

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 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2021</u> and ending <u>12/31/2021</u>	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B	This return/report is: ☐ the first return/report ☒ an amended return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ special extension (enter description) ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program
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 <u>REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(K) PLAN</u>
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u>
1c	Effective date of plan <u>04/01/2009</u>
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC</u> <u>188 HURRICANE SHOALS RD</u> <u>NE BUILDING 2000</u> <u>LAWRENCEVILLE, GA 30046</u>
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>74-3033023</u>
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>770-270-1212</u>
2d	Business code (see instructions) <u>541990</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.	10/13/2022	JENNIFER WILBANKS-HUTSON
	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	238
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)	201
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	220
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	220
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	220
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	81
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: 2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2R 2T 3B 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 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) 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
		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 REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 74-3033023	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL
04-2647786

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
NEWPORT GROUP, INC.
27-2037969

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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)

(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 ☐

(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)

(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
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE 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.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2021</u> and ending <u>12/31/2021</u>		
A Name of plan <u>REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(K) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>74-3033023</u>	

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	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions		1b(1)	0
(2) Participant contributions.....		1b(2)	0
(3) Other		1b(3)	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)		1c(1)	0
(2) U.S. Government securities		1c(2)	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred		1c(3)(A)	0
(B) All other.....		1c(3)(B)	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred		1c(4)(A)	0
(B) Common		1c(4)(B)	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests		1c(5)	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)		1c(6)	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants).....		1c(7)	0
(8) Participant loans		1c(8)	173119
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts		1c(9)	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts		1c(10)	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....		1c(11)	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities		1c(12)	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)		1c(13)	5606941
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....		1c(14)	0
(15) Other.....		1c(15)	383255

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	5780060	7078268

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities.....	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	5780060	7078268
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	137404	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	578470	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	26844	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)	0	742718
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	9209	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		9209
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)	0	46464
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	46464	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		46464
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	0
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		837444
c Other income.....	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		1635835
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	262087	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other.....	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		262087
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		25892
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		19843
h Interest expense.....	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)	0	
(4) Other.....	2i(4)	29805	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		29805
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		337627
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		1298208
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **BATES, CARTER AND CO., LLP**

(2) EIN: **20-8004844**

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		750000
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.)			
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.)	X		
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.	X		
4n	X		
5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.			
5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)			
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.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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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 REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 74-3033023

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	
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): 22-1146430		
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.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

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

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

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2021
v. 201209

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 _____

REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC

401K PLAN

(A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS)

Years Ended

December 31, 2021 and 2020

**REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC
401K PLAN**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

October 6, 2022

To the Plan Administrator of the
REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC 401K PLAN

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

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC 401K PLAN, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) [ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit]. The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC 401K PLAN'S financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2021 and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 9 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section -

- the amounts and disclosures in the 2021 financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the 2021 financial statements referred to above relates to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC 401K PLAN and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC 401K PLAN'S ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, 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 REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC'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 REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC'S ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes as of December 31, 2021, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion -

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Bates, Carter & Co., LLP

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

October 6, 2022

To the Plan Administrator of the
REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC 401K PLAN

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC 401K PLAN, which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2020, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the 2020 financial statement based on conducting the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 9, which was certified by PNC Bank, NA, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statement. 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 as of 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 on the 2020 financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the 2020 financial statements.

Report on Form and Content in Compliance With DOL Rules and Regulations for 2020 Financial Statement

The form and content of the information included in the 2020 financial statements, 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Bates, Carter & Co., LLP

REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC
401K PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2021 and 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 6,961,406	\$ 5,606,941
Total investments	<u>6,961,406</u>	<u>5,606,941</u>
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	<u>116,862</u>	<u>173,119</u>
Total receivables	<u>116,862</u>	<u>173,119</u>
Total assets	7,078,268	5,780,060
Liabilities		
Corrective distributions payable	<u>39,057</u>	<u>25,892</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u><u>\$ 7,039,211</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,754,168</u></u>

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

REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC
401K PLAN
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
Years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment (loss) income		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 837,443	\$ 587,272
Interest and dividends	<u>46,465</u>	<u>121,707</u>
Net investment (loss) income	<u>883,908</u>	<u>708,979</u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>9,209</u>	<u>12,241</u>
Contributions		
Employer contributions	137,404	126,050
Participant contributions	578,470	485,629
Rollover contributions	<u>26,844</u>	<u>109,160</u>
Total contributions	<u>742,718</u>	<u>720,839</u>
Total additions	<u>1,635,835</u>	<u>1,442,059</u>
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	281,930	337,825
Administrative expenses	29,805	18,662
Corrective distributions	<u>39,057</u>	<u>25,892</u>
Total deductions	<u>350,792</u>	<u>382,379</u>
Net (decrease) increase	<u>1,285,043</u>	<u>1,059,680</u>
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of the year	<u>5,754,168</u>	<u>4,694,488</u>
End of the year	<u><u>\$ 7,039,211</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,754,168</u></u>

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

REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC
401K PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2021 and 2020

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC (the Company) 401K PLAN (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all eligible employees of the Company who are age 18 or older. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Participants may elect to defer a percentage of their pretax or after tax 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. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). Participants direct the investment of their contribution into various investment options offered by the Plan.

The Plan also allows the Company to make discretionary matching and profit sharing contributions. During the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company matched 1/2 of the first 4% of compensation that a participant contributed to the Plan. During both 2021 and 2020, discretionary profit sharing contributions totaled \$0.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's deferral contributions, rollovers, the Company's matching contributions, discretionary profit sharing contribution, and a proportionate interest in the investment earnings or losses of the funds which the contributions are invested. Expenses are generally allocated evenly across all eligible accounts. Participants may direct employee contributions to any of the plan's investment alternatives and may transfer among investment options on a daily basis. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the company's contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested, based on a graded scale, after six years of credited service.

REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC
401K PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2021 and 2020

Forfeited Accounts

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$0 and \$10,287, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future employer contributions or to pay administrative expenses of the Plan. In 2021 and 2020, employer contributions were reduced by \$15,872 and \$0 and administrative expenses were reduced by \$0 and \$0, respectively, from forfeited nonvested accounts.

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. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates of 4.25% to 7.50%, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined quarterly by the plan administrator. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service, death, disability, or retirement, the participant or their beneficiary may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. Participants may request a withdrawal of a portion of their employee contribution account balance if they can demonstrate financial hardship as defined by the Plan.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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.

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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. See note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchase 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 or depreciation in fair value of investments includes realized and unrealized changes in fair value of investments bought, sold, and 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. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

Benefit Payments

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

The Company pays substantially all administrative expenses of the Plan, except for the certain account activity charges which were paid from the accounts of the participants that incurred the charge.

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NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) *Accounting Standards Codification* (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 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.

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

Interest-bearing cash: Valued using amortized costs which approximates fair value.

Money market funds: Valued using amortized costs which approximates fair value.

Mutual funds: Valued using the Net Asset Value (NAV) provided by the administrator of the fund. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus the liabilities, and then divided by the number of shares outstanding. The NAV is a quoted price in an active market.

Self-directed brokerage accounts: These accounts may include mutual funds, common stock and exchange-traded funds all of which are valued at the closing price reported in the active market in which the securities are traded.

The preceding method 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 tables sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value, on a recurring basis, as of December 31, 2021 and 2020:

Fair Value Measurements At December 31, 2021				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Interest-bearing cash	\$ 6,483,701	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,483,701
Money market funds	5,949	-	-	5,949
Self-directed brokerage funds	383,255	-	-	383,255
Mutual funds	88,501	-	-	88,501
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 6,961,406</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,961,406</u>

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Fair Value Measurements At December 31, 2020				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 5,606,941	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,606,941
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 5,606,941</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,606,941</u>

NOTE 4 - RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Plan investments were managed by PNC Bank, NA from January 1, 2021 to December 7, 2021 and Fidelity Management Trust Company from December 8, 2021 to December 31, 2021. PNC Bank, NA and Fidelity Management Trust Company are the trustees as defined by the plan and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the plan for investment management services are included in net investment income.

NOTE 5 - RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2021 and 2020, to Form 5500:

	2021	2020
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 7,039,211	\$ 5,754,168
Corrective distributions payable	<u>39,057</u>	<u>25,892</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 7,078,268</u>	<u>\$ 5,780,060</u>

The following is a reconciliation of corrective distributions per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021, to Form 5500:

	Corrective distributions
Corrective distributions per the financial statements	\$ 39,057
Add: Corrective distributions for the year ended December 31, 2020, received by the Plan in 2021	25,892
Less: Corrective distributions for the year ended December 31, 2021, received by the Plan in 2022	<u>(39,057)</u>
Corrective distributions per Form 5500	<u>\$ 25,892</u>

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NOTE 6 - 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 would become 100% vested in their account balances.

NOTE 7 - TAX STATUS

The Plan is a prototype plan document and the Internal Revenue Service has determined on June 30, 2020 that the prototype plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has not obtained an individual determination letter and has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and has no income subject to unrelated business income tax.

NOTE 8 - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the 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 statement of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 9 - INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE PLAN'S TRUSTEES

All investment information and transactions in those assets included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule at December 31, 2021 and 2020 was obtained or derived from information supplied to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by the Plan's custodians.

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NOTE 10 - CONTINGENCIES

In December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus was reported to have surfaced in China. The World Health Organization has declared the outbreak to constitute a “Public Health Emergency of International Concern”. The spread of this virus (COVID-19) appeared in the United States and began to cause some operational disruptions in the first quarter of fiscal year 2020. While this disruption is currently expected to be temporary, there is considerable uncertainty regarding the potential duration of the virus. Therefore, while management expects this matter could negatively impact operating results, the total financial impact and duration cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

NOTE 11 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 6, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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PLAN NUMBER - 001
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(i) - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES
December 31, 2021

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value		Cost Value	Market Value
Interest-bearing cash	Interest-bearing cash	**		\$ 6,483,701
Fidelity Government Money Market Fund	Money market fund	**		5,949
Fidelity BrokerageLink Account	Self-directed brokerage account	**		383,255
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2015 Fund	Mutual fund	**		3,672
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2020 Fund	Mutual fund	**		665
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2025 Fund	Mutual fund	**		6,578
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2030 Fund	Mutual fund	**		11,098
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2035 Fund	Mutual fund	**		14,991
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2040 Fund	Mutual fund	**		13,721
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2045 Fund	Mutual fund	**		6,901
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2050 Fund	Mutual fund	**		14,113
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2055 Fund	Mutual fund	**		14,378
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2060 Fund	Mutual fund	**		2,283
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2065 Fund	Mutual fund	**		101
				<u>6,961,406</u>
* Notes receivable from participants	Various maturities with interest rates of 4.25% - 7.50%	**		116,862
				<u>\$ 7,078,268</u>

* Represents party-in-interest

** Cost omitted for participant directed investments

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC

401K PLAN

(A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

October 6, 2022

To the Plan Administrator of the
REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC 401K PLAN

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

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC 401K PLAN, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) [ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit]. The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC 401K PLAN'S financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2021 and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 9 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section -

- the amounts and disclosures in the 2021 financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the 2021 financial statements referred to above relates to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC 401K PLAN and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC 401K PLAN'S ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, 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 REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC'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 REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC'S ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes as of December 31, 2021, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion -

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Bates, Carter & Co., LLP

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

October 6, 2022

To the Plan Administrator of the
REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC 401K PLAN

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC 401K PLAN, which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2020, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the 2020 financial statement based on conducting the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note 9, which was certified by PNC Bank, NA, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statement. 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 as of 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 on the 2020 financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the 2020 financial statements.

Report on Form and Content in Compliance With DOL Rules and Regulations for 2020 Financial Statement

The form and content of the information included in the 2020 financial statements, 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Bates, Carter & Co., LLP

REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC
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STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2021 and 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 6,961,406	\$ 5,606,941
Total investments	<u>6,961,406</u>	<u>5,606,941</u>
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	<u>116,862</u>	<u>173,119</u>
Total receivables	<u>116,862</u>	<u>173,119</u>
Total assets	7,078,268	5,780,060
Liabilities		
Corrective distributions payable	<u>39,057</u>	<u>25,892</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u><u>\$ 7,039,211</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,754,168</u></u>

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

REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC
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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
Years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment (loss) income		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 837,443	\$ 587,272
Interest and dividends	<u>46,465</u>	<u>121,707</u>
Net investment (loss) income	<u>883,908</u>	<u>708,979</u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>9,209</u>	<u>12,241</u>
Contributions		
Employer contributions	137,404	126,050
Participant contributions	578,470	485,629
Rollover contributions	<u>26,844</u>	<u>109,160</u>
Total contributions	<u>742,718</u>	<u>720,839</u>
Total additions	1,635,835	1,442,059
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	281,930	337,825
Administrative expenses	29,805	18,662
Corrective distributions	<u>39,057</u>	<u>25,892</u>
Total deductions	<u>350,792</u>	<u>382,379</u>
Net (decrease) increase	1,285,043	1,059,680
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of the year	<u>5,754,168</u>	<u>4,694,488</u>
End of the year	<u><u>\$ 7,039,211</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,754,168</u></u>

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

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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the REGIONAL TELECOM SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC (the Company) 401K PLAN (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all eligible employees of the Company who are age 18 or older. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Participants may elect to defer a percentage of their pretax or after tax 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. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). Participants direct the investment of their contribution into various investment options offered by the Plan.

The Plan also allows the Company to make discretionary matching and profit sharing contributions. During the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company matched 1/2 of the first 4% of compensation that a participant contributed to the Plan. During both 2021 and 2020, discretionary profit sharing contributions totaled \$0.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's deferral contributions, rollovers, the Company's matching contributions, discretionary profit sharing contribution, and a proportionate interest in the investment earnings or losses of the funds which the contributions are invested. Expenses are generally allocated evenly across all eligible accounts. Participants may direct employee contributions to any of the plan's investment alternatives and may transfer among investment options on a daily basis. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the company's contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested, based on a graded scale, after six years of credited service.

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Forfeited Accounts

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$0 and \$10,287, respectively. These accounts will be used to reduce future employer contributions or to pay administrative expenses of the Plan. In 2021 and 2020, employer contributions were reduced by \$15,872 and \$0 and administrative expenses were reduced by \$0 and \$0, respectively, from forfeited nonvested accounts.

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. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates of 4.25% to 7.50%, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined quarterly by the plan administrator. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service, death, disability, or retirement, the participant or their beneficiary may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. Participants may request a withdrawal of a portion of their employee contribution account balance if they can demonstrate financial hardship as defined by the Plan.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

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Use of Estimates

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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 discussion of fair value measurements.

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Notes Receivable From Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

Benefit Payments

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

The Company pays substantially all administrative expenses of the Plan, except for the certain account activity charges which were paid from the accounts of the participants that incurred the charge.

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NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) *Accounting Standards Codification* (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 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.

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

Interest-bearing cash: Valued using amortized costs which approximates fair value.

Money market funds: Valued using amortized costs which approximates fair value.

Mutual funds: Valued using the Net Asset Value (NAV) provided by the administrator of the fund. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus the liabilities, and then divided by the number of shares outstanding. The NAV is a quoted price in an active market.

Self-directed brokerage accounts: These accounts may include mutual funds, common stock and exchange-traded funds all of which are valued at the closing price reported in the active market in which the securities are traded.

The preceding method 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 tables sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value, on a recurring basis, as of December 31, 2021 and 2020:

Fair Value Measurements At December 31, 2021				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Interest-bearing cash	\$ 6,483,701	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,483,701
Money market funds	5,949	-	-	5,949
Self-directed brokerage funds	383,255	-	-	383,255
Mutual funds	88,501	-	-	88,501
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 6,961,406</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,961,406</u>

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Fair Value Measurements At December 31, 2020				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 5,606,941	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,606,941
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 5,606,941</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,606,941</u>

NOTE 4 - RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Plan investments were managed by PNC Bank, NA from January 1, 2021 to December 7, 2021 and Fidelity Management Trust Company from December 8, 2021 to December 31, 2021. PNC Bank, NA and Fidelity Management Trust Company are the trustees as defined by the plan and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the plan for investment management services are included in net investment income.

NOTE 5 - RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2021 and 2020, to Form 5500:

	2021	2020
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 7,039,211	\$ 5,754,168
Corrective distributions payable	<u>39,057</u>	<u>25,892</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 7,078,268</u>	<u>\$ 5,780,060</u>

The following is a reconciliation of corrective distributions per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021, to Form 5500:

	<u>Corrective distributions</u>
Corrective distributions per the financial statements	\$ 39,057
Add: Corrective distributions for the year ended December 31, 2020, received by the Plan in 2021	25,892
Less: Corrective distributions for the year ended December 31, 2021, received by the Plan in 2022	<u>(39,057)</u>
Corrective distributions per Form 5500	<u>\$ 25,892</u>

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NOTE 6 - 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 would become 100% vested in their account balances.

NOTE 7 - TAX STATUS

The Plan is a prototype plan document and the Internal Revenue Service has determined on June 30, 2020 that the prototype plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has not obtained an individual determination letter and has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and has no income subject to unrelated business income tax.

NOTE 8 - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the 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 statement of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 9 - INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE PLAN'S TRUSTEES

All investment information and transactions in those assets included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule at December 31, 2021 and 2020 was obtained or derived from information supplied to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by the Plan's custodians.

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NOTE 10 - CONTINGENCIES

In December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus was reported to have surfaced in China. The World Health Organization has declared the outbreak to constitute a “Public Health Emergency of International Concern”. The spread of this virus (COVID-19) appeared in the United States and began to cause some operational disruptions in the first quarter of fiscal year 2020. While this disruption is currently expected to be temporary, there is considerable uncertainty regarding the potential duration of the virus. Therefore, while management expects this matter could negatively impact operating results, the total financial impact and duration cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

NOTE 11 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 6, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(i) - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value		Cost Value	Market Value
Interest-bearing cash	Interest-bearing cash	**		\$ 6,483,701
Fidelity Government Money Market Fund	Money market fund	**		5,949
Fidelity BrokerageLink Account	Self-directed brokerage account	**		383,255
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2015 Fund	Mutual fund	**		3,672
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2020 Fund	Mutual fund	**		665
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2025 Fund	Mutual fund	**		6,578
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2030 Fund	Mutual fund	**		11,098
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2035 Fund	Mutual fund	**		14,991
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2040 Fund	Mutual fund	**		13,721
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2045 Fund	Mutual fund	**		6,901
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2050 Fund	Mutual fund	**		14,113
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2055 Fund	Mutual fund	**		14,378
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2060 Fund	Mutual fund	**		2,283
Fidelity Advisor Freedom 2065 Fund	Mutual fund	**		101
				<u>6,961,406</u>
* Notes receivable from participants	Various maturities with interest rates of 4.25% - 7.50%	**		116,862
				<u>\$ 7,078,268</u>

* Represents party-in-interest

** Cost omitted for participant directed investments

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.