

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 multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☒ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☐
D Check box if filing under:	☐ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
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>ELLIJAY TELEPHONE COMPANY PROFIT SHARING PLAN</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>001</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1969</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>58-0233660</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>706-276-2271</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2d Business code (see instructions) <u>517000</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1969</u>		2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>58-0233660</u>		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>706-276-2271</u>		2d Business code (see instructions) <u>517000</u>	
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2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>706-276-2271</u>											
2d Business code (see instructions) <u>517000</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>ELLIJAY TELEPHONE COMPANY</u> <u>224 DALTON ST</u> <u>ELLIJAY, GA 30540-3119</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.	04/27/2023	DARRELL HARPER
	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	159
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)	143
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	135
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....		6b	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	19
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	154
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	2
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	156
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	154
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6h	1
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 2J 2K 2F 2G 2R 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>2</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 A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 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 ELLIJAY TELEPHONE COMPANY PROFIT SHARING PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ELLIJAY TELEPHONE COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-0233660

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
42-0127290	61271	710756	156	01/01/2021	12/31/2021

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid 52487	(b) Total amount of fees paid 10497
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
DEMPSEY LORD SMITH LLC
901 NORTH BROAD STREET NE
STE 400
ROME, GA 30161-5224

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
52487	0	FEES	3

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
SWERDLIN & COMPANY
5901 PEACHTREE DUNWOODY ROAD NE
BLDG B
ATLANTA, GA 30328-5382

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
0	7764	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	3

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

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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
0	2733	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	3

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

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

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

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

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	428
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	24095032

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity
(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ FLEXIBLE INVESTMENT ANNUITY

b	Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	572
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c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)		
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	7c(2)		
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	7c(3)		
	(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)		
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)		
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(6) Total additions	7c(6)	0
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d	Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	572
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e	Deductions:			
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)		
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2)		
	(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)		
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)		
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(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	0
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f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	572
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Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3))		9a(4)	0
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)	0
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	0
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ELLIJAY TELEPHONE COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-0233660

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
42-0127290	61271	613953	156	01/01/2021	12/31/2021

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid 1928	(b) Total amount of fees paid 385
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
DEMPSEY LORD SMITH LLC
901 NORTH BROAD STREET NE
STE 400
ROME, GA 30161-5224

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
1928	0	FEES	3

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
SWERDLIN & COMPANY
5901 PEACHTREE DUNWOODY ROAD NE
BLDG B
ATLANTA, GA 30328-5382

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
0	312	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	3

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

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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
0	73	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	3

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

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

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

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	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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

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

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	0
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	0

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity
(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ **CUSTODIAL GUARANTEED INTEREST CONTRACT**

b	Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	694021
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c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	67322	
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	7c(2)		
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	7c(3)	7349	
	(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)	218890	
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)		

(6) Total additions	7c(6)	293561
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d	Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	987582
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e	Deductions:			
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	52071	
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2)	2666	
	(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)	342648	
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)		

(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	397385
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f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	590197
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Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
b ☐ Dental
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9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3))		9a(4)	0
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)	0
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	0
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ELLIJAY TELEPHONE COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-0233660	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

42-0127290

(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?
13 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	110620	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

DEMPSEY LORD SMITH LLC

20-4853289

(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?
49 99	OTHER SERVICES	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	43193	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

SWERDLIN AND COMPANY

58-1392124

(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?
13 50 99 49	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	1200	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	16670	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

J A JOHNSON & CO PC

58-2019316

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10 50	ACCOUNTANT	8299	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	1	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

ASCENSUS

82-3719843

(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?
13 50 99 49	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	700	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	3402	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

WILSHIRE ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED

95-2755361

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 72	INVESTMENT ADVISORY	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	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
DEMPSEY LORD SMITH LLC	49 99	43193

(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.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
SWERDLIN AND COMPANY	13 50 99 49	16670

(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.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
SWERDLIN AND COMPANY	13 50 99 49	16670

(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.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
ASCENSUS	13 50 99 49	3402
(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.	
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
ASCENSUS	13 50 99 49	3402
(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.	
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
J.A. JOHNSON & CO, P.C.	10 50	1
(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.	
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	ACCOUNTANT	

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
WILSHIRE ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED	27 72	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	1 BASIS POINT ANNUALLY ON ELIGIBLE PLAN ASSETS IN WILSHIRE 3(21) OR WILSHIRE 3(21) AUTO-EXECUTE FIDUCIARY SERVICE.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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:
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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 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 <u>ELLIJAY TELEPHONE COMPANY PROFIT SHARING PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u>	
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>ELLIJAY TELEPHONE COMPANY</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>58-0233660</u>	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN GOVT & HQ BOND SA-R6</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-007</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1054230</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN MIDCAP GROWTH SEP ACCT-R6</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-021</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1125511</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN U.S. PROPERTY SEP ACCT-R6</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-027</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1161213</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN CORE PLUS BD SEP AACT-R6</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-005</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1158912</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN DIVERSIFIED INTL SA-R6</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-015</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>831087</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN LGCAP S&P 500 INDEX SA-R6</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-016</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1959268</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN SMCAP S&P 600 INDEX SA-R6</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-028</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1410238</u>		

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN MIDCAP S&P 400 IDX SA-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-023	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 901522
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SMALLCAP GROWTH I SA-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-070	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 608637
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2010 SEP ACCT-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-075	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 263651
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2020 SEP ACCT-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-076	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1809503
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2030 SEP ACCT-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-077	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5609947
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2040 SEP ACCT-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-078	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1139899
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2050 SEP ACCT-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-079	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 815167
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME STRAT INC SA-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-080	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SAM BALANCED SEP ACCT-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-105	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 466032
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SAM CONS BALANCED SA-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-106	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 112453

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SAM CONS GROWTH SA-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-107	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 126322
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SAM FLEXIBLE INCOME SA-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-108	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 43859
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SAM STRAT GROWTH SA-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-109	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 143613
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2015 SEP ACCT-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-110	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2025 SEP ACCT-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-111	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1313905
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2035 SEP ACCT-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-112	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 514854
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2045 SEP ACCT-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-113	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 35696
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2055 SEP ACCT-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-114	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 30026
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME 2060 SEP ACCT-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-130	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 95097
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LARGE CAP GROWTH I SA-R6		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-066	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1364391

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

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) 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 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021		
A Name of plan ELLIJAY TELEPHONE COMPANY PROFIT SHARING PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ELLIJAY TELEPHONE COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-0233660	

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	25971	0
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	18880	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	19798291	24095032
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	15990591	18111753
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	694467	590625
(15) Other.....	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:		
(1)	Employer securities.....	1d(1)	
(2)	Employer real property.....	1d(2)	
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	36528200 42797410
Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g	
h	Operating payables	1h	
i	Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	
j	Other liabilities.....	1j	
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0 0
Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	36528200 42797410

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
Income			
a	Contributions:		
(1)	Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	931193
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	602168
	(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	
(2)	Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)	
(3)	Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)	1533361
b	Earnings on investments:		
(1)	Interest:		
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	
	(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	7349
	(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)	7349
(2)	Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)	
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	104299
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)	104299
(3)	Rents	2b(3)	
(4)	Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)	
	(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)	0
(5)	Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)	0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		2840174
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		3559809
c Other income.....	2c		-17
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		8044975
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	1654945	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other.....	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		1654945
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....	2i(1)	8300	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	112520	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) Other.....	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		120820
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		1775765
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		6269210
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

(1) ☒ 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: J.A. JOHNSON & CO., P.C.

(2) EIN: 58-2019316

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		1000000
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.)			
4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n			

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	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 ELLIJAY TELEPHONE COMPANY PROFIT SHARING PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ELLIJAY TELEPHONE COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-0233660

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	0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 42-0127290		
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
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Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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 _____

Ellijay Telephone Company

Profit Sharing Plan
Financial Statements and Additional Information
For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

ELLIJAY TELEPHONE COMPANY PROFIT SHARING PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator of
Ellijay Telephone Company Profit Sharing Plan
Ellijay, Georgia

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

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of Ellijay Telephone Company Profit Sharing 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 Ellijay Telephone Company Profit Sharing 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 a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note G 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 Financial Statements section—

- the amounts and disclosures in the 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 financial statements referred to above related 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 Ellijay Telephone Company

Profit Sharing Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. 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 Ellijay Telephone Company Profit Sharing 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 Ellijay Telephone Company Profit Sharing Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Ellijay Telephone Company Profit Sharing Plan'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 Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of plan assets held for investment as of or for the year ended December 31, 2021 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are 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 schedules, 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 or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedules 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 schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, 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 schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are 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 schedules related 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).

J.A. Johnson & Co., P.C.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
Conyers, Georgia

May 19, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator of
Ellijay Telephone Company Profit Sharing Plan
Ellijay, Georgia

We were engaged to audit the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits of Ellijay Telephone Company Profit Sharing Plan as of December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement 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 a financial statement that is 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 G, which was certified by Principal Life Insurance Company, 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 statement. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the 2020 financial statement.

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 statement, 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.

J.A. Johnson & Co., P.C.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
Conyers, Georgia

May 19, 2022

ELLIJAY TELEPHONE COMPANY PROFIT SHARING PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	December 31,	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
ASSETS		
Investments in Contracts with		
Insurance Companies at Fair Value (See Note D)		
Pooled Separate Accounts	\$ 24,095,032	\$ 19,798,291
Registered Investment Accounts	18,111,753	15,990,591
Investments in Contracts with		
Insurance Companies at Contract Value (See Note F)		
Insurance Company General Accounts	<u>590,625</u>	<u>694,467</u>
Total Investments	42,797,410	36,483,349
Receivables:		
Employer Contributions	-	25,971
Employee Contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>18,880</u>
Total Receivables	<u>-</u>	<u>44,851</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	42,797,410	36,528,200
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 42,797,410</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 36,528,200</u></u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

ELLIJAY TELEPHONE COMPANY PROFIT SHARING PLAN

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	<u>Years Ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Additions to Net Assets:		
Contributions		
Employer	\$ 931,193	\$ 938,535
Employee	602,168	575,137
Rollover	-	344,212
Total Contributions	<u>1,533,361</u>	<u>1,857,884</u>
Income From Investments		
Net appreciation/(depreciation) in fair value of investments:		
Pooled Separate Accounts	2,840,174	2,537,423
Registered Investment Accounts	3,559,809	2,872,006
Interest	7,349	5,894
Dividends	104,299	113,065
Miscellaneous Income	(17)	38
Total Income (Loss) From Investments	<u>6,511,614</u>	<u>5,528,426</u>
Total Additions	8,044,975	7,386,310
Deductions From Net Assets:		
Benefits Paid to Participants	1,654,945	841,157
Administrative Expense	<u>120,820</u>	<u>95,065</u>
Total Deductions	<u>1,775,765</u>	<u>936,222</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Available for Benefits	6,269,210	6,450,088
Net Assets Available For Benefits:		
Beginning of Year	<u>36,528,200</u>	<u>30,078,112</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 42,797,410</u>	<u>\$ 36,528,200</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

ELLIJAY TELEPHONE COMPANY PROFIT SHARING PLAN

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A. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. **BASIS OF PRESENTATION** - The financial statements of the plan were prepared using the accrual method of accounting. Contributions and investment earnings are allocated upon receipt to each participants account.

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

2. **ESTIMATES** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principals generally accepted in the United States of America requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of plan assets, liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

3. **INVESTMENT VALUATION AND INCOME RECOGNITION** - Investments are reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. 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. The Plan's Administrative Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, custodians, and insurance company.

Interest income is recognized when earned. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Realized gains and losses on investments are recognized upon the sale of the related investments and unrealized appreciation or depreciation is recognized at period end when the carrying values of the related investments are adjusted to their estimated fair market value. Purchase and sales of securities are reflected on a trade-date basis.

Earnings on investments are allocated on a pro rata basis to individual participant accounts based on the type of investment and the ratio of each participant's individual account balance to the aggregate of participant account balances.

4. **PAYMENT OF BENEFITS** -The Plan records benefit payments to withdrawing participants when paid. Under the rules for preparation of Form 5500, the Plan's Form 5500 will reflect an accrual for the amount to be paid to participants who withdrew from the Plan prior to year-end, and who had requested a distribution which was approved but not yet paid at period end, if any. There were no unpaid distributions at December 31, 2021 or 2020.
5. **CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK** - Financial instruments that potentially subject the Plan to concentrations of credit risk are part of the holdings in Plan investments. Management believes that the Custodian maintains the Plan's investments with high credit quality institutions and attempts to limit credit exposure to any particular investment.
6. **OPERATING EXPENSES** - Administrative expenses incurred by the Plan include benefit distributions fees charged directly to the participants accounts and investment management and audit fees charged against the Plan's investments.
7. **DATE OF MANAGEMENT'S REVIEW** - Subsequent events were evaluated through May 19, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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B. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Ellijay Telephone Company Profit Sharing Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

1. **GENERAL** - The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of Ellijay Telephone Company who have completed at least one year of entry service (minimum 1,000 hours worked). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).
2. **CONTRIBUTIONS** - Participants may contribute up to the maximum percentage allowable of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. The Company may, at its discretion, make a discretionary contribution to the Plan. The amount of the discretionary contribution percentage is determined annually by the employer. Effective 9/15/2017, the Company amended the Plan to provide for both a matching and fixed percentage component to its discretionary contribution. Effective January 1, 2019, the Company increased the fixed percentage from 3% to 5% along with a match of 1% of employee elective deferrals.
3. **PARTICIPANT ACCOUNTS** - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Company's contribution and, (b) Plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of management and administrative expenses. Allocation of the Company's discretionary contribution, if any, is based upon the ratio of the participant's compensation to the total of such compensation of all participants in their allocation group. Allocation of Plan earnings and administrative expenses is based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.
4. **INVESTMENT OPTIONS** - Participants must direct their salary deferral and company discretionary contributions to selected investments as made available and determined by the Plan Administrator. Participants may change their investment options throughout the year. The Plan's investment options are as follows:

Principal Pooled Separate Accounts - Investments are held in pooled separate accounts in which the assets of two or more unrelated plans at an insurance company are pooled for investment purposes. The plan can obtain greater diversification of investments and lower brokerage and administrative fees by investing its assets in pooled separate accounts instead of investing the assets in separate trusts. The assets underlying a pooled separate account are the insurance company's property, with each of the two or more unrelated participating plan's units of participation representing rights to the assets underlying the separate account.

Principal Fixed Income Guaranteed Option - A group annuity contract issued by Principal Life Insurance Company. The contract rate is fully guaranteed and the contract provides assurance that the rate will not be less than zero.

Electronic Linkage Access Funds - These are investments in mutual funds.

5. **PAYMENT OF BENEFITS** - On termination of service due to death, disability or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or an annuity.
6. **FORFEITED ACCOUNTS** - Forfeited nonvested amounts totaled \$1,358 in 2021 and \$3,445 in 2020. These amounts may first be used to pay administrative expenses. Any remaining balance is then used to reduce future employer contributions. During 2021 and 2020, employer contributions were reduced by \$1,321 and \$3,550, respectively, from forfeited nonvested accounts.

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B. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

7. **VESTING** - Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting of discretionary profit sharing contributions is based on years of continuous service. Upon reaching two years of service the participant becomes 20% vested. Vesting increases an additional 20% with each additional year of service up to 100% vesting after six years of continuous service.

C. TAX STATUS

The Plan adopted a non-standardized form of a prototype plan sponsored by Principal Life Insurance Company. The Plan has received its latest opinion letter dated March 31, 2008 from the Internal Revenue Service as to the Plan's qualified status under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan Administrator believes the Plan is designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the plan has taken an uncertain position that more-likely-than-not would not be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authorities. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2021, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2018.

D. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value in the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefit.

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</u>	<u>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</u>	<u>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</u>
<u>December 31, 2021</u>				
Pooled Separate Accounts	\$ 24,095,032	\$ -	\$ 22,933,819	\$ 1,161,213
Fixed Income Guaranteed Return Account	590,196	-	-	590,196
Pension Builder Account	429	-	-	429
Mutual Funds	<u>18,111,753</u>	<u>18,111,753</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 42,797,410</u>	<u>\$ 18,111,753</u>	<u>\$ 22,933,819</u>	<u>\$ 1,751,838</u>
<u>December 31, 2020</u>				
Pooled Separate Accounts	\$ 19,798,291	\$ -	\$ 18,281,938	\$ 1,516,353
Fixed Income Guaranteed Return Account	694,021	-	-	694,021
Pension Builder Account	446	-	-	446
Mutual Funds	<u>15,990,591</u>	<u>15,990,591</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 36,483,349</u>	<u>\$ 15,990,591</u>	<u>\$ 18,281,938</u>	<u>\$ 2,210,820</u>

ELLIJAY TELEPHONE COMPANY PROFIT SHARING PLAN

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D. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy consists of three broad levels: Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and have the highest priority, Level 2 inputs consist of observable inputs other than quoted prices for identical assets, and Level 3 inputs have the lowest priority. The plan uses appropriate valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair value of its investments. When available, the Plan measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value. Level 3 inputs were only used when Level 1 or Level 2 inputs were not available.

Level 2 Fair Value Measurements

The fair value of the Pooled Separate Accounts for which quoted market prices are not available are valued based on the market value of its underlying investments that comprise the accounts at year-end. The Pooled Separate Accounts are made up of a wide variety of underlying investments such as equities, preferred stock, bonds, real estate and mutual funds.

Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The Fixed Income Guaranteed Return Account, Pension Builder Account, and the U.S. Property Pooled Separate Account are not actively traded and significant other observable inputs are not available. Thus, the fair value of the Fixed Income Guaranteed Return Account and Pension Builder Account is determined by the amount plan participants would receive if they were to withdraw or transfer funds within the Plan prior to their maturity, and the fair value of the U.S. Property Pooled Separate Account is based on independent real estate appraisals. The following table provides further details of the Level 3 fair value measurements.

<u>December 31, 2021</u>	<u>Fixed Income Guaranteed Return Account</u>	<u>Pension Builder Account</u>	<u>U.S. Property Pooled Separate Account</u>	<u>Total</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 694,021	\$ 446	\$ 1,516,353	\$ 2,210,820
Transfers into Level 3	218,817	-	31,192	250,009
Transfers out of Level 3	(342,574)	-	(514,730)	(857,304)
Total gains or losses (realized and unrealized) included in changes in net assets available for benefits	7,349	(18)	229,962	237,293
Purchases, sales, issuances, transfers, and settlements (Net)				
Purchases	67,322	-	27,075	94,397
Issuances	-	-	-	-
Sales	(54,738)	-	(128,639)	(183,377)
Settlements	-	-	-	-
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 590,197</u>	<u>\$ 428</u>	<u>\$ 1,161,213</u>	<u>\$ 1,751,838</u>

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D. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

<u>December 31, 2020</u>	Fixed Income Guaranteed Return Account	Pension Builder Account	U.S. Property Pooled Separate Account	Total
Beginning Balance	\$ 441,595	\$ 331	\$ 1,642,879	\$ 2,084,805
Transfers into Level 3	361,858	-	72,450	434,108
Transfers out of Level 3	(151,631)	-	(259,789)	(411,420)
Total gains or losses (realized and unrealized) included in changes in net assets available for benefits	5,894	30	6,553	12,477
Purchases, sales, issuances, transfers, and settlements (Net)				
Purchases	47,211	85	100,635	147,931
Issuances	-	-	-	-
Sales	(10,706)	-	(46,375)	(57,081)
Settlements	-	-	-	-
Ending Balance	\$ 694,021	\$ 446	\$ 1,516,353	\$ 2,210,820

Level 3 gains and losses (realized and unrealized) included in changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 are reported as interest income and net appreciation/(depreciation) in fair value of investments. Transfers into and out of Level 3 assets are a result of participant initiated transfers between plan funds.

E. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK AND FINANCIAL RISK

All the Plan's investments are exposed to concentrations of credit risk. Special factors associated with mutual funds and retirement trust investments include market risk, liquidity risk, derivatives risk, options and futures risk, interest rate risk and foreign securities risk.

Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investments 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. Because these risks are within the various funds it is not practical to estimate the risk amount.

F. INVESTMENT CONTRACT WITH INSURANCE COMPANY

For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Plan entered into a benefit-responsive investment contract that guarantees principal and provides a stated crediting rate of interest backed by the Principal Life Insurance Company called the Principal Fixed Income Guaranteed Return Account. The Composite Crediting Rate is determined by the Guaranteed Interest Balances. Changes in future interest crediting rates will not effect the amount reported as an adjustment from fair value to contract value on the statement of net assets available for benefits for the portion of net assets attributable to fully benefit responsive investment contracts. The Composite Crediting Rate is currently reset on a semiannual basis and will never be less than the Guaranteed Minimum Interest Rate of 1.45% before the deduction of fees for administrative and recordkeeping services provided to the plan.

Certain events limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with Principal Life. Such events include the following: (a) amendments to the plan documents (including complete or partial plan termination or merger with another plan), (b) bankruptcy of the plan sponsor, (c) the failure to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The Plan administrator does not believe that the occurrence of any such event, which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with Plan participants is probable. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk on the contract issuer or otherwise.

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F. INVESTMENT CONTRACT WITH INSURANCE COMPANY (Continued)

The average yields of the guaranteed return account net of rate level service fees (calculated by dividing the annualized earnings by the fair value at the beginning of the year) is as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Based on actual earnings	1.06%	1.33%
Based on interest credited to participants	1.06%	1.33%

G. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE CUSTODIAN OF THE PLAN

The Company has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the Plan Administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to the following information certified by Principal Life Insurance Company, except for comparing such information certified by the custodian to information included in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule.

The following table presents fair value of the investments in this Plan that were certified by Principal Life Insurance Company. Single investments representing more than 5% of the Plan's net assets as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 are separately identified.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Lifetime 2030 Pooled Separate Account	\$ 5,609,947	\$ 3,556,401
Janus Henderson Forty Institutional Fund	3,540,726	3,267,071
Vanguard Growth & Income Fund	6,040,920	4,730,356
Fidelity Advisor Equity Growth Institutional Fund	2,665,802	2,663,073
Other investments certified by Principal Life Insurance Company	<u>24,940,015</u>	<u>22,266,448</u>
Total Investments	<u>\$ 42,797,410</u>	<u>\$ 36,483,349</u>

Principal Life Insurance Company also certified to the completeness and accuracy of \$6,399,983 of net appreciation in fair value of investments, \$7,349 of interest from investments, and \$104,299 of dividend income from investments for the year ended December 31, 2021 and \$5,409,429 of net appreciation in fair value of investments, \$5,894 of interest from investments, and \$113,065 of dividend income from investments for the year ended December 31, 2020.

H. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Plan investments are shares of pooled separate accounts managed by Principal Life Insurance Company. Principal Life Insurance Company is the custodian of the plan assets and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. In addition to indirect fees consisting of sales commissions, sales loads, redemption charges, etc., Principal Life Insurance Company receives direct administrative and investment advisory fees for services rendered on behalf of these accounts. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management and administrative services amounted to \$112,521 for 2021 and \$86,765 for 2020.

I. PLAN TERMINATION

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

Form 5500Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceDepartment 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****Part I Annual Report Identification Information**

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

- A** This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
- B** This return/report is: ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report
☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
- C** If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ☐
- D** Check box if filing under: ☐ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program
☐ special extension (enter description) _____
- 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 Ellijay Telephone Company Profit Sharing Plan	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001 1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1969
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) Ellijay Telephone Company 224 Dalton St Ellijay GA 30540-3119	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-0233660 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 706-276-2271 2d Business code (see instructions) 517000

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

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

SIGN HERE		6-27-2022	Darrell Harper
	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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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		4-27-2023	Darrell Harper
	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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ELLIJAY TELEPHONE COMPANY PROFIT SHARING PLAN

58-0233660 PLAN NUMBER 001

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

December 31, 2021

(a)	(b) Identity of Party	(c) Description of Investment	(e) Current Value
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Fixed Income Guaranteed Option Insurance Company General Account	\$ 590,197
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Pension Builder Insurance Company General Account	428
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Government & HQ Bond Securities Pooled Separate Account	1,054,230
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Core Plus Bond Pooled Separate Account	1,158,912
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal US Property Pooled Separate Account	1,161,213
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Lifetime Strategic Income Pooled Separate Account	-
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Lifetime 2010 Pooled Separate Account	263,651
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Lifetime 2015 Pooled Separate Account	-
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Lifetime 2020 Pooled Separate Account	1,809,503
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Lifetime 2025 Pooled Separate Account	1,313,905
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Lifetime 2030 Pooled Separate Account	5,609,947
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Lifetime 2035 Pooled Separate Account	514,854
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Lifetime 2040 Pooled Separate Account	1,139,899
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Lifetime 2040 Pooled Separate Account	35,696
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Lifetime 2050 Pooled Separate Account	815,167
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Lifetime 2055 Pooled Separate Account	30,026
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Lifetime 2060 Pooled Separate Account	95,097
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal SAM Balanced Pooled Separate Account	466,032
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal SAM Conservative Balanced Pooled Separate Account	112,453
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal SAM Conservative Growth Pooled Separate Account	126,322
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal SAM Flexible Income Pooled Separate Account	43,859
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal SAM Strategic Growth Pooled Separate Account	143,613
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Largecap Growth I Pooled Separate Account	1,364,391
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Largecap S&P 500 Index Pooled Separate Account	1,959,268
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Smallcap Growth I Pooled Separate Account	608,637
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Midcap Growth Pooled Separate Account	1,125,511
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Midcap S&P 400 Index Pooled Separate Account	901,522
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Smallcap S&P 600 Index Pooled Separate Account	1,410,238
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Principal Diversified International Pooled Separate Account	831,087
	American Century Investments	American Century Smallcap Value Investment Fund	386,759
	American Century Investments	American Century Value Investment Fund	322,839
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Advisor Equity Growth Institutional Fund	2,665,802
	Janus International Holding, LLC	Janus Henderson Enterprise Institutional Portfolio	1,948,545
	Janus International Holding, LLC	Janus Henderson Forty Institutional Portfolio	3,540,726
	Oppenheimer	Invesco Oppenheimer Developing Markets A Fund	442,865
	T. Rowe Price Funds	T. Rowe Price Equity Income Fund	547,091
	T. Rowe Price Funds	T. Rowe Price Science & Technology Fund	137,392
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Growth & Income Investment Fund	6,040,920
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Primecap Investment Fund	1,307,194
	Vanguard Group	Vanguard Wellington Investor Fund	712,818
	Wells Fargo	Wells Fargo Special Mid Cap Value Administrator Fund	58,801
			\$ <u>42,797,410</u>

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(1) Cost information has not been included because all investments are participant directed.