 < 25
100% of participant contributions between 3% and 6.5%	> 25

Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

Investment options

Participants direct the investment of their accounts into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan offers a variety of mutual funds and a common collective trust fund as investment options for participants.

Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of the Company's contributions and plan earnings (losses), and charged with benefit payments, transaction fees related to distributions, and allocations of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on investment fund balances comprising each participant's account. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions and the Company's matching contributions plus actual earnings or losses thereon.

Payment of benefits

On termination of service, participants with less than \$1,000 receive a lump-sum distribution. Participants with balances greater than \$1,000 may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or may choose among other options provided for in the Plan.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the liquidation basis of accounting in conformity with GAAP.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets, liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates and assumptions.

Investment valuation and income recognition

Investments are reported at fair 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. Plan management determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the custodian and trustee. See Note 3 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.

Payment of benefits

Benefits are recorded upon distribution.

Administrative expenses

The Plan's administrative expenses are paid by either the Plan or the Company, as provided by the plan document. Certain administrative functions are performed by employees of the Company. No such employee receives compensation from the Plan. Expenses relating to specific participant transactions (distributions) are charged directly to the participant's account.

Forfeitures

As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, forfeiture accounts for non-vested accounts totaled \$0 and \$7,240, respectively. These accounts may be used to offset Company contributions.

Subsequent events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through September 30, 2021, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

3. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value, as defined under GAAP, is an exit price representing 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. GAAP establishes a three-tier fair value hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value. These tiers include:

- Level 1:** Observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets.
- Level 2:** Inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are either directly or indirectly observable.
- Level 3:** Unobservable inputs about which little or no market data exists, therefore requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions.

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Assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Plan's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment, and may affect the valuation of fair value assets and liabilities, and their placement within the fair value hierarchy levels.

There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2020 and 2019. The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value:

Mutual funds

Mutual funds are publicly traded investments and are valued daily at the closing price reported on the active market on which the funds are traded.

Collective trust fund

The Plan invests in a collective trust fund for which quoted prices are not available in active markets for identical instruments. The Plan utilizes the net asset value ("NAV") provided by the trustee as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. If the Plan initiates a full redemption of the stable value collective trust fund, the issuer reserves the right to require 12 months' notification in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner. The collective trust fund is not required to be classified within a level on the fair value hierarchy.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31:

	2020 (in Liquidation)			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 39,913,368	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,913,368
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	\$ 39,913,368	\$ -	\$ -	39,913,368
Investments measured at net asset value (a)				4,408,982
Investments at fair value				\$ 44,322,350
	2019			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 42,922,814	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,922,814
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	\$ 42,922,814	\$ -	\$ -	42,922,814
Investments measured at net asset value (a)				5,016,142
Investments at fair value				\$ 47,938,956

(a) In accordance with Topic 820, certain investments that were measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

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The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the NAV per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2020 and 2019. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

	Fair Value at December 31, 2020 (in Liquidation)	Fair Value at December 31, 2019	Unfunded Commitments	Other Redemption Restrictions	Redemption Notice Period
Wells Fargo Stable Return Fund C	\$ 4,408,982	\$ 5,016,142	None	Daily	12 months

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

4. Unaudited Information Certified by the Trustee

The accompanying financial statements include the following unaudited information as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 and for the year ended December 31, 2020 that was obtained from data prepared and certified to be complete and accurate by the Plan's trustee.

	2020 (in Liquidation)	2019
Investments	<u>\$ 44,322,350</u>	<u>\$ 47,938,956</u>
Interest and dividend income	<u>\$ 1,738,940</u>	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>\$ 5,824,337</u>	

5. Exempt Party-In-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments are managed by BB&T, the trustee of the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid to BB&T for certain recordkeeping and investment management services amounted to \$79,939 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

6. Tax Status

The Plan has not obtained a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") stating that the Plan was in compliance with the applicable requirement of the IRC. The Plan is relying on the IRS approval of the prototype plan that it is utilizing. The IRS has determined and informed the document sponsor by a letter dated March 31, 2014 that the prototype plan document was designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. The plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, the plan administrator believes that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax exempt as of the financial statement date.

GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that, as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

7. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

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Schedule of Reportable Transactions

Schedule H, Line 4j

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Year Ended December 31, 2020 (in Liquidation)

(a) Identity of Party Involved	(b) Description of Investment of Asset (Include Interest Rate and Maturity in Case of a Loan)	(c) Purchase Price	(d) Selling Price	(g) Cost of Asset	(h) Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date	(i) Net Gain or (Loss)
Category (i) -						
Single transactions in excess of five percent of beginning plan assets:						
JHancock	Disciplined Value Fund	\$ -	\$ 5,832,129	\$ 5,090,695	\$ 5,832,129	\$ 741,434
Metropolitan West	Total Return Bond Fund	-	5,627,453	5,506,535	5,627,453	120,918
Vanguard	Wellington Admiral Fund	-	6,337,988	5,166,419	6,337,988	1,171,569
Category (iii) -						
Series of transactions in excess of five percent of beginning plan assets:						
JHancock	Disciplined Value Fund	-	7,690,497	6,890,042	7,690,497	800,455
JHancock	Disciplined Value Fund	825,627	-	825,627	825,627	-
Metropolitan West	Total Return Bond Fund	-	8,221,723	8,137,733	8,221,723	83,990
Metropolitan West	Total Return Bond Fund	1,655,006	-	1,655,006	1,655,006	-
Vanguard	Wellington Admiral Fund	-	8,352,812	7,074,335	8,352,812	1,278,477
Vanguard	Wellington Admiral Fund	1,117,670	-	1,117,670	1,117,670	-

There were no category (ii), or (iv) reportable transactions during 2020. Columns (e) and (f) are omitted as items are not applicable.

See independent auditors' report.



Supplementary Information

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Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
Schedule H, Line 4i
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December 31, 2020 (in Liquidation)

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost*	(e) Current Value
Mutual Funds:				
	American Funds	EuroPacific Growth Fund R6		\$ 3,593,636
	Choen & Steers	Instl Realty Shares		604,649
	Goldman Sachs	Small Cap Value Fund		452,281
	Fidelity	International Index Fund		1,785,124
	JHancock	Disciplined Value Fund R6		5,832,129
	JP Morgan	Large Cap Growth Fund R6		10,559,971
	Loomis Sayles	Small Cap Growth Fund N		663,707
	MassMutual	Select Mid Cap Growth Fund I		1,124,616
	Metropolitan West	Total Return Bond Fund		5,627,453
	MFS	Mid Cap Value Fund		973,646
	Vanguard	Wellington Admiral Fund		6,337,988
	Vanguard	500 Index Admiral Fund		1,292,269
	Vanguard	Total Bond Market Index Fund		513,650
	Vanguard	Extended Market Index Admiral Fund		552,249
Common Collective Trust:				
	Wells Fargo	Stable Value Fund C		4,408,982
				<u>\$ 44,322,350</u>

* Cost omitted for participant-directed investments