

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 CROWN CASTLE INC. 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 05/01/1999
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) CROWN CASTLE INC. 8020 KATY FREEWAY HOUSTON, TX 77024
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 76-0470458
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 713-570-3000
2d	Business code (see instructions) 238210

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.	10/15/2024	KINU MANN
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2024	ROBERT S COLLINS
	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 6651
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) 5351 6a(2) 4745 6b 0 6c 1819 6d 6564 6e 33 6f 6597 6g(1) 6537 6g(2) 6511 6h 281
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	7

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

2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2R 2S 2T 3D 3H

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 _____
- (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 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
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan CROWN CASTLE INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CROWN CASTLE INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 76-0470458	

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
CHARLES SCHWAB & CO. INC. AND AFFIL
94-1737782

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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)

SCHWAB RETIREMENT PLAN SERVICES, INC

34-1479833

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 26 50 64	NONE	142205	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

FISHER INVESTMENTS

20-2480800

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26 50	NONE	30509	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

FORT PITT CAPITAL GROUP LLC

47-5006020

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26 50	NONE	11528	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

ABOUND WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC

81-4120898

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26 50	NONE	10065	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

TRUE WEALTH DESIGN LLC

20-2387686

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26 50	NONE	8458	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

DINUZZO PRIVATE WEALTH INC

23-2934855

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26 50	NONE	8431	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

LINSCOMB & WILLIAMS INC

74-1939813

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26 50	NONE	6546	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL PARTNERS

59-3331424

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26 50	NONE	5975	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.

94-1737782

(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?
33 50 59 62 71 72	NONE	5046	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
CHARLES SCHWAB & CO.INC. AND AFFIL	59	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
SEE ATTACHMENT 75-2401150	SEE ATTACHMENT	

(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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a Name:	b EIN:
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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 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 <u>CROWN CASTLE INC. 401(K) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>CROWN CASTLE INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>76-0470458</u>	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SCHWAB MANAGED RET TR FUND 2010</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST BANK</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>81-0625169-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>3185761</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SCHWAB MANAGED RET TR FUND 2020</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST BANK</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>81-0625169-002</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>16186691</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SCHWAB MANAGED RET TR FUND 2030</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST BANK</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>81-0625169-003</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>94135308</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SCHWAB MANAGED RET TR FUND 2040</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST BANK</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>81-0625169-004</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>143097861</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SCHWAB MANAGED RET TR FUND 2050</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST BANK</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>81-0625169-010</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>105509783</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SCHWAB MANAGED RET TR FUND - INCOME</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST BANK</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>81-0625169-005</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1300344</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SCHWAB MANAGED RET TR FUND 2060</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>CHARLES SCHWAB TRUST BANK</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>81-0625169-022</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>23674680</u>

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VFTC RETIRMENT SAVINGS TRUST IV

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): VANGUARD FIDUCIARY TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 61-6451184-025	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4784040
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: ARTISAN MULTIPLE INVESTMENT TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): SEI TRUST COMPANY

c EIN-PN 26-3653822-021	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 21840952
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE GROWTH STOCK TR

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

c EIN-PN 52-6559833-013	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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)
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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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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
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan CROWN CASTLE INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CROWN CASTLE INC.		
D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 76-0470458		

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	50	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	46480590	34245497
(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)	18714715	19613214
(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)	3149	600
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	12834680	13138650
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	386282982	413715420
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	300408678	441894807
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	33095969	40506426

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	120963417	110897534
(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	918784230	1074012148
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		
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	918784230	1074012148

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)	62520319	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	60397548	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	7835943	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		130753810
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	956214	
(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)	728549	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		1684763
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	165	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	11346048	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		11346213
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	20655466	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	25418878	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		-4763412
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	-12077576	
(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)		78016742
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		50481103
c Other income	2c		7234041
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		262675684

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	107200725	
(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)		107200725
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		3416
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)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	62038	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	181587	
(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)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		243625
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		107447766

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		155227918
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: **BDO USA, P.A.**

(2) EIN: **13-5381590**

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.)	☒	☐	728964
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?	☒	☐	10000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	☐	☒	
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.
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan CROWN CASTLE INC. 401(K) PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CROWN CASTLE INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 76-0470458
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): 82-3967259		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year		3
Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III	Amendments	
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No		
Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 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) 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) 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)	14a 14b 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 / 21 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q704158A</u> .	

CROWN CASTLE INC. 401(k) PLAN

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2023 and 2022

(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)

CROWN CASTLE INC. 401(k) PLAN

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator
Crown Castle Inc. 401(k) Plan
Canonsburg, Pennsylvania

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Crown Castle Inc. 401(k) 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). 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 (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). 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 (qualified institution), provided that the investment information is prepared and certified to by the qualified institution in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Management has obtained a certification 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 1 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and the procedures performed as described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report:

- 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 (GAAP).
- The certified investment information in the accompanying financial statements agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by a qualified 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 *Auditor's 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 GAAP, 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 within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the *Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit* section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of GAAP.

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 GAAP.

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 of Schedule H, line 4a-Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions and Schedule H, line 4i-Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the DOL'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 their form and content, are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

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

BDO USA, P.C.

October 14, 2024

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STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
Investments, at fair value (see notes 3 and 4)	\$ 1,026,628,002	\$ 859,468,961
Receivables:		
Employer cash contributions (see note 1)	3,640,460	19,359,401
Employer securities contributions (see note 1)	30,605,038	27,121,189
Notes receivable from participants (see note 1)	13,138,650	12,834,680
Total receivables	47,384,148	59,315,270
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 1,074,012,150</u>	<u>\$ 918,784,231</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
Additions (deductions) to net assets attributed to:		
Investment income (loss):		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 116,958,077	\$ (249,452,532)
Dividends and interest	14,963,746	15,677,402
Total investment income (loss)	<u>131,921,823</u>	<u>(233,775,130)</u>
Contributions:		
Employer cash contributions	31,915,333	35,451,994
Employer securities contributions	30,605,038	27,121,189
Participant contributions	60,397,548	56,582,925
Rollover contributions	7,835,943	8,099,865
Total contributions	<u>130,753,862</u>	<u>127,255,973</u>
Total additions (deductions)	262,675,685	(106,519,157)
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	107,204,141	56,336,137
Administrative expenses	243,625	208,178
Total deductions	<u>107,447,766</u>	<u>56,544,315</u>
Net increase (decrease)	155,227,919	(163,063,472)
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	918,784,231	1,081,847,703
End of year	<u><u>\$ 1,074,012,150</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 918,784,231</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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1. Plan Description

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

(a) General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan available to eligible employees of Crown Castle Inc. (the "Company" or "CCI"). Charles Schwab Trust Bank is the trustee of the Plan and both Charles Schwab Trust Bank and State Street Bank and Trust Company serve as custodians. Schwab Retirement Plan Services, Inc. is the recordkeeper. The Company is the Plan administrator for the Plan. The Plan was established on May 1, 1999, and has since been amended on an as-needed basis through the date of this report. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Charles Schwab Trust Bank has certified all investment information summarized in the statements of net assets available for Plan benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and in the statements of changes in net assets available for Plan benefits for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, as complete and accurate.

(b) Contributions

Employees are eligible for participation in the Plan immediately upon employment and once they are twenty-one years of age. Participants may contribute any percentage of their eligible compensation up to and including any percentage that allows the participant to reach the section 401(k) contribution limit of \$22,500 and \$20,500 in 2023 and 2022, respectively, for participants under age 50. Participants who are age 50 and older can contribute up to an additional \$7,500 for a total of \$30,000 in 2023 and an additional \$6,500 for a total of \$27,000 in 2022. Participants may make pre-tax employee contributions and/or Roth employee contributions. Employee contributions are made through compensation deferral arrangements and are fully vested at all times. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees who have not submitted an election to participate or not participate in the Plan are automatically enrolled in the Plan at a deferral rate of 6% and their pre-tax contributions invested in a designated target date fund until changed by the participant. The deferral rate for participants who are auto-enrolled increases by 1% each year until it reaches a maximum contribution of 10%, unless otherwise directed by the participant. A registered investment adviser is engaged to assist in monitoring the core investment options offered by the Plan (excluding the participant directed brokerage account investments). Additionally, an independent fiduciary is engaged to manage the CCI Unitized Common Stock Trust Fund included in the Plan. As of December 31, 2023, the Plan offered 14 mutual funds, 9 common collective funds, a money market fund and a participant directed brokerage account as investment options. Participants own shares of mutual funds, common stock, money market funds and unit investment trusts through the participant directed brokerage account.

During 2022, the Plan provided for mandatory matching contributions based on a fixed percentage of eligible compensation (as designated in the Plan and related documents), as well as discretionary contributions. Starting with the 2023 Plan year, both of the Plan's matching contributions were designated in the Plan and related documents as mandatory. See below for additional information regarding the amendment to the Plan with respect to contributions for Plan years beginning 2023. Mandatory and discretionary contributions are subject to certain limitations.

On October 18, 2022, the Company's board of directors approved an amendment to the Plan ("Plan Amendment"), effective as of January 1, 2023 and for the 2023 Plan year, pursuant to which the Company will match and contribute in cash 100% of the first 5% of eligible compensation that a participant contributes to the Plan. In addition, on October 18, 2022, the Company's board of directors approved a standing resolution authorizing the Company to contribute in Company common stock 5% of eligible compensation beginning with the 2023 Plan year and continuing through and including 2032, subject to an early termination (as defined in the Plan Amendment).

For the 2022 and 2023 Plan years, the Company matched and contributed, in cash, 100% of the first 3% and 5%, respectively, of eligible compensation that participants contributed to the Plan.

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On February 22, 2024, an additional contribution of 5% of each participant's eligible compensation was contributed in the form of Company common stock relating to the 2023 Plan year. The contribution totaled 264,667 shares of Company common stock, with a total market price of \$30,486,896 based on the closing price per share of Company common stock on December 31, 2023.

The discretionary contributions for 2022, which were approved by the independent directors of the Company's board of directors on February 22, 2023 and are reflected in the Plan's financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, consisted of:

- A cash contribution on February 28, 2023 equal to 100% of the second 3% of eligible compensation that participants contributed to the Plan.
- A contribution of Company common stock equal to approximately 5% of each participant's annualized base salary as of December 31, 2022. On February 28, 2023, the contribution totaled 198,122 shares of Company common stock, with a total market price of \$26,873,163 based on the closing price per share of Company common stock on December 31, 2022.

In addition, the Company made non-elective contributions for the 2023 and 2022 Plan years in accordance with the terms of the Company's Extended Service Separation Program. Such contributions, which were approved by the Company's board of directors, consisted of 1,026 and 1,829 shares of Company common stock for 2023 and 2022 Plan years, respectively, with a total market price of \$118,142 and \$248,026 based on the closing price per share of Company common stock on December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

After their respective contributions into the Plan, the contributions in the form of Company common stock were then allocated to participants in units of the CCI Unitized Common Stock Trust Fund. The employer securities contributions vest in the same manner as the Company's cash matches. See "*Vesting*" below. Except as limited by the Company's Insider Trading Policy and applicable laws, participants are generally able to sell such units and reinvest the proceeds into other Plan investment options at any time, even to the extent such amounts are unvested. Participants are unable to direct future participant and employer cash contributions or transfers into the CCI Unitized Common Stock Trust Fund or into shares of Company common stock in the participant directed brokerage account.

(c) Participant Accounts

Participant accounts are maintained at fair value. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (1) the Company's contributions and (2) Plan earnings and losses. The participant is entitled to the benefit that can be derived from the participant's vested account.

(d) Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings (losses) thereon. Vesting in the Company's contribution portion of their accounts is generally based on years of service. A participant is 33% vested after one year of credited service, 67% vested after two years of credited service, and 100% vested after three years of credited service. A participant automatically vests in any unvested accounts upon attainment of age 65, upon retirement due to disability, upon death and upon termination of the Plan.

(e) Notes Receivable From Participants

Participants are permitted to borrow from their account a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of 50% of the vested balance or \$50,000, whichever is less. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a fixed rate of prime plus 1% at the time of origination. As of December 31, 2023, the interest rate on the notes receivable from participants ranged from 4.25% to 9.50%. The Plan recognized interest income on notes receivable from participants of \$728,549 and \$556,210 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, which was recognized as "Dividends and interest" on the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits. All notes are subject to specific repayment terms and generally must be repaid within a five-year period. Each participant is permitted one note at a time. No allowance for credit losses was recorded as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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In the event of default, as described by the Plan, participants are considered to have received a distribution and are subject to income taxes on the distributed amount. Also, participants may be subject to an additional 10% tax on their taxable withdrawal if it occurs prior to age 59 1/2.

(f) *Payment of Benefits*

Participants are permitted to withdraw any portion of their vested account balance due to death, permanent disability, retirement (on or after normal retirement age, as designated in the Plan documents), attainment of age 59 1/2, in the event of financial hardship or termination of service. The participant may elect to receive a lump-sum payment, subject to federal income tax withholdings, or rollover the vested account balance to another qualified plan. These withdrawals, prior to retirement, may result in certain suspensions of future participation in the Plan.

(g) *Forfeitures*

Company contributions and earnings (losses) thereon that have not become vested and have been forfeited by participants in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Plan are applied against the Company's contributions to the Plan and may be applied to reduce the administrative expenses of the Plan. For the Plan years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company used \$939,959 and \$585,995, respectively, to reduce its cash contribution (see note 1(b)) which left no forfeited amounts unallocated to participants.

(h) *Administration Expenses*

Costs relating to the administration of the Plan are fully paid by the Company. Fees related to participant-requested activity, such as fees for loan administration or investment advisors are paid from applicable participant accounts and are recognized as "Administrative expenses" on the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits. The Plan permits the application of forfeited assets to pay administrative expenses.

(i) *Termination of Plan*

In the event of termination of the Plan, the Plan administrator will continue to function during such period as is necessary to make remaining normal distributions and to administer and distribute the residual interests of the participants. Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants become 100% vested in their accounts. Any unallocated assets of the Plan shall be allocated to participant accounts and distributed in such a manner as the Plan administrator may determine.

(j) *Risks and Uncertainties*

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits. For example, as of December 31, 2023, approximately 10% of the Plan's net assets were in the CCI Unitized Common Stock Trust Fund, which predominately consists of the common stock of the Company. See note 4.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) *Basis of Presentation*

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis. Accounts of participants who have elected to withdraw from the Plan, but to whom disbursements of funds from the Plan have not been made, are included as a component of net assets available for benefits.

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through October 14, 2024, which was the date the financial statements were issued.

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(b) Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and notes thereto. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(c) Investment Income

Interest income from investments is recorded as earned on an accrual basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

(d) Investments and Fair Value Measurements

The Company's assets and liabilities recorded at fair value are categorized based upon a fair value hierarchy that ranks the quality and reliability of the information used to determine fair value, in accordance with applicable accounting guidance (see note 4).

The following is a description of the levels of the fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, as well as inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability.
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs and are not corroborated by market data.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

- *Money market funds and equity securities:* Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded on the last business day of the Plan year.
- *Mutual funds and unit investment trusts:* Valued at the net asset value ("NAV") of shares held by the Plan at year-end based on quoted market price on active markets on the last business day of the Plan year.
- *CCI Unitized Common Stock Trust Fund:* Valued based on the current market value of the underlying assets of the fund. These assets include cash equivalents as well as shares of Company common stock, which are valued at the closing price as reported by the New York Stock Exchange on the last business day of the Plan year. The CCI Unitized Common Stock Trust Fund has daily redemptions and one day trading terms. The CCI Unitized Common Stock Trust Fund had no unfunded commitments at December 31, 2023.
- *Common Collective Funds:* Valued at the NAV, as a practical expedient, of the respective common collective funds on the last business day of the Plan year based on audited financial statements. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. The common collective funds have daily redemptions and one day trading terms. The common collective funds had no unfunded commitments at December 31, 2023.

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

Purchases and sales of securities are accounted for on a settlement-date basis. The difference between recording transactions on a trade date and a settlement date was not significant to the Plan's financial statements.

In accordance with the policy of stating investments at fair value, unrealized appreciation or depreciation on investments are reflected within investment income (loss) in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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(e) Contributions

Participant contributions are recorded as they are withheld from the participant's compensation.

(f) Distributions to Participants

Distributions to participants are recorded when paid by the Plan.

(g) Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest (see note 1(e)).

3. Investment Options

The following were the investment options as of December 31, 2023:

- Artisan International Growth Trust
- DFA Global Real Estate Securities Portfolio
- Fidelity Extended Market Index Fund
- Fidelity Total International Index Fund
- Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund
- Gabelli U.S. Treasury Money Market Fund
- Invesco Growth and Income Fund R5 Class
- JPMorgan Core Bond Fund Class R6
- JPMorgan Large Cap Growth Fund Class R6
- Lazard Global Listed Infrastructure Portfolio Institutional Shares
- Personal Choice Retirement Account
- PIMCO High Yield Fund Institutional Class
- Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2010 CI VI
- Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2020 CI VI
- Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2030 CI VI
- Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2040 CI VI
- Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2050 CI VI
- Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund 2060 CI VI
- Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Fund Income CI VI
- Schwab S&P 500 Index Fund
- Vanguard Explorer Fund Admiral Shares
- Vanguard Inflation-Protected Securities Fund Institutional Shares
- Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust IV
- Vanguard Total International Bond Index Fund Admiral Shares
- Victory Sycamore Small Company Opportunity Fund Class I

4. Fair Values

Investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis consisted of the following types of instruments as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023		
	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Mutual funds	441,894,808	—	441,894,808
Participant directed brokerage account	40,507,026	—	40,507,026
CCI Unitized Common Stock Trust Fund/ Company common stock	110,229,573	—	110,229,573
CCI Unitized Common Stock Trust Fund/ Money market fund	—	667,961	667,961
Money market fund	19,613,214	—	19,613,214
Common collective funds ^{(a)(b)}	—	—	413,715,420
Total	\$ 612,244,621	\$ 667,961	\$ 1,026,628,002

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	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022		
	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Cash	\$ 50	\$ —	\$ 50
Mutual funds	300,408,678	—	300,408,678
Participant directed brokerage account	33,099,119	—	33,099,119
CCI Unitized Common Stock Trust Fund/ Company common stock	120,336,688	—	120,336,688
CCI Unitized Common Stock Trust Fund/ Money market fund	—	626,729	626,729
Money market fund	—	18,714,715	18,714,715
Common collective funds ^{(a)(b)}	—	—	386,282,982
Total	<u>\$ 453,844,535</u>	<u>\$ 19,341,444</u>	<u>\$ 859,468,961</u>

(a) Primarily invested in a mix of equities and bonds based on target retirement year.

(b) In accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") guidance on fair value, investments that are measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value of such investments is presented in this table to allow reconciliation to the statements of net assets available for benefits.

5. Federal Income Tax

The Plan administrator has adopted an IRS pre-approved prototype plan of Schwab Retirement Plan Services, Inc. On September 21, 2020, Schwab Retirement Plan Services, Inc. obtained a letter in which the IRS stated its opinion that the form of the pre-approved prototype plan of Schwab Retirement Plan Services, Inc. is acceptable under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") for use by employers for the benefit of their employees. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

6. Party-In-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments are funds managed by Charles Schwab Trust Bank. As of December 31, 2023, there were eight such funds as Plan investment options. Charles Schwab Trust Bank is the trustee of the Plan, and both Charles Schwab Trust Bank and State Street Bank and Trust Company serve as custodians. Schwab Retirement Plan Services, Inc. is recordkeeper. Fees paid by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

The CCI Unitized Common Stock Trust Fund held 956,937 shares and 887,177 shares of the Company's common stock as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Purchases of units of the CCI Unitized Common Stock Trust Fund, inclusive of the employer securities contributions, totaled \$27,396,172 and \$20,101,735 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Sales of units of the CCI Unitized Common Stock Trust Fund totaled \$20,655,466 and \$14,406,190 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. In addition, there were 2,015 shares and 2,818 shares of Company common stock held in the participant directed brokerage account worth approximately \$232,159 and \$382,177 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Notes receivable from participants totaled \$13,138,650 and \$12,834,680 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, representing borrowings by the participants from their individual participant accounts.

See Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) for additional information on party-in-interest Plan investments.

7. Contribution Corrections

During the 2023 Plan year, the Company identified the following: (1) certain employees were not auto-enrolled in certain components of the Plan as required by Plan terms; and (2) certain participants' contribution deferral rates were not periodically increased in accordance with Plan terms. The following amounts were remitted to the Plan to correct the error: missed employee deferrals totaling \$728,964, related missed matching contributions of \$177,631, and related lost earnings of \$192,618. The amounts were remitted during the period September 23—27, 2024.

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EIN: 76-0470458
Plan Number: 001

Schedule H, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions

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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		
\$ 728,964	728,964	—	—		—

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EIN: 76-0470458

Plan Number: 001

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment	(e) Current Value
	Mutual Funds:		
	DFA Global Real Estate Securities Portfolio	Registered Investment Company	\$ 9,001,847
	Fidelity Extended Market Index Fund	Registered Investment Company	45,734,122
	Fidelity Total International Index Fund	Registered Investment Company	26,612,686
	Fidelity US Bond Index Fund	Registered Investment Company	10,003,885
	Invesco Growth and Income R5 Fund	Registered Investment Company	39,692,632
	JPMorgan Core Bond R6 Fund	Registered Investment Company	15,555,979
	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth R6	Registered Investment Company	82,733,389
	Lazard Global Listed Infrastructure Open Fund	Registered Investment Company	11,250,633
	PIMCO High Yield Institutional Fund	Registered Investment Company	11,090,331
*	Schwab S&P 500 Index Fund	Registered Investment Company	119,407,659
	Vanguard Explorer Admiral Fund	Registered Investment Company	39,747,685
	Vanguard Inflation-Protected Securities Fund	Registered Investment Company	10,679,643
	Vanguard Total International Bond Index Admiral Fund	Registered Investment Company	3,560,593
	Victory Sycamore Small Company Opportunity Fund	Registered Investment Company	16,823,724
	Total Mutual Funds		<u>441,894,808</u>
	Money Market Fund:		
	Gabelli US Treasury	Money Market Fund	19,613,214
	Total Money Market Funds		<u>19,613,214</u>
	Common Collective Funds:		
	Artisan International Growth Fund	Common Collective Funds	21,840,952
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust 2010 CL V	Common Collective Funds	3,185,761
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust 2020 CL V	Common Collective Funds	16,186,691
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust 2030 CL V	Common Collective Funds	94,135,308
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust 2040 CL V	Common Collective Funds	143,097,861
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust 2050 CL V	Common Collective Funds	105,509,783
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust 2060 CL V	Common Collective Funds	23,674,680
*	Schwab Managed Retirement Trust Income CL V	Common Collective Funds	1,300,344
	Vanguard Retirement Savings Trust IV	Common Collective Funds	4,784,040
	Total Common Collective Funds		<u>413,715,420</u>
	Participant Directed Brokerage Account:		
	Personal Choice Retirement Account	Self-Directed Brokerage Account	40,506,426
	Limited Partnership:		
**	Limited Partnership	Limited Partnership	600
	Unitized Common Stock Trust Fund:		
*	CCI Unitized Common Stock Trust Fund:		
	Crown Castle Inc. Common Stock	Employer Securities	110,229,573
	Blackrock Liquidity Funds Treasury Trust Institutional	Money Market Fund	667,961
	Total CCI Unitized Common Stock Trust Fund		<u>110,897,534</u>
	Notes receivable from participants:		
*	Participant Loans	1,039 participant loans with various rates of interest from 4.25% to 9.50% and various maturity dates through January 2029	13,138,650
			<u>\$ 1,039,766,652</u>

(*) Party-in interest

(**) The Limited Partnership is an investment held within the Personal Choice Retirement Account but has been broken out separately for purposes of this schedule.

All investments are participant directed.

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

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December 31, 2023

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Fund Family/Provider	EIN	Formula
Allianz Global Investors	Not Available	Range of 0.02 - 0.40% of average daily balance of assets
American Beacon	75-2401150	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
American Century Investments	43-0821857	Rate of 0.35% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Amundi US	13-5657669	Rate of 0.35% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Artisan Partners Funds	Not Available	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Baron Capital Group, Inc.	13-3107580	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
BlackRock	04-6171663	Range of 0.05 - 0.40% of average daily balance of assets
BNY Mellon	Not Available	Rate of 0.48% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Calamos	36-3316238	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Cambiar Funds	Not Available	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Campbell & Company	Not Available	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Causeway	Not Available	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)
CLIFFWATER LLC	Not Available	Rate of 0.15% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Cohen & Steers	14-1904657	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Commerce	43-0889454	Rate of 0.39% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Conestoga Capital Advisors	Not Available	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Destinations Funds	20-2230500	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Diamond Hill Funds	31-6547095	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)
DoubleLine	Not Available	Range of 0.15 - 0.40% of average daily balance of assets
Driehaus	20-3634295	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
DWS	13-3241232	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Eaton Vance	04-2718215	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Fidelity Investments	06-1194217	Range of 0.25 - 0.50% of average daily balance of assets
First Foundation Advisors	Not Available	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
FMI Funds	39-1861095	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Goldman Sachs	46-5215217	Range of 0.10 - 0.50% of average daily balance of assets
Guggenheim Investments	Not Available	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Hennessy	68-0377264	Rate of 0.50% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Hood River Capital Management	Not Available	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Howard Capital Management	Not Available	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Invesco	58-2287224	Rate of 0.50% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Janus Henderson	43-1804048	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)
John Hancock	04-3483032	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)
JPMorgan	13-2624428	Range of 0.10 - 0.50% of average daily balance of assets
Kensington Asset Management LLC	Not Available	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Kinetics	13-3878346	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Lord Abbett	13-3731507	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Madison Funds	54-1815009	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Manning & Napier	Not Available	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Matthews Asia Funds	94-3250972	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Mesirow	36-3429602	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Metropolitan West Funds	95-4597302	Range of 0.10 - 0.35% of average daily balance of assets
MFS	04-3253929	Range of 0.10 - 0.45% of average daily balance of assets
New York Life Investment Management LLC	13-5582869	Range of 0.20 - 0.40% of average daily balance of assets
North Square	Not Available	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Oberweis	Not Available	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Potomac Fund Management Inc.	Not Available	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
RiverPark Funds	Not Available	Rate of 0.40% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Robeco Investment Funds	Not Available	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)

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Fund Family/Provider	EIN	Formula
Shelton Capital Management	Not Available	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)
T ROWE-PRICE	Not Available	Rate of 0.15% of average daily balance of asset(s)
The Pacific Financial Group	Not Available	Rate of 0.25% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Thrivent Funds	39-0123480	Rate of 0.38% of average daily balance of asset(s)
TIAA Investments	13-1624203	Rate of 0.25% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Veracity Funds	20-0872988	Range of 0.35 - 0.40% of average daily balance of assets
Versus Capital	Not Available	Rate of 0.15% of average daily balance of asset(s)
Voya	95-4516049	Range of 0.25 - 0.30% of average daily balance of assets
Wasatch	87-0319391	Rate of 0.10% of average daily balance of asset(s)

Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

NAME OF PLAN SPONSOR:	Crown Castle Inc.
NAME OF PLAN:	Crown Castle Inc. 401(k) Plan
EIN:	76-0470458
PLAN NUMBER:	001

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	PARTICIPANT LOANS	Loans (4.25% - 9.50%)		13,138,650
	GABELLI US TREASURY	Money Market / Cash Equivalent		19,613,214
*	CROWN CASTLE STOCK FUND	Employer Securities		110,897,534
	ARTISAN INTL GROWTH TRUST	Common Collective Trust Fund		21,840,952
*	SCHWAB MANAGED RET 2010 CL VI	Common Collective Trust Fund		3,185,761
*	SCHWAB MANAGED RET 2020 CL VI	Common Collective Trust Fund		16,186,691
*	SCHWAB MANAGED RET 2030 CL VI	Common Collective Trust Fund		94,135,308
*	SCHWAB MANAGED RET 2040 CL VI	Common Collective Trust Fund		143,097,861
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	VANGUARD RET SAVINGS TRUST IV	Common Collective Trust Fund		4,784,040
	PCRA	Self-Directed Brokerage Account		40,506,426
	DFA GLOBAL REAL ESTATE SEC	Registered Investment Company		9,001,847
	FIDELITY EXTENDED MARKET INDEX	Registered Investment Company		45,734,122
	FIDELITY TOTAL INTERN INDEX	Registered Investment Company		26,612,686
	FIDELITY US BOND INDEX	Registered Investment Company		10,003,885
	INVESCO GROWTH AND INCOME R5	Registered Investment Company		39,692,632
	JP MORGAN CORE BOND R6	Registered Investment Company		15,555,979
	JPMORGAN LARGE CAP GROWTH R6	Registered Investment Company		82,733,389
	LAZARD GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE	Registered Investment Company		11,250,633
	PIMCO HIGH YIELD FUND	Registered Investment Company		11,090,331
*	SCHWAB S&P 500 INDEX FUND	Registered Investment Company		119,407,659
	VANGUARD EXPLORER ADMIRAL SHRS	Registered Investment Company		39,747,685
	VANGUARD INFL PROTECTED SECSIN	Registered Investment Company		10,679,643
	VANGUARD TOTAL INTL BD IDX ADM	Registered Investment Company		3,560,593
	VICTORY SMALL CO OPPORTUNITY I	Registered Investment Company		16,823,723
	LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	Limited Partnership		600

* Party-in-interest