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

2021

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [ ] an amended return/report
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [X]

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

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 401(K) PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2003

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)
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

508 OLD MAGNOLIA ROAD
CONROE, TX 77304

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 02-0636475

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 833-224-1300

2d Business code (see instructions) 517000

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/28/2022	VIVIAN SCHOTT
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/28/2022	DAVID R HERRICK
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] 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**	4672
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)**	3240
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	3180
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	46
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	1354
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**	**6d**	4580
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	16
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**	**6f**	4596
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	4475
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:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 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)		**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1)	[ ] Insurance	**(1)**	[ ] Insurance
(2)	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	**(2)**	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	[X] Trust	**(3)**	[X] Trust
(4)	[ ] General assets of the sponsor	**(4)**	[ ] General assets of the sponsor

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

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **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)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [ ] ___ **A** (Insurance Information)
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [X] **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 2021 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2021 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2021** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

A Name of plan	**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 401(K) PLAN		002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)	
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	02-0636475	

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . [X] 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	
AMERICAN FUNDS	PO BOX 6007 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46206

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation	
FRANKLIN TEMPLETON	PO BOX 33030 ST PETERSBURG, FL 33733

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation	
JANUS FUNDS	PO BOX 55932 BOSTON, MA 02205

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation	
METROPOLITAN WEST	865 SOUTH FIGUEROA STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90017

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

NORTHERN TRUST

50 S LASALLE STREET
CHICAGO, IL 60603

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

OPPENHEIMER FUNDS

PO BOX 5270
DENVER, CO 80217

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

VANGUARD MARKETING CORP

100 VANGUARD BLVD
MALVERN, PA 19355

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

WESTWOOD HOLDING GROUP INC

200 CRECENT COURT
SUITE 1200
DALLAS, TX 75201

(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)

T ROWE PRICE RPS INC

100 EAST PRATT STREET
BALTIMORE, MD 21202

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 59 62 64 65 99	NONE	225476	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

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

FIRST MID-ILLINOIS BANK & TRUST

P.O. BOX 529
MATTOON, IL 61938

(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 50	NONE	65000	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

WEST & COMPANY, LLC

1009 SOUTH HAMILTON
SULLIVAN, IL 61951

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10 50	NONE	20300	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

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

MORNINGSTAR

22 WEST WASHINGTON STREET
CHICAGO, IL 60602

(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?
26 50	NONE	6733	Yes [ ] No [X]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

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

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

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
T ROWE PRICE RPS INC	15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 59 62 64 65 99	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.
JANUS HENDERSON ENTERPRISE I PO BOX 55932 BOSTON, MA 02205	FEE FOR SHAREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.1%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
T ROWE PRICE RPS INC	15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 59 62 64 65 99	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.
MET WEST TOTAL RETURN BOND I 865 SOUTH FIGUEROA STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90017	FEE FOR SHAREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.1%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
T ROWE PRICE RPS INC	15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 59 62 64 65 99	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.
NORTHERN SMALL CAP VALUE 50 S LASALLE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60603	FEE FOR SHAREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.25%

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
T ROWE PRICE RPS INC	15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 59 62 64 65 99	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.
INVESCO DEVELOPING MARKETS Y PO BOX 5270 DENVER, CO 80217	FEE FOR SHAREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.25%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
T ROWE PRICE RPS INC	15 21 25 28 37 38 49 50 52 59 62 64 65 99	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.
WESTWOOD SMALLCAP INST 200 CRECENT COURT SUITE 1200 DALLAS, TX 75201	FEE FOR SHAREHOLDER SERVICING BASED UPON 0.25%

(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:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2021

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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

A Name of plan
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

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

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
02-0636475

Part I **Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TRP STABLE VALUE COMMON TRUST FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
52-1309931-001	C	103539438

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE GROWTH STOCK TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
52-6559833-013	C	151784462

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2060 TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
47-1088316-001	C	1694119

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2005 TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
61-6434302-001	C	9121256

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2010 TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
32-6199795-001	C	2203426

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2015 TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
35-6941654-001	C	13008550

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2020 TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
36-7594871-001	C	29450255

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2025 TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
37-6495447-001	C	47511880

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2030 TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
38-7010946-001	C	67211447

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2035 TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
36-7595013-001	C	48675155

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2040 TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
35-6941729-001	C	58238305

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2045 TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
32-6199848-001	C	24261145

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2050 TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
30-6303214-001	C	11381145

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2055 TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
35-6941728-001	C	5686701

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2065 TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

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)
85-1763138-001	C	800019

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

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2021

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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

A Name of plan
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

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

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
02-0636475

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	72	117
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)	48574157	39789277
(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)	11898128	10570305
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	520065258	574567303
(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)	486714625	552877242
(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)	2834067	3970419
	(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	1070086307	1181774663
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g		
h	Operating payables	1h		
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j	Other liabilities	1j		
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	1070086307	1181774663

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)	14973489	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	26717126	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	574620	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		42265235
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)	634791	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		634791
	(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)	31557258	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		31557258
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	4432916	
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	4224582	
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		208334
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	-4089480	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		-4089480

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		65656070
(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)		61741573
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		197973781
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	85964573	
(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)		85964573
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)	23643	
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	71733	
(4) Other	2i(4)	225476	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		320852
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		86285425
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		111688356
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) [X] 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)** [X] 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: WEST & COMPANY LLC **(2)** EIN: 37-0980065

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a		X	

			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?	**4e**	X		10000000
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**			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

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2021

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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

A Name of plan
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 401(K) PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

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

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
02-0636475

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): 52-1481931

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**

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):

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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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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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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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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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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 _____

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATION, INC.
401(K) PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE

For the year ended December 31, 2021

And

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

West & Company, LLC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 401(K) PLAN

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Note: Other schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, have been omitted because they are not applicable.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Participants and Plan Administrators of the
Consolidated Communications, Inc. 401(k) Plan

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Consolidated Communications, Inc. 401(k) Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Consolidated Communications, Inc. 401(k) Plan as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2021 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Consolidated Communications, Inc. 401(k) Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

Other Matter – Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2021, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of the Plan's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedules is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.



Effingham, Illinois
June 22, 2022

Consolidated Communications, Inc. 401(k) Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
ASSETS		
Investments at fair value:		
Mutual funds	$ 552,877,242	$ 486,714,625
Common collective trust funds	574,567,303	520,065,258
Common stock	39,789,277	48,574,157
Consolidated Communications, Inc. common stock	3,970,419	2,834,067
Total investments, at fair value	1,171,204,241	1,058,188,107
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants	10,570,305	11,898,128
Cash, non-interest bearing	117	72
Net assets available for benefits	$ 1,181,774,663	$ 1,070,086,307

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Consolidated Communications, Inc. 401(k) Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$	121,734,530
Interest and dividend income		33,483,132
Total investment income, net		155,217,662
Interest income on notes receivable from participants		634,791
Contributions:		
Participants		26,717,126
Employer		14,973,489
Rollovers		574,620
Total contributions		42,265,235
Total additions		198,117,688
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants		85,964,573
Administrative expenses		464,759
Total deductions		86,429,332
Net increase		111,688,356
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year		1,070,086,307
End of year	$	1,181,774,663

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Consolidated Communications, Inc. 401(k) Plan
Notes to Financial Statements

1. Description of the Plan

The following description of the Consolidated Communications, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan was established January 1, 2003 and is a defined contribution plan with a 401(k) feature for eligible employees of Consolidated Communications, Inc. (the "Company") and its subsidiaries. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA").

Plan Administration

T. Rowe Price Trust Company is the trustee and custodian of the Plan. The Plan is administered by the Consolidated Communications, Inc. 401(k) Committee (the "Committee"). The Committee has overall responsibility for the operation and administration of the Plan including determining the Plan's investment offerings and monitoring investment performance.

Eligibility

All qualifying employees of the Company and participating subsidiaries are immediately eligible to participate in the Plan upon hire.

Individuals who are not eligible to participate in the Plan include (a) leased employees, (b) certain union employees, unless covered by a collective bargaining agreement as identified in the Plan agreement, which provides for participation in the Plan, (c) nonresident aliens, (d) part time employees who work less than 1,000 hours in a plan year, (e) interns and (f) independent contractors.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute any whole percentage from 1% to 50% of pretax annual compensation as defined in the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. The Plan allows participants to designate contributions as Roth 401(k) contributions. Participant contributions are subject to certain limitations set by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from another qualified retirement plan or individual retirement account (rollover contributions). As of January 1, 2019, newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan at a contribution rate of 3%, unless changed by the participant. Participants may elect not to participate in the plan at any time.

The Company contributes an amount equal to 100% of each eligible participant's elective contributions (including catch-up contributions) up to a maximum of 6% of a participant's compensation contributed to the Plan. For participants covered by a collective bargaining agreement, Company contributions are based on the agreements in place with the employee labor unions, up to a maximum of 6% of a participant's compensation contributed to the Plan. The Company's matching contribution is invested as directed by the participant.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of the Company's matching contribution and Plan earnings including administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined by the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Investments

Participants direct the investment of their contributions and employer matching contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participants may make investment allocation changes daily. The Plan's investment options currently include a variety of mutual funds, common collective trust funds and common stock of the Company. All investments are participant-directed.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their and the Company's contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Prior employer matching contributions from the FairPoint Communications Associates 401(k) Plan and the FairPoint Communications, Inc. Employees Savings Plan are subject to a five-year graded vesting schedule for participants who do not complete one hour of service on or after January 1, 2019.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their account balance. Loan terms generally range from one to five years, but may extend up to ten years for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime interest rate (as defined in the Plan documents) plus one percentage point. Participants may have only one loan outstanding at any given time, except for multiple loans which resulted from a merger of another plan into this Plan. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant 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 annual installments over a period of time not more than the participant's assumed life expectancy (or the assumed life expectancies of the participant and his/her beneficiary), or in partial withdrawals. For termination of service for other reasons, a participant may receive the value in his or her account as a lump sum distribution or in partial withdrawals. An eligible rollover distribution is also permitted. The Plan permits in-kind distributions of a participant's investment in the Company's common stock. Distributions for the value of a participant's account invested in the Company's common stock can be distributed in the form of whole shares plus cash for any fractional shares or in cash as elected by the participant.

If the value of a participant's vested interest is less than $1,000, a lump sum distribution will be made without regard to the consent of the participant within a reasonable time after termination of service.

Forfeited Accounts

Forfeited accounts may be used to reduce future employer contributions and to pay Plan administrative expenses. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, there were no accumulated forfeited nonvested accounts available for future use. During the year ended December 31, 2021, employer contributions were reduced by $4,317 from forfeited nonvested accounts.

Administrative Expenses and Participant Transaction Fees

Certain administrative expenses for maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company. The Company also provides accounting and other administrative services for the Plan at no charge. Expenses that are paid directly by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Investment fund administrative expenses and record keeping fees are paid by the Plan. Expenses relating to specific participant transactions (i.e., loan fees, distribution fees, etc.) are deducted directly from the participant's account. Certain investment related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) of fair value of investments. The Company may utilize credits received under its service agreement with the Plan's trustee to pay certain administrative expenses and any excess may be allocated to participant accounts at the discretion of the Plan's fiduciary.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

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

Use of Estimates

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

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's 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. See Note 3 for additional discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when earned. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2021 or 2020. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

Benefit Payments

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements through the date of issuance.

3. Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). 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 or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Common stock: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Mutual funds: Valued at quoted market prices, which represents the net asset values of the shares held by the Plan at year end. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Common collective trust funds: Units in the fund are valued based on the net asset value of the funds, which is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities as reported by the issuer of the fund. The net asset value is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported net asset value. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the issuer reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

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

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021 and 2020:

	December 31, 2021			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds	$ 552,877,242	$ 552,877,242	$ -	$ -
Common stock	43,759,696	43,759,696	-	-
Total investments in the fair value hierarchy	596,636,938	$ 596,636,938	$ -	$ -
Investments measured at net asset value: (1)				
Common collective trust funds	574,567,303			
Investments at fair value	$ 1,171,204,241			

	December 31, 2020			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds	$ 486,714,625	$ 486,714,625	$ -	$ -
Common stock	51,408,224	51,408,224	-	-
Total investments in the fair value hierarchy	538,122,849	$ 538,122,849	$ -	$ -
Investments measured at net asset value: (1)				
Common collective trust funds	520,065,258			
Investments at fair value	$ 1,058,188,107			

(1) Certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been categorized in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

The following table summarizes investments for which the fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2021 and 2020. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments. The redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

	Fair Value December 31,				
Investment	2021	2020	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
T. Rowe Price Stable Value Fund	$ 103,539,438	$ 102,681,085	$ -	Daily	12 months
T. Rowe Price Growth Stock Trust B	$ 151,784,462	$ 139,410,268	$ -	Daily	30 days
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2005 Trust Fund	$ 9,121,256	$ 9,288,704	$ -	Daily	30 days
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2010 Trust Fund	$ 2,203,426	$ 1,571,803	$ -	Daily	30 days
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2015 Trust Fund	$ 13,008,550	$ 11,021,284	$ -	Daily	30 days
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2020 Trust Fund	$ 29,450,255	$ 27,646,867	$ -	Daily	30 days
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2025 Trust Fund	$ 47,511,880	$ 42,676,601	$ -	Daily	30 days
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Trust Fund	$ 67,211,447	$ 61,854,475	$ -	Daily	30 days
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2035 Trust Fund	$ 48,675,155	$ 39,938,765	$ -	Daily	30 days
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Trust Fund	$ 58,238,305	$ 50,246,982	$ -	Daily	30 days
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2045 Trust Fund	$ 24,261,145	$ 19,457,550	$ -	Daily	30 days
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Trust Fund	$ 11,381,145	$ 9,311,682	$ -	Daily	30 days
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2055 Trust Fund	$ 5,686,701	$ 4,062,646	$ -	Daily	30 days
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2060 Trust Fund	$ 1,694,119	$ 1,096,546	$ -	Daily	30 days
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2065 Trust Fund	$ 800,019	$ -	$ -	Daily	30 days

5. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100 percent vested in their accounts.

6. Tax Status

The IRS has determined and informed Accudraft.com Inc., the Prototype Sponsor, by a letter dated August 19, 2020, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving this letter, the plan Administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by a plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the organization 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, 2021, there are no uncertain tax 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. The Plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2018.

7. 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 values of investment funds 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.

In March 2020, the outbreak of a novel strain of coronavirus ("COVID-19") was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant volatility in financial markets and the global economy, which has affected and may continue to affect the market value of the Plan's investments. As the COVID-19 pandemic endures, the impact to the financial markets remains uncertain. The ongoing extent of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is currently unknown and cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

8. Related Party and Party-In-Interest Transactions

Certain plan investments are shares of common collective trusts and mutual funds managed by T. Rowe Price Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan. The Plan also invests in the common stock of the Company. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions under the provisions of ERISA for which a statutory exemption exists. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Plan held 530,805 and 579,564 shares of Consolidated common stock with fair values of $3,970,419 and $2,834,067, respectively. The Plan also transacts with certain parties who may perform services to the Plan. Such parties qualify as parties-in-interest under ERISA.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

Consolidated Communications, Inc. 401(k) Plan
EIN: 02-0636475 Plan Number: 002
Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
December 31, 2021

(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	(e) Current Value
	Common Stock:		
*	Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.	530,805 shares	$ 3,970,419
	Verizon Communications, Inc.	765,767 shares	39,789,277
	Common Collective Trust Funds:		
*	T. Rowe Price Growth Stock Trust B	2,259,034 shares	151,784,462
*	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2005 Trust Fund	456,519 shares	9,121,256
*	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2010 Trust Fund	103,837 shares	2,203,426
*	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2015 Trust Fund	563,629 shares	13,008,550
*	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2020 Trust Fund	1,176,598 shares	29,450,255
*	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2025 Trust Fund	1,743,555 shares	47,511,880
*	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Trust Fund	2,283,773 shares	67,211,447
*	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2035 Trust Fund	1,556,111 shares	48,675,155
*	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Trust Fund	1,778,269 shares	58,238,305
*	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2045 Trust Fund	727,471 shares	24,261,145
*	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Trust Fund	341,059 shares	11,381,145
*	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2055 Trust Fund	170,516 shares	5,686,701
*	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2060 Trust Fund	79,350 shares	1,694,119
*	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2065 Trust Fund	59,927 shares	800,019
*	T. Rowe Price Stable Value Fund - N	103,539,438 shares	103,539,438
	Mutual Funds:		
	Metropolitan West Total Return Bond I	4,640,367 shares	50,626,406
	Templeton Global Bond R6	353,723 shares	3,112,762
	American Funds American Mutual R6	1,185,601 shares	63,026,566
	American Funds EuroPac Grw R6	338,433 shares	21,906,746
	Janus Henderson Enterprise I	200,891 shares	31,893,532
	Northern Small Cap Value Fund	233,827 shares	4,982,845
	Invesco Developing Markets Y	122,159 shares	5,743,913
	Overseas Stock Fund	2,407,819 shares	31,951,752
*	T. Rowe Price Government Money	23,130 shares	23,130
*	T. Rowe Price Mid Cap Value Fund I	287,400 shares	9,659,508
*	T. Rowe Price QM US SCG EQ Inv	783,846 shares	36,331,284
	Vanguard Institutional Index	579,175 shares	235,023,558
	Vanguard Small Cap Index Inst	109,704 shares	11,887,553
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Inst	284,654 shares	19,837,522
	Vanguard TTL Int Stock Ind Admiral	170,952 shares	5,846,549
	Westwood Qual SmallCap Inst	974,669 shares	21,023,616
*	Notes receivable from participants	Interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.67%; maturing various dates through June 2043	10,570,305
	Total		$ 1,181,774,546

* Represents a party-in-interest to the Plan as defined by ERISA.

Column (d), cost, has been omitted, as investments are all participant directed.

Plan Name	**Consolidated Communications, Inc. 401(k) Plan**
Plan Sponsor EIN	**02-0636475**
ERISA Plan #	**002**
Plan Year Ending	**December 31, 2021**

The required attachment marked with an "X" in the Attachment column is included within the Accountant's Opinion attachment to Sch. H, Part III, Line 3, which consists of the entire audit report issued by the plan's Independent Qualified Public Accountant (IQPA).

Form/Schedule	Line #	Description	Attachment
5500 Sch. H	Line 3	Financial statements used in formulating the IQPA's opinion	X
5500 Sch. H	Line 4i	Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)	X
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5500 Sch. H	Line 4j	Schedule of Reportable Transactions	
5500 Sch. H	Line 4a	Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions	

Plan Name	**Consolidated Communications, Inc. 401(k) Plan**
Plan Sponsor EIN	**02-0636475**
ERISA Plan #	**002**
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