

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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ 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 RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/1999
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) RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS OPERATING COMPANY, INC. 6500 CHASE OAKS BOULEVARD SUITE 100 PLANO, TX 75023
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-3387074
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 972-521-5800
2d	Business code (see instructions) 334200

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/10/2024	CYNTHIA INFANTE
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/10/2024	CYNTHIA INFANTE
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ 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 1512
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 747 6a(2) 683 6b 1 6c 709 6d 1393 6e 0 6f 1393 6g(1) 1446 6g(2) 1341 6h 5
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D 2S

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
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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
- (4)** ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5)** ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2)** ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3)** ☒ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 1
- (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 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan	B Three-digit plan number (PN)	001
RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN		
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	D Employer Identification Number (EIN)	
RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS OPERATING COMPANY, INC.	04-3387074	

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
0	0

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

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	34459113
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	46506302

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier**6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....**6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.**6d**

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

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

b Balance at the end of the previous year**7b**

38003157

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year**7c(1)**

1555880

(2) Dividends and credits

7c(2)

(3) Interest credited during the year

7c(3)

700081

(4) Transferred from separate account.....

7c(4)

190454

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

5154028

▶ **FORFEITURE CREDITS, TRANSFERS IN LOAN REPAYMENTS
MISCELLANEOUS IN**

(6) Total additions

7c(6)

7600443

d Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)**7d**

45603600

e Deductions:

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

7e(1)

6249469

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2)

982

(3) Transferred to separate account.....

7e(3)

218076

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

4675960

▶ **FORFEITURES DEBITS, TRANSFERS OUT LOAN INITIATIONS
MISCELLANEOUS OUT**

(5) Total deductions

7e(5)

11144487

f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)**7f**

34459113

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

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
		2023
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS OPERATING COMPANY, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-3387074	

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)

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(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 15 37 50 64 65	NONE	131276	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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(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	NONE	118003	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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(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	NONE	54600	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

Schedule D (Form 5500) 2023
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
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code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II **Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)**

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

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
		2023
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS OPERATING COMPANY, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-3387074	

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(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)	1031791	1227418
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	40001554	46506302
(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)	207988437	230938146
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	38003157	34459113
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	287024939	313130979
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	287024939	313130979

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	1643878	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	9457949	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	325254	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		11427081
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)	64892	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	700081	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		764973
(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)	3242181	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		3242181
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		10067284
(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)		34757282
c Other income	2c		144959
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		60403760

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	33901105	
(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)		33901105
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	248787	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	28600	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	118003	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	1225	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		396615
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		34297720

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		26106040
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: **TURNER, STONE & COMPANY, LLP**

(2) EIN: **75-2608885**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG 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. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	☒	☐	5273
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.)	☐	☒	
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.)	☐	☒	
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.)	☐	☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒	☐	2000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	☐	☒	
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?	☐	☒	
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?	☐	☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒	☐	
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.)	☐	☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	☐	☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	☐	☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	☐	☒	
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.	☐	☐	

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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS OPERATING COMPANY, INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-3387074

Part I

Distributions

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

1

Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....

1

0

2

Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 22-1211670

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3

Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year

3

Part II

Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4

Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5

If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6

a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived).....

6a

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....

6b

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)

6c

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7

Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

8

If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

Part III

Amendments

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If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.

☐ Increase

☐ Decrease

☐ Both

☐ No

Part IV

ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10

Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?.....

☐ Yes

☐ No

11

a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)

☐ Yes

☐ No

12

Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023
v. 230707

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (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
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐	
19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):	
a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%	
b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
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. _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).	
☐ Design-based safe harbor method	
☐ "Prior year" ADP test	
☒ "Current year" ADP test	
☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>09 / 16 / 2022</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q704336A</u> .	

RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

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Independent Auditors' Report

*To the Plan Trustee and Administrator of
Ribbon Communications 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan*

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

We have performed the audits of the financial statements of Ribbon Communications 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the 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 statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the 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 audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section.

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, 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 accompanying financial statements 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 audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. 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 the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

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

Auditors' 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 GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certifications, 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.

Other Matter — Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i, Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) and Schedule H, Line 4(a) Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. 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 its 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, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified 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).

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janner Stone".

Certified Public Accountants
Dallas, Texas
October 4, 2024

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

<i>December 31,</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
Assets		
Participant-directed investments:		
Mutual funds, at fair value	\$ 230,938,146	\$ 207,988,437
Pooled separate accounts, at net asset value	46,506,302	40,001,554
Group annuity insurance contract, at contract value	34,459,113	38,003,157
Total investments	311,903,561	285,993,148
Notes receivable from participants	1,227,418	1,031,791
Total assets	313,130,979	287,024,939
Liabilities		
	-	-
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 313,130,979	\$ 287,024,939

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

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Additions

Contributions:		
Participants	\$	9,457,949
Employer		1,643,878
Participant rollovers		325,254
		<u>11,427,081</u>
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments		44,824,566
Interest and dividends		3,942,262
		<u>48,766,828</u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants		64,892
Other income		144,959
Total additions		<u>60,403,760</u>

Deductions

Benefit payments to participants		33,901,105
Administrative expenses		396,615
Total deductions		<u>34,297,720</u>

Net increase		26,106,040
Net assets available for benefits, beginning		<u>287,024,939</u>
Net assets available for benefits, ending	\$	<u>313,130,979</u>

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

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 1 - Description of the Plan

The following description of the Ribbon Communications 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan"), formerly known as GENBAND US LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust, provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provision.

General - The Plan is a defined contribution plan whereby eligible employees of Ribbon Communications Operating Company, Inc. (Employer, Company or Plan Sponsor), (formerly known as Sonus Networks, Inc.), are permitted to make pretax contributions that are tax deferred under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan is intended to satisfy the requirements for a qualified retirement plan under the provisions of the IRC. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

Plan Administration - The Plan is administrated by the Company (the "Plan Administrator"). The duties of the Plan Administrator are to oversee the operations and administration of the Plan in accordance with the specific terms of the Plan, provide for prudent investment of the Plan assets and keeping accurate records and reports. Prudential Bank and Trust, FSB, Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company, Empower Trust Company, LLC and Empower Annuity Insurance Company are responsible for the custody and management of the Plan's assets.

Eligibility - Employees of the Company who are twenty-one years of age become eligible to participate upon their hire date.

Effective September 1, 2021, the Plan was amended to include an auto enrollment provision for new hires at a 4% deferral rate, with an annual increase of 1% up to a maximum deferral rate of 10%.

Contributions - A participant may elect to defer up to 80% of his or her pretax compensation subject to certain maximum limitations imposed by the IRC (\$22,500 for 2023 and \$20,500 for 2022). Employees who are eligible to make elective deferrals under the Plan and who have attained the age of fifty before the close of the Plan year are also eligible to make catch-up contributions. These contributions are subject to certain limitations (\$7,500 for 2023 and \$6,500 for 2022). Participants may also rollover money from other qualified plans.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 1 - Description of the Plan (continued)

The Company may elect to make a discretionary matching contribution, which, in its sole discretion is determined on a year-to-year basis. The Employer may also make a non-elective discretionary contribution to the Plan. For the year ended December 31, 2023 the Employer elected to make a discretionary matching contribution on behalf of each eligible participant totaling 50% of the first 4% of the amount deferred by the participant. The Employer did not make a non-elective discretionary contribution for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Participant Accounts - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the discretionary Employer's contribution, and Plan earnings and expenses. Plan earnings are allocated based on participant account balances, as defined in the Plan agreement. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting - Participants immediately vest in their contributions to the Plan plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary contributions plus earnings thereon, is based on years of service. Participants vest in Company's discretionary contributions 25% after one year of service and another 25% per year thereafter, until they become fully vested.

Forfeitures - Forfeited employer contributions are used to reduce employer contributions and Plan administrative expenses. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company used \$99,830 and \$99,448, respectively, in forfeitures to offset employer contributions. No forfeited funds were used to pay administrative expenses for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeiture funds totaled \$49,492 and \$20,317, respectively.

ERISA Fee Recapture Account - The Plan Administrator has adopted an ERISA fee recapture account to receive revenue sharing payments and pay administrative expenses. Excess funds within the account after payment of expenses are reallocated to participants as defined in the Plan. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan received revenue sharing payments of \$144,959 and \$141,003 and paid administrative expenses of \$150,056 and \$151,659, respectively. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the ERISA fee recapture account balance was \$152,513 and \$154,676, respectively.

Investment Options - Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant must direct contributions to selected investments as made available and determined by the Plan Administrator. Participants may change their investment options anytime throughout the year via internet or direct phone access to the trustee.

Payment of Benefits - Benefits become available to participants on the earliest of four events: (1) termination of employment, (2) death of the participant (benefits are payable to the participant's spouse or beneficiary), (3) disability of the participant, or (4) upon the participant's retirement.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 1 - Description of the Plan (continued)

If the participant's vested account balance is less than \$1,000, the Plan Administrator may distribute that participant balance. If the participant's vested account balance is greater than \$1,000 and less than \$5,000, the Plan Administrator may roll the balance into an IRA, unless the participant requests a direct rollover to another qualified plan or takes a lump sum distribution. Participants with balances in excess of \$5,000 can request a lump sum distribution, a direct rollover, or maintain the funds in the Plan.

Upon normal retirement, full disability, or termination of employment, a participant may elect to receive his or her distribution in one of the following forms:

- Lump sum payment
- An installment paid from the fund with balance remaining invested in Plan assets
- Ad-Hoc

On termination of service due to retirement after age 59½, and fulfillment of required participation time in the Plan, the account balance can be paid to the participant in a lump sum. However, should a participant reach age 59½, and not elect to terminate employment, the participant can take an in-service distribution from the vested account balance.

Withdrawals - As a general rule, participant's contributions will remain in the Plan as long as the participant remains employed by the Company. The Plan does provide exceptions to this rule for withdrawals of the participant's contributions under certain circumstances (subject to the satisfaction of the Plan Administrator) that include the following:

- Qualified medical expenses of the participant or their dependents
- Purchase of a principal residence for the participant
- Post-secondary education for participant or their dependents
- Prevention of eviction from or foreclosure on the participant's principal residence
- Funeral expenses for the participant's parent or dependents
- Repair expenses to the participant's principal residence that would qualify as a casualty loss

Notes Receivable from Participants - Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of 50% of their vested account balance or \$50,000. Loans have maturity dates ranging up to five years, except if for a principal residence in which case it may be extended, and bear interest based on prime rate plus one. The loans are secured by the balance in the participants' accounts. Principal and interest are paid ratably through biweekly payroll deductions.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 2 - Summary of the Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation - The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition - Investments in mutual funds are valued at fair value as determined by the quoted market value of shares held by the Plan at year-end. Pooled separate accounts are investments represented by a unit of account the per unit value of which is the result of the accumulated values of the underlying investments. The underlying investments are public investment vehicles valued using a net asset value per share. The net asset value is based upon the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, then divided by the number of shares outstanding. The net asset values of the underlying investments are quoted in an active market. The group annuity insurance contract is valued at contract value, which represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses.

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

Notes Receivable from Participants - Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document. Therefore, no allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Payment of Benefits - Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses for the year then ended. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 3 - Investments - Fair Value

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

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

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- 1) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets
- 2) Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets
- 3) Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability
- 4) Inputs that are derived principally from, or corroborated by, observable market data by correlation or other means

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 3 - Investments - Fair Value (continued)

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

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for the Plan's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying December 31, 2023 and 2022 statements of net assets available for benefits, as well as the general classification of such assets pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no changes in methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Mutual funds: Valued at the quoted market value of shares held by the Plan at year-end. Accordingly, the fair value of these assets is established using Level 1 inputs.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits measured at fair value on recurring basis as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

		Quoted Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) Inputs	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
December 31, 2023	Total			
Mutual funds	\$230,938,146	\$230,938,146	\$ -	\$ -
Pooled separate accounts*	46,506,302			
	<u>\$277,444,448</u>			

		Quoted Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) Inputs	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
December 31, 2022	Total			
Mutual funds	\$207,988,437	\$207,988,437	\$ -	\$ -
Pooled separate accounts*	40,001,554			
	<u>\$247,989,991</u>			

*These investments are valued using a net asset value as a practical expedient, and therefore have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
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Note 4 - Group Annuity Insurance Contract

The Plan has entered into a group annuity contract with Prudential Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company. The group annuity contract, Guaranteed Income Fund, is a fixed account that is part of the general account of Prudential Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company. There are not any specific securities in the general account that back the liabilities of this annuity contract, the Plan owns a promise to pay interest at crediting rates within the insurer's general account in advance and guarantee for a specific period of time as outlined in the group annuity contract. The contract is directly between the Plan's trustee and the issuer. The repayment of principal and interest credited to a participant is a financial obligation of the issuer.

Interest is credited on contract balances using a single "portfolio rate" approach. Under this methodology, a single interest-crediting rate is applied to all contributions made to the product regardless of the time of those contributions. Interest credit rates are reviewed on a semi-annual basis for resetting. When establishing interest crediting rates many factors, including current economic and market conditions, the general interest rate environment, and the expected and actual experience of a reference portfolio within the issuer's general account are considered. These rates are established without the use of a specific formula.

This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

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

Note 5 - Certified Investment Information

The following information included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule was obtained from data that has been prepared and certified as complete and accurate by Prudential Bank and Trust, FSB and Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company as of December 31, 2022 through March 31, 2023, thereafter Empower Trust Company, LLC and Empower Annuity Insurance Company through the year ended December 31, 2023, in accordance with the United States Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974:

	2023
Mutual funds, at fair value	\$230,938,146
Pooled separate accounts, at net asset value	46,506,302
Group annuity insurance contract, at contract value	34,459,113
Notes receivable from participants	1,227,418
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	44,824,566
Interest and dividends	3,942,262
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	64,892

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 5 - Certified Investment Information (continued)

	2022
Mutual funds, at fair value	\$207,988,437
Pooled separate accounts, at net asset value	40,001,554
Group annuity insurance contract, at contract value	38,003,157
Notes receivable from participants	1,031,791

Note 6 - Parties-In-Interest

Parties-in-interest are defined under DOL regulations as any fiduciary to the Plan or party rendering services to the Plan, the employer and certain others. As such, transactions conducted with the Company, trustee, custodian, and third-party administrator qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

The Plan invests in certain funds managed by the Plan custodian which qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Note 7 - Income Tax Status

The Company has adopted a Prototype Plan. The prototype plan has received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service as evidence that the Plan, as designed, is in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Company has amended the Plan since the date of the opinion letter; however, the Company believes the Plan is currently designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

Generally accepted accounting principles requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that would likely not be sustained upon examination by a taxing authority. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, 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 Administrator believes the Plan is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

Note 8 - Plan Termination

While the Employer has not expressed any intent to do so, it has the right at any time to terminate the Plan, subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event the Plan is terminated, the accounts of all participants will become fully vested.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 9 - Risks and Uncertainties

Investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with such investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of the investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Note 10 – Delinquent Contributions

The Plan Sponsor did not remit certain participant contributions and loan repayments to the Plan on a timely basis as defined by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Delinquent Participant Contributions under ERISA. Untimely remittances identified on Schedule H, Line 4(a) – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions totaled \$5,273. As of report date, the Plan Sponsor has filed the corrections related to the lost earnings under the Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (VFCP) and is currently waiting for their approval.

Note 11 - Subsequent Events

In preparation of these financial statements and related footnotes, the Plan has considered subsequent events through October 4, 2024, the date the financial statements were issued.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
SCHEDULE H LINE 4(i), EIN, 27-2560016, PLAN - 001
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
Mutual Funds				
	Blackrock	High Yield Bond Fund	** \$	2,636,069
	Cohen & Steers	Realty Income Fund	**	1,170,857
	Delaware	Delaware Value Institutional Class	**	12,898,891
	Fidelity	Advisor Freedom Income Fund	**	594,280
	Fidelity	Mid Cap Index Fund	**	3,782,170
	Fidelity	Small Cap Index Fund	**	4,701,644
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2010 Fund	**	49,417
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2015 Fund	**	764,127
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2020 Fund	**	2,285,784
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2025 Fund	**	5,824,620
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2030 Fund	**	13,975,488
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2035 Fund	**	2,831,111
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2040 Fund	**	6,227,710
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2045 Fund	**	330,563
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2050 Fund	**	2,418,080
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2055 Fund	**	207,734
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2060 Fund	**	85,185
	Goldman Sachs	Emerging Marekts Fund	**	3,300,102
	IShares	MSCI EAFE International Index Fund	**	7,305,191
	Janus Henderson	Triton Fund	**	11,307,507
	JHancock	John Hancock International Growth Fu	**	13,167,922
	JPMorgan	Small Cap Equity Fund	**	3,717,967
	JPMorgan	Small Cap Value Fund	**	4,629,123
	JPMorgan	Mid Cap Value Fund	**	11,224,294
	JPMorgan	Government Bond Fund	**	5,880,478
	MFS	Growth Fund	**	43,288,293
	PIMCO	International Bond USD Hedged Fund	**	4,056,086
	Lord Abbett	Lord Abbett Inflation Focused Fund	**	1,321,491
	PIMCO	Commodity Real Return Strategy Fund	**	649,466
	Federated	Federated Hermes total Return Bond I	**	11,789,000
	Vanguard	Growth Index Fund	**	14,551,602
	Vanguard	Mid Cap Growth Index Fund	**	18,306,838
	Vanguard	Information Technology Fund	**	8,561,385
	Vanguard	Value Index Fund	**	7,097,671
				230,938,146
Pooled Separate Account				
	* Prudential Retirement	Dryden S&P 500 Index Fund	**	46,506,302
	* Prudential Retirement Insurance & Annuity Co.	Group annuity insurance contract	**	34,459,113
	* Participant loans	Notes receivable from participants, 4.25% 9.5%, maturities through Dec. 2030	-	1,227,418
				\$ 313,130,979

* Party in interest.

** Cost information is omitted when reporting investments that are participant directed.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN
SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
SCHEDULE H LINE 4(a), EIN, 27-2560016, PLAN - 001
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Participant Contributions Transferred Late To Plan	Total That Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions				Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002- 51
	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP		
Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are included: ☒					
2023	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	5,273	\$ -

RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

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Independent Auditors' Report

*To the Plan Trustee and Administrator of
Ribbon Communications 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan*

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

We have performed the audits of the financial statements of Ribbon Communications 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the 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 statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the 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 audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section.

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, 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 accompanying financial statements 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 audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. 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 the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

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

Auditors' 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 GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certifications, 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.

Other Matter — Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i, Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) and Schedule H, Line 4(a) Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. 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 its 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, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified 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).

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janner Stone".

Certified Public Accountants
Dallas, Texas
October 4, 2024

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

<i>December 31,</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
Assets		
Participant-directed investments:		
Mutual funds, at fair value	\$ 230,938,146	\$ 207,988,437
Pooled separate accounts, at net asset value	46,506,302	40,001,554
Group annuity insurance contract, at contract value	34,459,113	38,003,157
Total investments	311,903,561	285,993,148
Notes receivable from participants	1,227,418	1,031,791
Total assets	313,130,979	287,024,939
Liabilities		
	-	-
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 313,130,979	\$ 287,024,939

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

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Additions

Contributions:		
Participants	\$	9,457,949
Employer		1,643,878
Participant rollovers		325,254
		<u>11,427,081</u>
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments		44,824,566
Interest and dividends		3,942,262
		<u>48,766,828</u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants		64,892
Other income		144,959
Total additions		<u>60,403,760</u>

Deductions

Benefit payments to participants		33,901,105
Administrative expenses		396,615
Total deductions		<u>34,297,720</u>

Net increase		26,106,040
Net assets available for benefits, beginning		<u>287,024,939</u>
Net assets available for benefits, ending	\$	<u>313,130,979</u>

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

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 1 - Description of the Plan

The following description of the Ribbon Communications 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan"), formerly known as GENBAND US LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust, provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provision.

General - The Plan is a defined contribution plan whereby eligible employees of Ribbon Communications Operating Company, Inc. (Employer, Company or Plan Sponsor), (formerly known as Sonus Networks, Inc.), are permitted to make pretax contributions that are tax deferred under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan is intended to satisfy the requirements for a qualified retirement plan under the provisions of the IRC. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

Plan Administration - The Plan is administrated by the Company (the "Plan Administrator"). The duties of the Plan Administrator are to oversee the operations and administration of the Plan in accordance with the specific terms of the Plan, provide for prudent investment of the Plan assets and keeping accurate records and reports. Prudential Bank and Trust, FSB, Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company, Empower Trust Company, LLC and Empower Annuity Insurance Company are responsible for the custody and management of the Plan's assets.

Eligibility - Employees of the Company who are twenty-one years of age become eligible to participate upon their hire date.

Effective September 1, 2021, the Plan was amended to include an auto enrollment provision for new hires at a 4% deferral rate, with an annual increase of 1% up to a maximum deferral rate of 10%.

Contributions - A participant may elect to defer up to 80% of his or her pretax compensation subject to certain maximum limitations imposed by the IRC (\$22,500 for 2023 and \$20,500 for 2022). Employees who are eligible to make elective deferrals under the Plan and who have attained the age of fifty before the close of the Plan year are also eligible to make catch-up contributions. These contributions are subject to certain limitations (\$7,500 for 2023 and \$6,500 for 2022). Participants may also rollover money from other qualified plans.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 1 - Description of the Plan (continued)

The Company may elect to make a discretionary matching contribution, which, in its sole discretion is determined on a year-to-year basis. The Employer may also make a non-elective discretionary contribution to the Plan. For the year ended December 31, 2023 the Employer elected to make a discretionary matching contribution on behalf of each eligible participant totaling 50% of the first 4% of the amount deferred by the participant. The Employer did not make a non-elective discretionary contribution for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Participant Accounts - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the discretionary Employer's contribution, and Plan earnings and expenses. Plan earnings are allocated based on participant account balances, as defined in the Plan agreement. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting - Participants immediately vest in their contributions to the Plan plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary contributions plus earnings thereon, is based on years of service. Participants vest in Company's discretionary contributions 25% after one year of service and another 25% per year thereafter, until they become fully vested.

Forfeitures - Forfeited employer contributions are used to reduce employer contributions and Plan administrative expenses. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company used \$99,830 and \$99,448, respectively, in forfeitures to offset employer contributions. No forfeited funds were used to pay administrative expenses for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeiture funds totaled \$49,492 and \$20,317, respectively.

ERISA Fee Recapture Account - The Plan Administrator has adopted an ERISA fee recapture account to receive revenue sharing payments and pay administrative expenses. Excess funds within the account after payment of expenses are reallocated to participants as defined in the Plan. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan received revenue sharing payments of \$144,959 and \$141,003 and paid administrative expenses of \$150,056 and \$151,659, respectively. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the ERISA fee recapture account balance was \$152,513 and \$154,676, respectively.

Investment Options - Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant must direct contributions to selected investments as made available and determined by the Plan Administrator. Participants may change their investment options anytime throughout the year via internet or direct phone access to the trustee.

Payment of Benefits - Benefits become available to participants on the earliest of four events: (1) termination of employment, (2) death of the participant (benefits are payable to the participant's spouse or beneficiary), (3) disability of the participant, or (4) upon the participant's retirement.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 1 - Description of the Plan (continued)

If the participant's vested account balance is less than \$1,000, the Plan Administrator may distribute that participant balance. If the participant's vested account balance is greater than \$1,000 and less than \$5,000, the Plan Administrator may roll the balance into an IRA, unless the participant requests a direct rollover to another qualified plan or takes a lump sum distribution. Participants with balances in excess of \$5,000 can request a lump sum distribution, a direct rollover, or maintain the funds in the Plan.

Upon normal retirement, full disability, or termination of employment, a participant may elect to receive his or her distribution in one of the following forms:

- Lump sum payment
- An installment paid from the fund with balance remaining invested in Plan assets
- Ad-Hoc

On termination of service due to retirement after age 59½, and fulfillment of required participation time in the Plan, the account balance can be paid to the participant in a lump sum. However, should a participant reach age 59½, and not elect to terminate employment, the participant can take an in-service distribution from the vested account balance.

Withdrawals - As a general rule, participant's contributions will remain in the Plan as long as the participant remains employed by the Company. The Plan does provide exceptions to this rule for withdrawals of the participant's contributions under certain circumstances (subject to the satisfaction of the Plan Administrator) that include the following:

- Qualified medical expenses of the participant or their dependents
- Purchase of a principal residence for the participant
- Post-secondary education for participant or their dependents
- Prevention of eviction from or foreclosure on the participant's principal residence
- Funeral expenses for the participant's parent or dependents
- Repair expenses to the participant's principal residence that would qualify as a casualty loss

Notes Receivable from Participants - Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of 50% of their vested account balance or \$50,000. Loans have maturity dates ranging up to five years, except if for a principal residence in which case it may be extended, and bear interest based on prime rate plus one. The loans are secured by the balance in the participants' accounts. Principal and interest are paid ratably through biweekly payroll deductions.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 2 - Summary of the Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation - The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition - Investments in mutual funds are valued at fair value as determined by the quoted market value of shares held by the Plan at year-end. Pooled separate accounts are investments represented by a unit of account the per unit value of which is the result of the accumulated values of the underlying investments. The underlying investments are public investment vehicles valued using a net asset value per share. The net asset value is based upon the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, then divided by the number of shares outstanding. The net asset values of the underlying investments are quoted in an active market. The group annuity insurance contract is valued at contract value, which represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses.

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

Notes Receivable from Participants - Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document. Therefore, no allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Payment of Benefits - Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses for the year then ended. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 3 - Investments - Fair Value

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

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

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- 1) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets
- 2) Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets
- 3) Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability
- 4) Inputs that are derived principally from, or corroborated by, observable market data by correlation or other means

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 3 - Investments - Fair Value (continued)

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

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for the Plan's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying December 31, 2023 and 2022 statements of net assets available for benefits, as well as the general classification of such assets pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no changes in methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Mutual funds: Valued at the quoted market value of shares held by the Plan at year-end. Accordingly, the fair value of these assets is established using Level 1 inputs.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits measured at fair value on recurring basis as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

		Quoted Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) Inputs	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
December 31, 2023	Total			
Mutual funds	\$230,938,146	\$230,938,146	\$ -	\$ -
Pooled separate accounts*	46,506,302			
	<u>\$277,444,448</u>			

		Quoted Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) Inputs	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
December 31, 2022	Total			
Mutual funds	\$207,988,437	\$207,988,437	\$ -	\$ -
Pooled separate accounts*	40,001,554			
	<u>\$247,989,991</u>			

*These investments are valued using a net asset value as a practical expedient, and therefore have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 4 - Group Annuity Insurance Contract

The Plan has entered into a group annuity contract with Prudential Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company. The group annuity contract, Guaranteed Income Fund, is a fixed account that is part of the general account of Prudential Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company. There are not any specific securities in the general account that back the liabilities of this annuity contract, the Plan owns a promise to pay interest at crediting rates within the insurer's general account in advance and guarantee for a specific period of time as outlined in the group annuity contract. The contract is directly between the Plan's trustee and the issuer. The repayment of principal and interest credited to a participant is a financial obligation of the issuer.

Interest is credited on contract balances using a single "portfolio rate" approach. Under this methodology, a single interest-crediting rate is applied to all contributions made to the product regardless of the time of those contributions. Interest credit rates are reviewed on a semi-annual basis for resetting. When establishing interest crediting rates many factors, including current economic and market conditions, the general interest rate environment, and the expected and actual experience of a reference portfolio within the issuer's general account are considered. These rates are established without the use of a specific formula.

This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

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

Note 5 - Certified Investment Information

The following information included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule was obtained from data that has been prepared and certified as complete and accurate by Prudential Bank and Trust, FSB and Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company as of December 31, 2022 through March 31, 2023, thereafter Empower Trust Company, LLC and Empower Annuity Insurance Company through the year ended December 31, 2023, in accordance with the United States Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974:

	2023
Mutual funds, at fair value	\$230,938,146
Pooled separate accounts, at net asset value	46,506,302
Group annuity insurance contract, at contract value	34,459,113
Notes receivable from participants	1,227,418
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	44,824,566
Interest and dividends	3,942,262
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	64,892

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 5 - Certified Investment Information (continued)

	2022
Mutual funds, at fair value	\$207,988,437
Pooled separate accounts, at net asset value	40,001,554
Group annuity insurance contract, at contract value	38,003,157
Notes receivable from participants	1,031,791

Note 6 - Parties-In-Interest

Parties-in-interest are defined under DOL regulations as any fiduciary to the Plan or party rendering services to the Plan, the employer and certain others. As such, transactions conducted with the Company, trustee, custodian, and third-party administrator qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

The Plan invests in certain funds managed by the Plan custodian which qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Note 7 - Income Tax Status

The Company has adopted a Prototype Plan. The prototype plan has received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service as evidence that the Plan, as designed, is in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Company has amended the Plan since the date of the opinion letter; however, the Company believes the Plan is currently designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

Generally accepted accounting principles requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that would likely not be sustained upon examination by a taxing authority. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, 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 Administrator believes the Plan is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

Note 8 - Plan Termination

While the Employer has not expressed any intent to do so, it has the right at any time to terminate the Plan, subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event the Plan is terminated, the accounts of all participants will become fully vested.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 9 - Risks and Uncertainties

Investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with such investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of the investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Note 10 – Delinquent Contributions

The Plan Sponsor did not remit certain participant contributions and loan repayments to the Plan on a timely basis as defined by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Delinquent Participant Contributions under ERISA. Untimely remittances identified on Schedule H, Line 4(a) – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions totaled \$5,273. As of report date, the Plan Sponsor has filed the corrections related to the lost earnings under the Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (VFCP) and is currently waiting for their approval.

Note 11 - Subsequent Events

In preparation of these financial statements and related footnotes, the Plan has considered subsequent events through October 4, 2024, the date the financial statements were issued.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
SCHEDULE H LINE 4(i), EIN, 27-2560016, PLAN - 001
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
Mutual Funds				
	Blackrock	High Yield Bond Fund	** \$	2,636,069
	Cohen & Steers	Realty Income Fund	**	1,170,857
	Delaware	Delaware Value Institutional Class	**	12,898,891
	Fidelity	Advisor Freedom Income Fund	**	594,280
	Fidelity	Mid Cap Index Fund	**	3,782,170
	Fidelity	Small Cap Index Fund	**	4,701,644
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2010 Fund	**	49,417
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2015 Fund	**	764,127
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2020 Fund	**	2,285,784
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2025 Fund	**	5,824,620
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2030 Fund	**	13,975,488
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2035 Fund	**	2,831,111
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2040 Fund	**	6,227,710
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2045 Fund	**	330,563
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2050 Fund	**	2,418,080
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2055 Fund	**	207,734
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2060 Fund	**	85,185
	Goldman Sachs	Emerging Markets Fund	**	3,300,102
	IShares	MSCI EAFE International Index Fund	**	7,305,191
	Janus Henderson	Triton Fund	**	11,307,507
	JHancock	John Hancock International Growth Fund	**	13,167,922
	JPMorgan	Small Cap Equity Fund	**	3,717,967
	JPMorgan	Small Cap Value Fund	**	4,629,123
	JPMorgan	Mid Cap Value Fund	**	11,224,294
	JPMorgan	Government Bond Fund	**	5,880,478
	MFS	Growth Fund	**	43,288,293
	PIMCO	International Bond USD Hedged Fund	**	4,056,086
	Lord Abbett	Lord Abbett Inflation Focused Fund	**	1,321,491
	PIMCO	Commodity Real Return Strategy Fund	**	649,466
	Federated	Federated Hermes total Return Bond Index	**	11,789,000
	Vanguard	Growth Index Fund	**	14,551,602
	Vanguard	Mid Cap Growth Index Fund	**	18,306,838
	Vanguard	Information Technology Fund	**	8,561,385
	Vanguard	Value Index Fund	**	7,097,671
				230,938,146
Pooled Separate Account				
	* Prudential Retirement	Dryden S&P 500 Index Fund	**	46,506,302
	* Prudential Retirement Insurance & Annuity Co.	Group annuity insurance contract	**	34,459,113
	* Participant loans	Notes receivable from participants, 4.25% 9.5%, maturities through Dec. 2030	-	1,227,418
				\$ 313,130,979

* Party in interest.

** Cost information is omitted when reporting investments that are participant directed.

RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN
SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
SCHEDULE H LINE 4(a), EIN, 27-2560016, PLAN - 001
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Participant Contributions Transferred Late To Plan	Total That Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions				Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002- 51
	Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are included: ☒	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
2023		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,273	\$ -

RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

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Independent Auditors' Report

*To the Plan Trustee and Administrator of
Ribbon Communications 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan*

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

We have performed the audits of the financial statements of Ribbon Communications 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the 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 statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the 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 audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section.

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, 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 accompanying financial statements 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 audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. 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 the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

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

Auditors' 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 GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certifications, 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.

Other Matter — Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i, Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) and Schedule H, Line 4(a) Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. 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 its 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, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified 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).

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janner Stone".

Certified Public Accountants
Dallas, Texas
October 4, 2024

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

<i>December 31,</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
Assets		
Participant-directed investments:		
Mutual funds, at fair value	\$ 230,938,146	\$ 207,988,437
Pooled separate accounts, at net asset value	46,506,302	40,001,554
Group annuity insurance contract, at contract value	34,459,113	38,003,157
Total investments	311,903,561	285,993,148
Notes receivable from participants	1,227,418	1,031,791
Total assets	313,130,979	287,024,939
Liabilities		
	-	-
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 313,130,979	\$ 287,024,939

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

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Additions

Contributions:		
Participants	\$	9,457,949
Employer		1,643,878
Participant rollovers		325,254
		<u>11,427,081</u>
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments		44,824,566
Interest and dividends		3,942,262
		<u>48,766,828</u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants		64,892
Other income		144,959
Total additions		<u>60,403,760</u>

Deductions

Benefit payments to participants		33,901,105
Administrative expenses		396,615
Total deductions		<u>34,297,720</u>

Net increase		26,106,040
Net assets available for benefits, beginning		<u>287,024,939</u>
Net assets available for benefits, ending	\$	<u>313,130,979</u>

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

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 1 - Description of the Plan

The following description of the Ribbon Communications 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan"), formerly known as GENBAND US LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust, provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provision.

General - The Plan is a defined contribution plan whereby eligible employees of Ribbon Communications Operating Company, Inc. (Employer, Company or Plan Sponsor), (formerly known as Sonus Networks, Inc.), are permitted to make pretax contributions that are tax deferred under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan is intended to satisfy the requirements for a qualified retirement plan under the provisions of the IRC. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

Plan Administration - The Plan is administrated by the Company (the "Plan Administrator"). The duties of the Plan Administrator are to oversee the operations and administration of the Plan in accordance with the specific terms of the Plan, provide for prudent investment of the Plan assets and keeping accurate records and reports. Prudential Bank and Trust, FSB, Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company, Empower Trust Company, LLC and Empower Annuity Insurance Company are responsible for the custody and management of the Plan's assets.

Eligibility - Employees of the Company who are twenty-one years of age become eligible to participate upon their hire date.

Effective September 1, 2021, the Plan was amended to include an auto enrollment provision for new hires at a 4% deferral rate, with an annual increase of 1% up to a maximum deferral rate of 10%.

Contributions - A participant may elect to defer up to 80% of his or her pretax compensation subject to certain maximum limitations imposed by the IRC (\$22,500 for 2023 and \$20,500 for 2022). Employees who are eligible to make elective deferrals under the Plan and who have attained the age of fifty before the close of the Plan year are also eligible to make catch-up contributions. These contributions are subject to certain limitations (\$7,500 for 2023 and \$6,500 for 2022). Participants may also rollover money from other qualified plans.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 1 - Description of the Plan (continued)

The Company may elect to make a discretionary matching contribution, which, in its sole discretion is determined on a year-to-year basis. The Employer may also make a non-elective discretionary contribution to the Plan. For the year ended December 31, 2023 the Employer elected to make a discretionary matching contribution on behalf of each eligible participant totaling 50% of the first 4% of the amount deferred by the participant. The Employer did not make a non-elective discretionary contribution for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Participant Accounts - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the discretionary Employer's contribution, and Plan earnings and expenses. Plan earnings are allocated based on participant account balances, as defined in the Plan agreement. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting - Participants immediately vest in their contributions to the Plan plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary contributions plus earnings thereon, is based on years of service. Participants vest in Company's discretionary contributions 25% after one year of service and another 25% per year thereafter, until they become fully vested.

Forfeitures - Forfeited employer contributions are used to reduce employer contributions and Plan administrative expenses. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company used \$99,830 and \$99,448, respectively, in forfeitures to offset employer contributions. No forfeited funds were used to pay administrative expenses for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeiture funds totaled \$49,492 and \$20,317, respectively.

ERISA Fee Recapture Account - The Plan Administrator has adopted an ERISA fee recapture account to receive revenue sharing payments and pay administrative expenses. Excess funds within the account after payment of expenses are reallocated to participants as defined in the Plan. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan received revenue sharing payments of \$144,959 and \$141,003 and paid administrative expenses of \$150,056 and \$151,659, respectively. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the ERISA fee recapture account balance was \$152,513 and \$154,676, respectively.

Investment Options - Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant must direct contributions to selected investments as made available and determined by the Plan Administrator. Participants may change their investment options anytime throughout the year via internet or direct phone access to the trustee.

Payment of Benefits - Benefits become available to participants on the earliest of four events: (1) termination of employment, (2) death of the participant (benefits are payable to the participant's spouse or beneficiary), (3) disability of the participant, or (4) upon the participant's retirement.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 1 - Description of the Plan (continued)

If the participant's vested account balance is less than \$1,000, the Plan Administrator may distribute that participant balance. If the participant's vested account balance is greater than \$1,000 and less than \$5,000, the Plan Administrator may roll the balance into an IRA, unless the participant requests a direct rollover to another qualified plan or takes a lump sum distribution. Participants with balances in excess of \$5,000 can request a lump sum distribution, a direct rollover, or maintain the funds in the Plan.

Upon normal retirement, full disability, or termination of employment, a participant may elect to receive his or her distribution in one of the following forms:

- Lump sum payment
- An installment paid from the fund with balance remaining invested in Plan assets
- Ad-Hoc

On termination of service due to retirement after age 59½, and fulfillment of required participation time in the Plan, the account balance can be paid to the participant in a lump sum. However, should a participant reach age 59½, and not elect to terminate employment, the participant can take an in-service distribution from the vested account balance.

Withdrawals - As a general rule, participant's contributions will remain in the Plan as long as the participant remains employed by the Company. The Plan does provide exceptions to this rule for withdrawals of the participant's contributions under certain circumstances (subject to the satisfaction of the Plan Administrator) that include the following:

- Qualified medical expenses of the participant or their dependents
- Purchase of a principal residence for the participant
- Post-secondary education for participant or their dependents
- Prevention of eviction from or foreclosure on the participant's principal residence
- Funeral expenses for the participant's parent or dependents
- Repair expenses to the participant's principal residence that would qualify as a casualty loss

Notes Receivable from Participants - Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of 50% of their vested account balance or \$50,000. Loans have maturity dates ranging up to five years, except if for a principal residence in which case it may be extended, and bear interest based on prime rate plus one. The loans are secured by the balance in the participants' accounts. Principal and interest are paid ratably through biweekly payroll deductions.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 2 - Summary of the Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation - The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition - Investments in mutual funds are valued at fair value as determined by the quoted market value of shares held by the Plan at year-end. Pooled separate accounts are investments represented by a unit of account the per unit value of which is the result of the accumulated values of the underlying investments. The underlying investments are public investment vehicles valued using a net asset value per share. The net asset value is based upon the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, then divided by the number of shares outstanding. The net asset values of the underlying investments are quoted in an active market. The group annuity insurance contract is valued at contract value, which represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses.

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

Notes Receivable from Participants - Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document. Therefore, no allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Payment of Benefits - Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses for the year then ended. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 3 - Investments - Fair Value

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

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

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- 1) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets
- 2) Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets
- 3) Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability
- 4) Inputs that are derived principally from, or corroborated by, observable market data by correlation or other means

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
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Note 3 - Investments - Fair Value (continued)

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

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for the Plan's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying December 31, 2023 and 2022 statements of net assets available for benefits, as well as the general classification of such assets pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no changes in methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Mutual funds: Valued at the quoted market value of shares held by the Plan at year-end. Accordingly, the fair value of these assets is established using Level 1 inputs.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits measured at fair value on recurring basis as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

		Quoted Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) Inputs	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
December 31, 2023	Total			
Mutual funds	\$230,938,146	\$230,938,146	\$ -	\$ -
Pooled separate accounts*	46,506,302			
	<u>\$277,444,448</u>			

		Quoted Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) Inputs	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
December 31, 2022	Total			
Mutual funds	\$207,988,437	\$207,988,437	\$ -	\$ -
Pooled separate accounts*	40,001,554			
	<u>\$247,989,991</u>			

*These investments are valued using a net asset value as a practical expedient, and therefore have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 4 - Group Annuity Insurance Contract

The Plan has entered into a group annuity contract with Prudential Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company. The group annuity contract, Guaranteed Income Fund, is a fixed account that is part of the general account of Prudential Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company. There are not any specific securities in the general account that back the liabilities of this annuity contract, the Plan owns a promise to pay interest at crediting rates within the insurer's general account in advance and guarantee for a specific period of time as outlined in the group annuity contract. The contract is directly between the Plan's trustee and the issuer. The repayment of principal and interest credited to a participant is a financial obligation of the issuer.

Interest is credited on contract balances using a single "portfolio rate" approach. Under this methodology, a single interest-crediting rate is applied to all contributions made to the product regardless of the time of those contributions. Interest credit rates are reviewed on a semi-annual basis for resetting. When establishing interest crediting rates many factors, including current economic and market conditions, the general interest rate environment, and the expected and actual experience of a reference portfolio within the issuer's general account are considered. These rates are established without the use of a specific formula.

This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

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

Note 5 - Certified Investment Information

The following information included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule was obtained from data that has been prepared and certified as complete and accurate by Prudential Bank and Trust, FSB and Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company as of December 31, 2022 through March 31, 2023, thereafter Empower Trust Company, LLC and Empower Annuity Insurance Company through the year ended December 31, 2023, in accordance with the United States Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974:

	2023
Mutual funds, at fair value	\$230,938,146
Pooled separate accounts, at net asset value	46,506,302
Group annuity insurance contract, at contract value	34,459,113
Notes receivable from participants	1,227,418
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	44,824,566
Interest and dividends	3,942,262
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	64,892

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 5 - Certified Investment Information (continued)

	2022
Mutual funds, at fair value	\$207,988,437
Pooled separate accounts, at net asset value	40,001,554
Group annuity insurance contract, at contract value	38,003,157
Notes receivable from participants	1,031,791

Note 6 - Parties-In-Interest

Parties-in-interest are defined under DOL regulations as any fiduciary to the Plan or party rendering services to the Plan, the employer and certain others. As such, transactions conducted with the Company, trustee, custodian, and third-party administrator qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

The Plan invests in certain funds managed by the Plan custodian which qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Note 7 - Income Tax Status

The Company has adopted a Prototype Plan. The prototype plan has received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service as evidence that the Plan, as designed, is in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Company has amended the Plan since the date of the opinion letter; however, the Company believes the Plan is currently designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

Generally accepted accounting principles requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that would likely not be sustained upon examination by a taxing authority. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, 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 Administrator believes the Plan is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

Note 8 - Plan Termination

While the Employer has not expressed any intent to do so, it has the right at any time to terminate the Plan, subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event the Plan is terminated, the accounts of all participants will become fully vested.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 9 - Risks and Uncertainties

Investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with such investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of the investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Note 10 – Delinquent Contributions

The Plan Sponsor did not remit certain participant contributions and loan repayments to the Plan on a timely basis as defined by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Delinquent Participant Contributions under ERISA. Untimely remittances identified on Schedule H, Line 4(a) – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions totaled \$5,273. As of report date, the Plan Sponsor has filed the corrections related to the lost earnings under the Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (VFCP) and is currently waiting for their approval.

Note 11 - Subsequent Events

In preparation of these financial statements and related footnotes, the Plan has considered subsequent events through October 4, 2024, the date the financial statements were issued.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
SCHEDULE H LINE 4(i), EIN, 27-2560016, PLAN - 001
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
Mutual Funds				
	Blackrock	High Yield Bond Fund	** \$	2,636,069
	Cohen & Steers	Realty Income Fund	**	1,170,857
	Delaware	Delaware Value Institutional Class	**	12,898,891
	Fidelity	Advisor Freedom Income Fund	**	594,280
	Fidelity	Mid Cap Index Fund	**	3,782,170
	Fidelity	Small Cap Index Fund	**	4,701,644
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2010 Fund	**	49,417
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2015 Fund	**	764,127
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2020 Fund	**	2,285,784
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2025 Fund	**	5,824,620
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2030 Fund	**	13,975,488
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2035 Fund	**	2,831,111
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2040 Fund	**	6,227,710
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2045 Fund	**	330,563
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2050 Fund	**	2,418,080
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2055 Fund	**	207,734
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2060 Fund	**	85,185
	Goldman Sachs	Emerging Markets Fund	**	3,300,102
	IShares	MSCI EAFE International Index Fund	**	7,305,191
	Janus Henderson	Triton Fund	**	11,307,507
	JHancock	John Hancock International Growth Fund	**	13,167,922
	JPMorgan	Small Cap Equity Fund	**	3,717,967
	JPMorgan	Small Cap Value Fund	**	4,629,123
	JPMorgan	Mid Cap Value Fund	**	11,224,294
	JPMorgan	Government Bond Fund	**	5,880,478
	MFS	Growth Fund	**	43,288,293
	PIMCO	International Bond USD Hedged Fund	**	4,056,086
	Lord Abbett	Lord Abbett Inflation Focused Fund	**	1,321,491
	PIMCO	Commodity Real Return Strategy Fund	**	649,466
	Federated	Federated Hermes total Return Bond Index	**	11,789,000
	Vanguard	Growth Index Fund	**	14,551,602
	Vanguard	Mid Cap Growth Index Fund	**	18,306,838
	Vanguard	Information Technology Fund	**	8,561,385
	Vanguard	Value Index Fund	**	7,097,671
				230,938,146
Pooled Separate Account				
	* Prudential Retirement	Dryden S&P 500 Index Fund	**	46,506,302
	* Prudential Retirement Insurance & Annuity Co.	Group annuity insurance contract	**	34,459,113
	* Participant loans	Notes receivable from participants, 4.25% 9.5%, maturities through Dec. 2030	-	1,227,418
				\$ 313,130,979

* Party in interest.

** Cost information is omitted when reporting investments that are participant directed.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN
SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
SCHEDULE H LINE 4(a), EIN, 27-2560016, PLAN - 001
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Participant Contributions Transferred Late To Plan	Total That Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions				Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002- 51
	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP		
Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are included: ☒					
2023	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	5,273	\$ -

RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

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Independent Auditors' Report

*To the Plan Trustee and Administrator of
Ribbon Communications 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan*

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

We have performed the audits of the financial statements of Ribbon Communications 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the 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 statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the 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 audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section.

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, 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 accompanying financial statements 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 audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. 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 the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

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

Auditors' 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 GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certifications, 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.

Other Matter — Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i, Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) and Schedule H, Line 4(a) Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. 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 its 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, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified 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).

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janner Stone".

Certified Public Accountants
Dallas, Texas
October 4, 2024

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

<i>December 31,</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
Assets		
Participant-directed investments:		
Mutual funds, at fair value	\$ 230,938,146	\$ 207,988,437
Pooled separate accounts, at net asset value	46,506,302	40,001,554
Group annuity insurance contract, at contract value	34,459,113	38,003,157
Total investments	311,903,561	285,993,148
Notes receivable from participants	1,227,418	1,031,791
Total assets	313,130,979	287,024,939
Liabilities	-	-
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 313,130,979	\$ 287,024,939

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

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Additions

Contributions:		
Participants	\$	9,457,949
Employer		1,643,878
Participant rollovers		325,254
		<u>11,427,081</u>
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments		44,824,566
Interest and dividends		3,942,262
		<u>48,766,828</u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants		64,892
Other income		144,959
Total additions		<u>60,403,760</u>

Deductions

Benefit payments to participants		33,901,105
Administrative expenses		396,615
Total deductions		<u>34,297,720</u>

Net increase		26,106,040
Net assets available for benefits, beginning		<u>287,024,939</u>
Net assets available for benefits, ending	\$	<u>313,130,979</u>

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

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 1 - Description of the Plan

The following description of the Ribbon Communications 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan"), formerly known as GENBAND US LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust, provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provision.

General - The Plan is a defined contribution plan whereby eligible employees of Ribbon Communications Operating Company, Inc. (Employer, Company or Plan Sponsor), (formerly known as Sonus Networks, Inc.), are permitted to make pretax contributions that are tax deferred under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan is intended to satisfy the requirements for a qualified retirement plan under the provisions of the IRC. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

Plan Administration - The Plan is administrated by the Company (the "Plan Administrator"). The duties of the Plan Administrator are to oversee the operations and administration of the Plan in accordance with the specific terms of the Plan, provide for prudent investment of the Plan assets and keeping accurate records and reports. Prudential Bank and Trust, FSB, Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company, Empower Trust Company, LLC and Empower Annuity Insurance Company are responsible for the custody and management of the Plan's assets.

Eligibility - Employees of the Company who are twenty-one years of age become eligible to participate upon their hire date.

Effective September 1, 2021, the Plan was amended to include an auto enrollment provision for new hires at a 4% deferral rate, with an annual increase of 1% up to a maximum deferral rate of 10%.

Contributions - A participant may elect to defer up to 80% of his or her pretax compensation subject to certain maximum limitations imposed by the IRC (\$22,500 for 2023 and \$20,500 for 2022). Employees who are eligible to make elective deferrals under the Plan and who have attained the age of fifty before the close of the Plan year are also eligible to make catch-up contributions. These contributions are subject to certain limitations (\$7,500 for 2023 and \$6,500 for 2022). Participants may also rollover money from other qualified plans.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 1 - Description of the Plan (continued)

The Company may elect to make a discretionary matching contribution, which, in its sole discretion is determined on a year-to-year basis. The Employer may also make a non-elective discretionary contribution to the Plan. For the year ended December 31, 2023 the Employer elected to make a discretionary matching contribution on behalf of each eligible participant totaling 50% of the first 4% of the amount deferred by the participant. The Employer did not make a non-elective discretionary contribution for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Participant Accounts - Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the discretionary Employer's contribution, and Plan earnings and expenses. Plan earnings are allocated based on participant account balances, as defined in the Plan agreement. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting - Participants immediately vest in their contributions to the Plan plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary contributions plus earnings thereon, is based on years of service. Participants vest in Company's discretionary contributions 25% after one year of service and another 25% per year thereafter, until they become fully vested.

Forfeitures - Forfeited employer contributions are used to reduce employer contributions and Plan administrative expenses. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company used \$99,830 and \$99,448, respectively, in forfeitures to offset employer contributions. No forfeited funds were used to pay administrative expenses for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeiture funds totaled \$49,492 and \$20,317, respectively.

ERISA Fee Recapture Account - The Plan Administrator has adopted an ERISA fee recapture account to receive revenue sharing payments and pay administrative expenses. Excess funds within the account after payment of expenses are reallocated to participants as defined in the Plan. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan received revenue sharing payments of \$144,959 and \$141,003 and paid administrative expenses of \$150,056 and \$151,659, respectively. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the ERISA fee recapture account balance was \$152,513 and \$154,676, respectively.

Investment Options - Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant must direct contributions to selected investments as made available and determined by the Plan Administrator. Participants may change their investment options anytime throughout the year via internet or direct phone access to the trustee.

Payment of Benefits - Benefits become available to participants on the earliest of four events: (1) termination of employment, (2) death of the participant (benefits are payable to the participant's spouse or beneficiary), (3) disability of the participant, or (4) upon the participant's retirement.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 1 - Description of the Plan (continued)

If the participant's vested account balance is less than \$1,000, the Plan Administrator may distribute that participant balance. If the participant's vested account balance is greater than \$1,000 and less than \$5,000, the Plan Administrator may roll the balance into an IRA, unless the participant requests a direct rollover to another qualified plan or takes a lump sum distribution. Participants with balances in excess of \$5,000 can request a lump sum distribution, a direct rollover, or maintain the funds in the Plan.

Upon normal retirement, full disability, or termination of employment, a participant may elect to receive his or her distribution in one of the following forms:

- Lump sum payment
- An installment paid from the fund with balance remaining invested in Plan assets
- Ad-Hoc

On termination of service due to retirement after age 59½, and fulfillment of required participation time in the Plan, the account balance can be paid to the participant in a lump sum. However, should a participant reach age 59½, and not elect to terminate employment, the participant can take an in-service distribution from the vested account balance.

Withdrawals - As a general rule, participant's contributions will remain in the Plan as long as the participant remains employed by the Company. The Plan does provide exceptions to this rule for withdrawals of the participant's contributions under certain circumstances (subject to the satisfaction of the Plan Administrator) that include the following:

- Qualified medical expenses of the participant or their dependents
- Purchase of a principal residence for the participant
- Post-secondary education for participant or their dependents
- Prevention of eviction from or foreclosure on the participant's principal residence
- Funeral expenses for the participant's parent or dependents
- Repair expenses to the participant's principal residence that would qualify as a casualty loss

Notes Receivable from Participants - Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of 50% of their vested account balance or \$50,000. Loans have maturity dates ranging up to five years, except if for a principal residence in which case it may be extended, and bear interest based on prime rate plus one. The loans are secured by the balance in the participants' accounts. Principal and interest are paid ratably through biweekly payroll deductions.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 2 - Summary of the Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation - The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition - Investments in mutual funds are valued at fair value as determined by the quoted market value of shares held by the Plan at year-end. Pooled separate accounts are investments represented by a unit of account the per unit value of which is the result of the accumulated values of the underlying investments. The underlying investments are public investment vehicles valued using a net asset value per share. The net asset value is based upon the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, then divided by the number of shares outstanding. The net asset values of the underlying investments are quoted in an active market. The group annuity insurance contract is valued at contract value, which represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses.

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

Notes Receivable from Participants - Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document. Therefore, no allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Payment of Benefits - Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses for the year then ended. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 3 - Investments - Fair Value

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

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

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- 1) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets
- 2) Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets
- 3) Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability
- 4) Inputs that are derived principally from, or corroborated by, observable market data by correlation or other means

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Note 3 - Investments - Fair Value (continued)

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

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for the Plan's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying December 31, 2023 and 2022 statements of net assets available for benefits, as well as the general classification of such assets pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no changes in methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Mutual funds: Valued at the quoted market value of shares held by the Plan at year-end. Accordingly, the fair value of these assets is established using Level 1 inputs.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits measured at fair value on recurring basis as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

		Quoted Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) Inputs	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
December 31, 2023	Total			
Mutual funds	\$230,938,146	\$230,938,146	\$ -	\$ -
Pooled separate accounts*	46,506,302			
	<u>\$277,444,448</u>			

		Quoted Prices In Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) Inputs	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
December 31, 2022	Total			
Mutual funds	\$207,988,437	\$207,988,437	\$ -	\$ -
Pooled separate accounts*	40,001,554			
	<u>\$247,989,991</u>			

*These investments are valued using a net asset value as a practical expedient, and therefore have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy.

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Note 4 - Group Annuity Insurance Contract

The Plan has entered into a group annuity contract with Prudential Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company. The group annuity contract, Guaranteed Income Fund, is a fixed account that is part of the general account of Prudential Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company. There are not any specific securities in the general account that back the liabilities of this annuity contract, the Plan owns a promise to pay interest at crediting rates within the insurer's general account in advance and guarantee for a specific period of time as outlined in the group annuity contract. The contract is directly between the Plan's trustee and the issuer. The repayment of principal and interest credited to a participant is a financial obligation of the issuer.

Interest is credited on contract balances using a single "portfolio rate" approach. Under this methodology, a single interest-crediting rate is applied to all contributions made to the product regardless of the time of those contributions. Interest credit rates are reviewed on a semi-annual basis for resetting. When establishing interest crediting rates many factors, including current economic and market conditions, the general interest rate environment, and the expected and actual experience of a reference portfolio within the issuer's general account are considered. These rates are established without the use of a specific formula.

This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

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

Note 5 - Certified Investment Information

The following information included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule was obtained from data that has been prepared and certified as complete and accurate by Prudential Bank and Trust, FSB and Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company as of December 31, 2022 through March 31, 2023, thereafter Empower Trust Company, LLC and Empower Annuity Insurance Company through the year ended December 31, 2023, in accordance with the United States Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974:

	2023
Mutual funds, at fair value	\$230,938,146
Pooled separate accounts, at net asset value	46,506,302
Group annuity insurance contract, at contract value	34,459,113
Notes receivable from participants	1,227,418
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	44,824,566
Interest and dividends	3,942,262
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	64,892

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 5 - Certified Investment Information (continued)

	2022
Mutual funds, at fair value	\$207,988,437
Pooled separate accounts, at net asset value	40,001,554
Group annuity insurance contract, at contract value	38,003,157
Notes receivable from participants	1,031,791

Note 6 - Parties-In-Interest

Parties-in-interest are defined under DOL regulations as any fiduciary to the Plan or party rendering services to the Plan, the employer and certain others. As such, transactions conducted with the Company, trustee, custodian, and third-party administrator qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

The Plan invests in certain funds managed by the Plan custodian which qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Note 7 - Income Tax Status

The Company has adopted a Prototype Plan. The prototype plan has received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service as evidence that the Plan, as designed, is in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Company has amended the Plan since the date of the opinion letter; however, the Company believes the Plan is currently designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

Generally accepted accounting principles requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that would likely not be sustained upon examination by a taxing authority. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, 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 Administrator believes the Plan is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

Note 8 - Plan Termination

While the Employer has not expressed any intent to do so, it has the right at any time to terminate the Plan, subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event the Plan is terminated, the accounts of all participants will become fully vested.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note 9 - Risks and Uncertainties

Investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with such investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of the investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Note 10 – Delinquent Contributions

The Plan Sponsor did not remit certain participant contributions and loan repayments to the Plan on a timely basis as defined by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Delinquent Participant Contributions under ERISA. Untimely remittances identified on Schedule H, Line 4(a) – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions totaled \$5,273. As of report date, the Plan Sponsor has filed the corrections related to the lost earnings under the Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (VFCP) and is currently waiting for their approval.

Note 11 - Subsequent Events

In preparation of these financial statements and related footnotes, the Plan has considered subsequent events through October 4, 2024, the date the financial statements were issued.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k)
PROFIT SHARING PLAN
SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
SCHEDULE H LINE 4(i), EIN, 27-2560016, PLAN - 001
DECEMBER 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
Mutual Funds				
	Blackrock	High Yield Bond Fund	** \$	2,636,069
	Cohen & Steers	Realty Income Fund	**	1,170,857
	Delaware	Delaware Value Institutional Class	**	12,898,891
	Fidelity	Advisor Freedom Income Fund	**	594,280
	Fidelity	Mid Cap Index Fund	**	3,782,170
	Fidelity	Small Cap Index Fund	**	4,701,644
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2010 Fund	**	49,417
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2015 Fund	**	764,127
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2020 Fund	**	2,285,784
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2025 Fund	**	5,824,620
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2030 Fund	**	13,975,488
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2035 Fund	**	2,831,111
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2040 Fund	**	6,227,710
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2045 Fund	**	330,563
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2050 Fund	**	2,418,080
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2055 Fund	**	207,734
	Fidelity	Advantage Freedom 2060 Fund	**	85,185
	Goldman Sachs	Emerging Markets Fund	**	3,300,102
	IShares	MSCI EAFE International Index Fund	**	7,305,191
	Janus Henderson	Triton Fund	**	11,307,507
	JHancock	John Hancock International Growth Fund	**	13,167,922
	JPMorgan	Small Cap Equity Fund	**	3,717,967
	JPMorgan	Small Cap Value Fund	**	4,629,123
	JPMorgan	Mid Cap Value Fund	**	11,224,294
	JPMorgan	Government Bond Fund	**	5,880,478
	MFS	Growth Fund	**	43,288,293
	PIMCO	International Bond USD Hedged Fund	**	4,056,086
	Lord Abbett	Lord Abbett Inflation Focused Fund	**	1,321,491
	PIMCO	Commodity Real Return Strategy Fund	**	649,466
	Federated	Federated Hermes total Return Bond Index	**	11,789,000
	Vanguard	Growth Index Fund	**	14,551,602
	Vanguard	Mid Cap Growth Index Fund	**	18,306,838
	Vanguard	Information Technology Fund	**	8,561,385
	Vanguard	Value Index Fund	**	7,097,671
				230,938,146
Pooled Separate Account				
	* Prudential Retirement	Dryden S&P 500 Index Fund	**	46,506,302
	* Prudential Retirement Insurance & Annuity Co.	Group annuity insurance contract	**	34,459,113
	* Participant loans	Notes receivable from participants, 4.25% 9.5%, maturities through Dec. 2030	-	1,227,418
				\$ 313,130,979

* Party in interest.

** Cost information is omitted when reporting investments that are participant directed.

**RIBBON COMMUNICATIONS 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN
SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
SCHEDULE H LINE 4(a), EIN, 27-2560016, PLAN - 001
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Participant Contributions Transferred Late To Plan	Total That Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions				Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002- 51
	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP		
Check Here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are included: ☒					
2023	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	5,273	\$ -