

<div>Form 5500</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</div> <div>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).</div> <div>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</div>	<div>OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div>
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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: <div><div>☐ a multiemployer plan</div><div>☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)</div><div>☒ a single-employer plan</div><div>☐ a DFE (specify) _____</div><div>☐ the first return/report</div><div>☐ the final return/report</div><div>☐ an amended return/report</div><div>☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)</div></div>
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: <div><div>☒ Form 5558</div><div>☐ automatic extension</div><div>☐ the DFVC program</div><div>☐ special extension (enter description)</div></div>
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 CINCINNATI BELL MANAGEMENT PENSION PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 006
1c	Effective date of plan 10/01/1980
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) CINCINNATI BELL INC 221 EAST FOURTH STREET ROOM 103-1070 CINCINNATI, OH 45202
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 31-1056105
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 513-397-7893
2d	Business code (see instructions) 551112

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.	10/11/2024	MICHAEL MURPHY
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>
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 1648
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	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> 6a(1) 476 6a(2) 613 6b 631 6c 542 6d 1786 6e 128 6f 1914 6g(1) 6g(2) 6h 0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

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

1C 3F 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 0
- (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 _____

<div>SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.</div>	<div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
▶ Round off amounts to nearest dollar.	
▶ Caution: A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.	
A Name of plan CINCINNATI BELL MANAGEMENT PENSION PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 006
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF CINCINNATI BELL INC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 31-1056105
E Type of plan: ☒ Single ☐ Multiple-A ☐ Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: ☐ 100 or fewer ☐ 101-500 ☒ More than 500

Part I	Basic Information			
1	Enter the valuation date: Month 01 Day 01 Year 2023			
2	Assets:			
a	Market value	2a	115273226	
b	Actuarial value	2b	126800548	
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a	For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	688	74389510	74389510
b	For terminated vested participants	484	13581947	13581947
c	For active participants	476	32520051	33028205
d	Total	1648	120491508	120999662
4	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) ☐			
a	Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a		
b	Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b		
5	Effective interest rate	5	5.22 %	
6	Target normal cost			
a	Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	0	
b	Expected plan-related expenses	6b	1405135	
c	Target normal cost	6c	1405135	

Statement by Enrolled Actuary
To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

<div>SIGN HERE</div>	<div>Signature of actuary</div> <div>JASON H. NATOF</div> <div>Type or print name of actuary</div> <div>BUCK GLOBAL, LLC</div> <div>Firm name</div> <div>420 LEXINGTON AVENUE 22ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10170</div> <div>Address of the firm</div>	<div>09/16/2024</div> <div>Date</div> <div>23-06732</div> <div>Most recent enrollment number</div> <div>212-330-1000</div> <div>Telephone number (including area code)</div>
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Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

	(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7 Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	56956
8 Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9 Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	56956
10 Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>-22.18</u> %	0	-12633
11 Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		0
b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.38</u> %		0
b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		0
d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12 Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13 Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	44323

Part III Funding Percentages

14 Funding target attainment percentage	14	104.75 %
15 Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	104.79 %
16 Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	126.78 %
17 If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls**18** Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
Totals ▶			18(b)	0	18(c) 0

19 Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:

a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years.	19a	0
b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	0

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

- a** Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- c** If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost**21** Discount rate:**a** Segment rates:1st segment:
4.75 %2nd segment:
5.00 %3rd segment:
5.74 %☐ N/A, full yield curve used**b** Applicable month (enter code).....**21b**

4

22 Weighted average retirement age**22**

60

23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)☐

Prescribed - combined

☒

Prescribed - separate

☐

Substitute

Part VI Miscellaneous Items**24** Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.☒

Yes

☐

No

25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.☐

Yes

☒

No

26 Demographic and benefit information**a** Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.☒

Yes

☐

No

b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ...☒

Yes

☐

No

27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.....**27****Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years****28** Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years**28**

0

29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a).....**29**

0

30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)**30**

0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year**31** Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):**a** Target normal cost (line 6c).....**31a**

1405135

b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a**31b**

1405135

32 Amortization installments:

Outstanding Balance

Installment

a Net shortfall amortization installment

0

0

b Waiver amortization installment**33** If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount**33****34** Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)....**34**

0

Carryover balance

Prefunding balance

Total balance

35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement

0

0

0

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35).....**36**

0

37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c).....**37**

0

38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)**a** Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)**38a**

0

b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances**38b****39** Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)**39**

0

40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years**40**

0

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)**41** If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. ☒ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☐ 2021

<div>SCHEDULE C</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div>	<div>Service Provider Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div>	OMB No. 1210-0110
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CINCINNATI BELL INC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 31-1056105	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. ☒ Yes ☐ No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		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 CINCINNATI BELL MANAGEMENT PENSION PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	006
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CINCINNATI BELL INC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 31-1056105	

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

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	550000
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	23642
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	115273226	0
(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)	0	122563333
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	115273226	123136975
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	115273226	123136975

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

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		-3524741
(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)		16752098
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		13227357

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	12772751	
(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)		12772751
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	58013	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(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)		58013
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		12830764

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		396593
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		7467156
(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: **CLARK, SCHAEFER, HACKETT & CO.**

(2) EIN: **31-0800053**

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.)		☒	
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?	☒		25000000
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 526040.

<div>SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div><div>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</div><div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div></div>		<div>Retirement Plan Information</div> <div>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).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div>		<div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</div>	
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023					
A Name of plan CINCINNATI BELL MANAGEMENT PENSION PLAN				B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	006
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CINCINNATI BELL INC				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 31-1056105	
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): _____ 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	77
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: <u>39.6</u> % Private Equity: _____ % Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: <u>60.4</u> % 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 ____/____/____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number _____.	

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Participants and the Employee's Benefit Committee
Cincinnati Bell Management Pension Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the Cincinnati Bell Management Pension Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, 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 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 10 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Cincinnati Bell Management Pension Plan and to meet our other ethical

responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Cincinnati Bell Management Pension Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' 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 Cincinnati Bell Management Pension 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 Cincinnati Bell Management Pension 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

Other Matters - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are

presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

- The information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

Cincinnati, Ohio
October 15, 2024

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Schedule SB, Line 26a – Schedule of Active Participant Data

Attained Age	Years of Credited Service									
	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 & up
Under 25										
25 to 29										
30 to 34		3								
35 to 39		8	3							
40 to 44		16	24	8	1					
45 to 49		16	32	48	6					
50 to 54		18	26	50	24	10				
55 to 59		6	10	33	18	19	5			
60 to 64		4	10	18	11	6	7	7	7	
65 to 69			1	3	4	1		2	7	2
70 & up			1		1					

Note: Average compensation / cash balances are not shown since the plan has less than 1,000 active participants.

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Schedule SB, Part V – Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Funding assumptions selection and rationale

Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 27 ("ASOP 27") provides guidance to actuaries when selecting economic assumptions for measuring pension obligations. Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 35 ("ASOP 35") provides guidance to actuaries when selecting demographic and other noneconomic assumptions for measuring pension obligations. Under these ASOPs, for each assumption that has a significant effect on the measurement and that is not prescribed by law or regulation, the actuary should disclose the information and analysis used to select the assumption.

In selecting the Expected Return assumption, the actuary used economic information provided by Buck's Investment Consulting and Financial Risk Management practices. Buck's Capital Market Assumptions provide relevant expected returns, standard deviations, and correlations. Projected returns are then developed for the portfolio (based on the Plan's asset allocation) using the GEMS® Economic Scenario Generator from Conning & Company. Based on this analysis, the actuary selected a rate at the median of returns generated by the GEMS® model, offset by implicit investment expenses.

The demographic assumptions currently being used are based on an experience study completed in January 2021. For 2023, a gain/loss analysis was performed to review the validity of these assumptions and the plan's enrolled actuary found the difference between actual and expected values within an acceptable corridor.

Use of Models

Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 56 ("ASOP 56") provides guidance to actuaries when performing actuarial services with respect to designing, developing, selecting, modifying, using, reviewing, or evaluating models. Buck uses third-party software in the performance of annual actuarial valuations and projections. The model is intended to calculate the liabilities associated with the provisions of the plan using data and assumptions as of the measurement date under the funding rules specified in this report. Further, the model applies those funding rules to the liabilities derived and other inputs, such as plan assets and contributions, to generate many of the exhibits found in this report. Buck has an extensive review process whereby the results of the liability calculations are checked using detailed sample output, changes from year to year are summarized by source, and significant deviations from expectations are investigated. Other funding outputs are similarly reviewed in detail and at a high level for accuracy, reasonability and consistency with prior results. Buck also reviews the model when significant changes are made to the software. The review is performed by experts within the company who are familiar with applicable funding rules as well as the manner in which the model generates its output.

Future actuarial measurements

Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from current measurements due to plan experience differing from that anticipated by the actuarial assumptions, changes expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements, and changes in plan provisions, applicable law or regulations. An analysis of the potential range of such future differences is beyond the scope of this report. However, in accordance with ASOP 51, an assessment of risks for the plan was performed.

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Schedule SB, Part V – Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Prescribed Funding Assumptions and Methods

The following assumptions and methods are prescribed by ERISA, as currently amended.

Funding interest rates

	2023 Plan Year	2022 Plan Year
Funding Rates – Constrained*		
First Segment Rate	4.75%	4.75%
Second Segment Rate	5.00%	5.18%
Third Segment Rate	5.74%	5.92%
Effective Interest Rate	5.22%	5.38%
Funding Rates – Unconstrained**		
First Segment Rate	1.41%	1.07%
Second Segment Rate	3.09%	2.68%
Third Segment Rate	3.58%	3.36%
Effective Interest Rate	3.17%	2.86%

* Used for minimum funding and benefit restriction purposes.

** Used for maximum tax-deduction purposes.

The interest rates used for funding purposes are the Segment Rates with 4-month lookback

Mortality

Mortality tables mandated by current legislation as specified in IRS Regulation 1.430(h)(3)-1, as amended in IRS Notice 2022-22, applied on a static basis.

Lump Sum interest and mortality

Interest Rate: Forward rates implied by the funding interest rates (annuity substitution rule)
Mortality: 2023 IRC 417(e) Applicable Mortality table

Actuarial cost method

The Funding Target is the present value of accrued benefits based on compensation and service to date. The Target Normal Cost is the present value of benefits expected to be accrued during the current plan year, reflecting the effect of expected compensation increases during the year and including expected plan administrative and investment related expenses to be paid from plan assets during the year.

Since the plan is frozen, the Target Normal Cost represents expected plan expenses only.

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Schedule SB, Part V – Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods (continued)

Non-Prescribed Funding Assumptions and Methods

The following assumptions were selected by the plan's enrolled actuary. The asset valuation method was selected by the plan sponsor with the actuary's advice and is an acceptable method under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and associated regulations.

Expenses

Expected plan administrative and investment related expenses of \$1,405,135 were added to the Target Normal Cost. This assumption is based on the sum of the prior year's expenses (without PBGC premium) and the current year's PBGC premium.

Withdrawal rates for active participants

Age	Assumption
30-34	10.0%
35-39	7.0%
40-44	7.0%
45-49	7.0%
50-54	7.0%
55-59	10.0%
60	10.0%
61	10.0%
62	15.0%
63-65	20.0%
66	35.0%
67-69	50.0%
70 or older	100.0%

Benefit commencement and frequency of optional payment forms

For active participants assumed to terminate at or after age 60 and current terminated vested participants who are at least age 60:

- Immediate commencement (age 65 for current transition-eligible terminated vested participants)
- 50% lump sum, 20% single life annuity, 30% joint & 100% survivor annuity
- 100% lump sum for pre-retirement death benefits

For active participants assumed to terminate before age 60 and current terminated vested participants who are younger than age 60:

- 50% immediate commencement with 100% lump sum
- 50% at age 60 with 80% lump sum, 8% single life annuity, 12% joint & 100% survivor annuity
- 100% lump sum for pre-retirement death benefits

Marital percentage and spousal age difference

80% of participants are assumed to be married at death. Male participants are assumed to be 3 years older than their spouses, while female participants are assumed to be 2 years younger than their spouses.

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Schedule SB, Part V – Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods (continued)

Non-Prescribed Funding Assumptions and Methods (continued)

Asset valuation method

The Actuarial Value of Assets is market value as of the valuation date, including discounted receivable contributions, reduced by 2/3 of the gain/(loss) for the immediately preceding plan year and reduced by 1/3 of the gain/(loss) for the plan year before that. The gain/(loss) for each period is determined as the actual return on market value during the period less the expected return on market value based on an assumed earnings rate chosen by the actuary but required by current law and regulation to be not greater than the applicable third Segment Rate. The resulting value is constrained to be within a corridor of 90% to 110% of market value, including discounted receivable contributions.

	Actuary's Assumption	Third Segment Rate	Reflecting PPA Limit
2023 Expected Return	7.00%	5.74%	5.74%
2022 Expected Return	5.00%	5.92%	5.00%
2021 Expected Return	6.00%	6.11%	6.00%

Summary of Changes from the January 1, 2022 Valuation

- The mortality assumption was updated according to the projection specified in IRS Regulation 1.430(h)(3)-1, applied on a static basis.
- The interest rates were updated to the segment rates applicable to the current plan year in accordance with PPA as amended by MAP-21, HATFA, and ARPA.
- Lump sum conversion mortality was updated to the 2023 IRC 417(e) Applicable Mortality table.

The assumption changes relating to interest rates and mortality tables increased the Funding Target by approximately \$3.1 million.

- The expense component of Target Normal Cost increased from \$387,404 to \$1,405,135.
- The expected return on plan assets rate changed from 5.00% for 2022 to 7.00% (limited to third segment rate) for 2023 due to changes in the plan's asset allocation and capital market assumptions. This change had no effect on the current valuation.

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Schedule SB – Statement by Enrolled Actuary

In preparing this Schedule SB, the actuary relied upon other parties for – and applied reasonability tests to – information on assets, contributions, plan provisions and data on participants covered by the plan.

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) _____
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☐
D Check box if filing under:	☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description) _____
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.	☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a Name of plan CINCINNATI BELL MANAGEMENT PENSION PLAN	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 006
	1c Effective date of plan 10/01/1980
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) CINCINNATI BELL INC 221 EAST FOURTH STREET ROOM 103-1070 CINCINNATI OH 45202	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 31-1056105 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 513-397-7893 2d Business code (see instructions) 551112

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		10/11/2024	MICHAEL MURPHY
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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

Form 5500 (2023)
v. 2300728

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	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
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▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**
▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan CINCINNATI BELL MANAGEMENT PENSION PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	006
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF CINCINNATI BELL INC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 31-1056105	
E Type of plan: ☒ Single ☐ Multiple-A ☐ Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: ☐ 100 or fewer ☐ 101-500 ☒ More than 500	

Part I Basic Information			
1 Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2023</u>			
2 Assets:			
a Market value.....		2a	115,273,226
b Actuarial value.....		2b	126,800,548
3 Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment.....	688	74,389,510	74,389,510
b For terminated vested participants.....	484	13,581,947	13,581,947
c For active participants.....	476	32,520,051	33,028,205
d Total.....	1,648	120,491,508	120,999,662
4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... ☐			
a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions.....		4a	
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor.....		4b	
5 Effective interest rate.....	5	5.22%	
6 Target normal cost			
a Present value of current plan year accruals.....	6a	0	
b Expected plan-related expenses.....	6b	1,405,135	
c Target normal cost.....	6c	1,405,135	

Statement by Enrolled Actuary
To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE	Jason H. Natof	09/16/2024
	Signature of actuary	Date
Jason H. Natof		2306732
Type or print name of actuary		Most recent enrollment number
BUCK GLOBAL, LLC		213-330-1000
Firm name		Telephone number (including area code)
420 LEXINGTON AVENUE 22ND FLOOR NEW YORK NY 10170		
Address of the firm		

Part II		Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances	
		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	56,956
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	56,956
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>-22.18</u> %	0	-12,633
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		0
	b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.38</u> %		0
	b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
	c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		0
	d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	44,323

Part III		Funding Percentages	
14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	104.75 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	104.79 %
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	126.78 %
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage.	17	%

Part IV		Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls			
18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:					
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
Totals ►			18(b)	0	18(c)
					0

19 Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:			
a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0	
b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date.	19b	0	
c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date.	19c	0	
20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:			
a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? ☐ Yes ☐ No			
c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:			
Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:				
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.00 %	3rd segment: 5.74 %	☐ N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code).....				21b 4
22 Weighted average retirement age				22 60
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	☐ Prescribed - combined ☒ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute			

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	☒ Yes ☐ No
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	☐ Yes ☒ No
26 Demographic and benefit information	
a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	☒ Yes ☐ No
b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ...	☒ Yes ☐ No
27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment	27

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years.....	28	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)	29	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)	30	0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):			
a Target normal cost (line 6c).....	31a	1,405,135	
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	1,405,135	
32 Amortization installments:			
a Net shortfall amortization installment	Outstanding Balance	Installment	
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0	
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	33		
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)....	34	0	
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement.....	0	0	0
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	36	0	
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	37	0	
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	0	
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	38b		
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	39	0	
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years.....	40	0	

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. ☒ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☐ 2021
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Schedule SB, Line 22 – Description of Weighted Average Retirement Age

This table calculates the weighted average retirement age for all active persons in the plan

(1) Age	(2) Expected Active Headcount	(3) Retirement Rate	(4) Expected Retirements (2)*(3)	(5) Weighted Age (1)*(4)
33	1.0000	0.1000	0.1000	3.3000
34	2.8998	0.1000	0.2900	9.8594
35	2.6090	0.0700	0.1826	6.3921
36	4.4256	0.0700	0.3098	11.1526
37	6.1144	0.0700	0.4280	15.8363
38	8.6845	0.0700	0.6079	23.1008
39	12.0737	0.0700	0.8452	32.9612
40	16.2246	0.0700	1.1357	45.4289
41	23.0823	0.0700	1.6158	66.2461
42	31.4567	0.0700	2.2020	92.4827
43	38.2401	0.0700	2.6768	115.1027
44	47.5435	0.0700	3.3280	146.4341
45	51.1883	0.0700	3.5832	161.2431
46	67.5728	0.0700	4.7301	217.5845
47	81.7966	0.0700	5.7258	269.1109
48	103.0092	0.0700	7.2106	346.1108
49	123.7135	0.0700	8.6599	424.3372
50	132.9396	0.0700	9.3058	465.2884
51	151.5007	0.0700	10.6051	540.8576
52	160.7273	0.0700	11.2509	585.0474
53	178.2780	0.0700	12.4795	661.4115
54	191.5573	0.0700	13.4090	724.0867
55	202.8622	0.1000	20.2862	1,115.7420
56	199.2387	0.1000	19.9239	1,115.7365
57	200.9437	0.1000	20.0944	1,145.3793
58	200.4276	0.1000	20.0428	1,162.4798
59	193.9121	0.1000	19.3912	1,144.0814
60	187.0037	0.1000	18.7004	1,122.0223
61	183.7364	0.1000	18.3736	1,120.7919
62	180.7296	0.1500	27.1094	1,680.7850
63	165.9168	0.2000	33.1834	2,090.5522
64	140.0039	0.2000	28.0008	1,792.0493
65	122.3073	0.2000	24.4615	1,589.9952
66	103.1548	0.3500	36.1042	2,382.8759
67	71.4039	0.5000	35.7019	2,392.0305
68	41.2051	0.5000	20.6026	1,400.9738
69	22.2894	0.5000	11.1447	768.9858
70	10.9578	1.0000	10.9578	767.0484
71	2.0000	1.0000	<u>2.0000</u>	<u>142.0000</u>
Total			466.7603	27,896.9043
Weighted Average Retirement Age = 27,896.9043 / 466.7603				59.77
Rounded Weighted Average Retirement Age				60

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Schedule SB, Line 22 – Description of Weighted Average Retirement Age (continued)

Note to Column 2: The Expected Active Headcount for each age includes persons who are eligible to retire and persons who are not eligible to retire at each age.

Note to Column 3: At each age, these retirement rates are a weighted average of the rates shown in Attachment to Part V for active participants eligible to retire at the age and zero for all other active participants.

General note: The table presents values rounded to fewer significant digits than used in the calculation.

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Schedule SB, Line 26b – Schedule of Projection of Expected Benefit Payments

Plan Year	Active Participants	Terminated Vested Participants	Retired Participants and Beneficiaries Receiving Payments	Total
2023	\$3,125,098	\$6,928,702	\$9,946,190	\$19,999,990
2024	\$2,802,655	\$407,831	\$9,094,060	\$12,304,546
2025	\$2,792,655	\$613,744	\$8,467,315	\$11,873,714
2026	\$2,558,359	\$477,741	\$7,850,224	\$10,886,324
2027	\$2,399,483	\$422,517	\$7,248,649	\$10,070,649
2028	\$2,422,703	\$512,126	\$6,667,898	\$9,602,727
2029	\$2,331,376	\$484,507	\$6,112,526	\$8,928,409
2030	\$2,294,065	\$540,431	\$5,586,173	\$8,420,669
2031	\$2,180,632	\$678,776	\$5,091,497	\$7,950,905
2032	\$2,219,204	\$468,758	\$4,630,060	\$7,318,022
2033	\$2,057,428	\$587,518	\$4,202,363	\$6,847,309
2034	\$2,089,126	\$450,854	\$3,807,914	\$6,347,894
2035	\$2,102,920	\$449,845	\$3,445,358	\$5,998,123
2036	\$1,902,262	\$522,775	\$3,112,753	\$5,537,790
2037	\$1,850,692	\$395,718	\$2,807,753	\$5,054,163
2038	\$1,614,467	\$408,305	\$2,527,830	\$4,550,602
2039	\$1,619,796	\$395,535	\$2,270,474	\$4,285,805
2040	\$1,518,523	\$376,852	\$2,033,336	\$3,928,711
2041	\$1,459,881	\$351,588	\$1,814,377	\$3,625,846
2042	\$1,372,935	\$290,133	\$1,611,933	\$3,275,001
2043	\$1,305,751	\$327,666	\$1,424,712	\$3,058,129
2044	\$1,230,837	\$319,443	\$1,251,801	\$2,802,081
2045	\$1,166,193	\$265,552	\$1,092,639	\$2,524,384
2046	\$1,113,359	\$221,967	\$946,894	\$2,282,220
2047	\$1,056,384	\$206,642	\$814,357	\$2,077,383
2048	\$1,001,689	\$199,252	\$694,831	\$1,895,772
2049	\$952,995	\$174,834	\$588,044	\$1,715,873
2050	\$899,360	\$162,744	\$493,639	\$1,555,743
2051	\$845,512	\$150,678	\$411,138	\$1,407,328
2052	\$792,295	\$138,772	\$339,904	\$1,270,971
2053	\$738,868	\$127,161	\$279,144	\$1,145,173
2054	\$685,468	\$115,970	\$227,930	\$1,029,368
2055	\$632,458	\$105,308	\$185,255	\$923,021
2056	\$580,222	\$95,262	\$150,083	\$825,567
2057	\$529,032	\$85,888	\$121,379	\$736,299
2058	\$479,403	\$77,220	\$98,145	\$654,768
2059	\$431,673	\$69,262	\$79,456	\$580,391
2060	\$386,109	\$61,997	\$64,487	\$512,593
2061	\$342,966	\$55,391	\$52,521	\$450,878
2062	\$302,436	\$49,396	\$42,951	\$394,783
2063	\$264,658	\$43,959	\$35,278	\$343,895
2064	\$229,730	\$39,025	\$29,097	\$297,852
2065	\$197,706	\$34,541	\$24,086	\$256,333
2066	\$168,605	\$30,462	\$19,990	\$219,057
2067	\$142,411	\$26,747	\$16,614	\$185,772
2068	\$119,071	\$23,362	\$13,805	\$156,238
2069	\$98,500	\$20,283	\$11,449	\$130,232
2070	\$80,575	\$17,488	\$9,461	\$107,524
2071	\$65,143	\$14,963	\$7,777	\$87,883
2072	\$52,025	\$12,693	\$6,347	\$71,065

CINCINNATI BELL MANAGEMENT PENSION PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

With Independent Auditors' Report

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Participants and the Employee's Benefit Committee
Cincinnati Bell Management Pension Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the Cincinnati Bell Management Pension Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, 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 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 10 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Cincinnati Bell Management Pension Plan and to meet our other ethical

responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Cincinnati Bell Management Pension Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' 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 Cincinnati Bell Management Pension 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 Cincinnati Bell Management Pension 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

Other Matters - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are

presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

- The information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

Cincinnati, Ohio
October 15, 2024

CINCINNATI BELL MANAGEMENT PENSION PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	December 31,	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS:		
Interest in Master Trust	\$ -	\$ 115,273
Investments at fair value	122,587	-
Receivable from Hawaiian Telcom Plan	<u>550</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>123,137</u>	<u>115,273</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 123,137</u>	<u>\$ 115,273</u>

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

CINCINNATI BELL MANAGEMENT PENSION PLAN
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
Interest in Master Trust investment loss	\$ (3,525)	\$ (34,746)
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	15,612	-
Interest and dividends	1,140	-
Total additions (deductions)	13,227	(34,746)
Benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries	12,773	11,461
Administrative expenses	58	-
Total deductions	12,831	11,461
Net increase (decrease) in net assets available for benefits	396	(46,207)
Transfers from Cincinnati Bell Pension Plan	732	906
Transfers from Hawaiian Telcom Management Pension Plan	6,736	-
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	115,273	160,574
End of year	\$ 123,137	\$ 115,273

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

CINCINNATI BELL MANAGEMENT PENSION PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) Plan Description

The following Notes to Financial Statements give only a brief description of the Cincinnati Bell Management Pension Plan (“the Plan”) and are provided for general purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for further details. In the event of any conflicts between the Notes to Financial Statements and the Plan Document, the Plan Document shall control.

The Plan is a non-contributory defined benefit pension plan maintained for eligible management and certain hourly employees of Cincinnati Bell Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Company” or “Employer”), who were hired prior to January 1, 2009, have reached age 21, and have at least one year of service. Subject to satisfaction of the Plan’s vesting requirements and (when applicable) to the Plan’s provisions reflecting the funding-based restrictions of Section 436 of the Internal Revenue Code (the “IRC”), benefits are payable generally in the form of an annuity or lump sum when a participant retires, dies, or separates from service.

On July 2, 2018, the Company acquired Hawaiian Telcom Holdco, Inc. (“Hawaiian Telcom”), the largest full service provider of communication services on all of Hawaii’s major islands. On December 31, 2023, the Hawaiian Telcom Management Pension Plan (the “Hawaiian Telcom Plan”) was merged into the Plan, and all assets, liabilities and benefit obligations previously held by the Hawaiian Telcom Plan were transferred to the Plan. Net assets transferred from the Hawaiian Telcom Plan totaled \$6,735,614, including a \$550,000 employer contribution receivable as of December 31, 2023.

The Plan generally uses a cash balance formula to determine benefits. All benefit accruals under the Plan were frozen as of June 30, 2013 (benefit accruals for non-grandfathered participants were frozen as of March 28, 2009). As such, no pension credits have been or will be earned under the Plan for any period after June 30, 2013. All participants will continue to earn interest credits as specified under Plan provisions (4% for both 2023 and 2022).

In general and subject to certain grandfathered vesting rules, a participant who completes at least one hour of service with the Company on or after January 1, 2008 will be fully vested in a Plan benefit upon completion of three years of vesting service (normally a year of vesting service is a calendar year with respect to which the participant is paid by the Company for at least 1,000 hours). In addition, a participant will be fully vested in a Plan benefit if still employed by the Company when normal retirement age is attained, which is the later of the participant’s 65th birthday or the fifth annual anniversary date of his or her becoming a participant in the Plan. Any amounts not vested at the time a participant’s employment terminates are forfeited.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

- a. **Basis of Accounting:** The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.
- b. **Use of Estimates:** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) requires management to make significant estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. These significant estimates include the accumulated plan benefits and market value of investments. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
- c. **Fair Value Measurements:** Accounting Standards Codification Topic 820, “Fair Value Measurements,” establishes a three-tier fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value as follows:
 - Level 1 - Quoted market prices for identical instruments in an active market;
 - Level 2 - Quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability (i.e., interest rates, yield curves, etc.), and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means (market corroborated inputs); and

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Level 3 - Unobservable inputs that reflect management's determination of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. These inputs are developed based on the best information available, including our own data.

The Plan invested in the Cincinnati Bell Pension Plans' Trust (the "Master Trust") through October 31, 2023, which held only the assets of the Plan and the Cincinnati Bell Pension Plan. Effective November 1, 2023, the Master Trust was dissolved, and the Plan's assets were invested in a new trust (the "Cincinnati Bell Management Pension Plan Trust" or the "Plan Trust"), which holds only the assets of the Plan. The Plan Trust invests, and the Master Trust invested, in a combination of mutual funds. The fair values of Level 1 investments are based on quoted prices in active markets. The fair values of Level 2 investments, which consisted of funds that hold securities in active markets, are determined based on the net asset value as reported by the fund manager.

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.

- d. **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition:** Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the transaction date. Prior to November 1, 2023, investment income (loss) in the Master Trust was allocated between the Plan and the Cincinnati Bell Pension Plan based on the weighted average allocated investment balances between the plans throughout the year. Effective November 1, 2023, investment income (loss) in the Plan Trust is attributable in full to the Plan. Purchases and sales of securities are reflected as of the trade date. Realized gains and losses on sales of securities are determined on the basis of average cost. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Income from other investments is recorded as earned on an accrual basis. The Plan presents its portion of the Master Trust's realized gains or losses and the net unrealized appreciation or depreciation of investments in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits under the caption "Interest in Master Trust investment loss." The Plan presents realized gains or losses and the net unrealized appreciation or depreciation of investments from the Plan Trust in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits under the caption "investment income."
- e. **Actuarial Method and Contributions:** Contributions to the Plan were made by the Company into the Master Trust through October 31, 2023, and effective November 1, 2023, contributions to the Plan are made by the Company into the Plan Trust. The Company's contributions are equal to the current period cost of the Plan actuarially determined by the aggregate cost method. This method calculates a specific contribution such that the sum of future contributions, present trust investments and expected future investment earnings will be sufficient to pay all future benefits due. For the 2023 plan year, the Company did not contribute to the Plan in 2023 and the Plan recorded a receivable of \$550,000 related to the Hawaiian Telcom Plan that will be contributed to the Plan in fiscal year 2024 by the Company. For the 2022 plan year, the Company did not contribute to the Plan in 2022 and the Plan did not record a receivable to be contributed to the Plan in fiscal year 2023 by the Company as the Plan had been fully funded.

The Plan is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). The Plan's minimum funding requirements under ERISA, as modified by the Pension Protection Act of 2006, have been met.
- f. **Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits:** Accumulated plan benefits are those future periodic payments that are attributable under the Plan's provisions to the service employees have rendered. Accumulated plan benefits include benefits expected to be paid to (a) retired or terminated employees or their beneficiaries, (b) beneficiaries of employees who have died and (c) present employees or their beneficiaries.
- g. **Payment of Benefits:** Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.
- h. **Plan Expenses:** Trustee and investment management fees and administrative expenses were paid directly from the Master Trust and allocated to the Plan as a reduction of the Plan's interest in Master Trust investment income (loss) through October 31, 2023. Effective November 1, 2023, trustee and investment management fees and administrative expenses are paid directly from the Plan Trust and recorded as Administrative expenses.

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- i. **Transfer to/from Other Plans:** If a Plan participant becomes a participant of the Cincinnati Bell Pension Plan, or if a participant of the Cincinnati Bell Pension Plan becomes a participant of the Plan, the related assets and accrued benefits and liabilities are generally transferred to and assumed by the recipient plan.

In 2023, \$731,542 was transferred to the Plan from the Cincinnati Bell Pension Plan related to participants that transferred during the plan year. In 2022, \$906,170 was transferred to the Plan from the Cincinnati Bell Pension Plan related to participants that transferred during the plan year.

Effective January 1, 1985, companies which were former members of or affiliated with the pre-1985 Bell System, including the Company, entered into a Mandatory Portability Act (the “MPA”) which among other things provides for the transfer of defined benefit plan assets and liabilities attributable to certain employees who change employment between any such companies. There were no transfers to or from the Plan in 2022 and 2023.

- j. **Uncertain Tax Positions:** U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”). There are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is not currently under audit by any taxing jurisdictions.
- k. **Risks and Uncertainties:** Plan contributions and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits are prepared based on certain assumptions, including interest rates, inflation rates and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties in the estimations and assumptions processes, it is possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions could be material to the financial statements.

Through October 31, 2023, the Master Trust held, and effective November 1, 2023, the Plan Trust holds investments in a combination of mutual funds. The portfolio of mutual funds include: U.S. equity index funds, international equity index funds and fixed income long-term bond funds. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of the investment securities, changes in investment values could materially affect the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits and the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

- l. **Subsequent Events:** The Plan evaluated and gave recognition, if appropriate, to subsequent events which occurred after the financial date of December 31, 2023 through October 15, 2024, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

The Plan was amended in September 2024 to purchase a group annuity contract for certain participants and beneficiaries and, thereby, transfer the related pension liability and responsibility for benefit payments for such participants and beneficiaries to an insurance company beginning in November 2024. The Plan’s allocable premium cost was \$24,426,451.

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(3) Interest in Master Trust

The proportionate interests of the Plan and the Cincinnati Bell Pension Plan in the Master Trust were 42.9% and 57.1%, respectively, at December 31, 2022. The following table presents the fair value of all the investments held by the Master Trust in which the Plan participates:

<u>(dollars in thousands)</u>	December 31, 2022	
	Master Trust Balance	Plan's interest in Master Trust Balances
Mutual funds	\$ 268,453	\$ 115,273
Net assets	<u>\$ 268,453</u>	<u>\$ 115,273</u>

Net depreciation and appreciation on investments held by the Master Trust, including realized and unrealized gains and losses, was a loss for mutual funds of \$12,360,915 for the ten months ended October 31, 2023. Net depreciation and appreciation on investments held by the Master Trust, including realized and unrealized gains and losses, was a loss for mutual funds of \$90,285,875 in 2022.

Interest income and dividend income on investments held were as follows:

<u>(dollars in thousands)</u>	Ten Months Ended October 31, 2023	Year Ended December 31, 2022
Interest income	\$ 6	\$ 4
Dividend income	7,400	9,355
	<u>\$ 7,406</u>	<u>\$ 9,359</u>

During 2023 and 2022, administrative expenses paid by the Master Trust were \$2,762,973 and \$1,536,652.

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(4) Fair Value Measurements

At December 31, 2023, the fair value and its placement in the fair value hierarchy of the underlying assets of the Plan Trust that are required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis were as follows:

<u>(dollars in thousands)</u>	December 31, 2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds				
U.S. equity index funds	\$ 24,314	\$ 24,314	\$ -	\$ -
Fixed income funds	74,041	74,041	-	-
International equity index funds	24,208	24,208	-	-
Cash	24	24		
	<u>\$ 122,587</u>	<u>\$ 122,587</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

At December 31, 2022, the fair value and its placement in the fair value hierarchy of the underlying assets of the Master Trust that are required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis are as follows:

<u>(dollars in thousands)</u>	December 31, 2022	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds				
U.S. equity index funds	\$ 53,001	\$ 53,001	\$ -	\$ -
Fixed income funds	160,979	160,973	6	-
International equity index funds	54,473	54,473	-	-
	<u>\$ 268,453</u>	<u>\$ 268,447</u>	<u>\$ 6</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

(5) Tax Status

The IRS issued on May 13, 2021, a favorable determination that the Plan meets the requirements of Section 401(a) of the IRC and is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(a) of the IRC. Under Revenue Procedure 2016-37, letters issued after January 4, 2016 no longer contain an expiration date and are considered operative. The Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

(6) Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits

Pension benefits are generally determined under the Plan's cash balance formula for an active participant by the addition of pension credits (for periods prior to the applicable freeze of benefit accruals and based upon age and compensation) and an annual interest credit to the participant's cash balance account. The accumulated Plan benefits as of January 1, 2023 presented on page 13 are based on census data and the Plan in effect as of that date. Benefits payable under retirement, death, disability, or withdrawal are included to the extent they are deemed attributable to employee service rendered through the valuation date.

Assumptions were made for the following factors used to determine the actuarial present values of the accumulated plan benefits as of January 1, 2023: (a) mortality rates using the MP-2021 tables for all participants, (b) withdrawal rates, (c) disability retirement rates, (d) service retirement rates, (e) qualified beneficiary ratios, and (f) a discount rate of 6.00% for 2023 and 5.75% for 2022. These assumptions are based on the Company's experience as well as industry-wide trends modified as appropriate for the Company.

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The following data is based on the actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2023:

<u>(dollars in thousands)</u>	
Vested benefits	
Participants currently receiving payments	\$ 71,222
Other participants	45,199
	<u>116,421</u>
Non-vested benefits	<u>395</u>
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits	<u>\$ 116,816</u>

The change in the present value of accumulated plan benefits from January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2023 consists of:

<u>(dollars in thousands)</u>	
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at January 1, 2022	<u>\$ 132,277</u>
Benefits paid	(11,461)
Interest	7,281
Mortality assumption changes	(12,571)
Benefits accumulated and other	<u>1,290</u>
Net decrease	<u>(15,461)</u>
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at January 1, 2023	<u>\$ 116,816</u>

The interest rates and mortality tables were updated to those applicable to the current plan year. The assumption changes relating to interest rates and mortality tables decreased the funding target and the liability.

As described in Note 1, benefit obligations of the Hawaiian Telcom Management Plan were transferred to the Plan as part of the plan merger on December 31, 2023. The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits as of January 1, 2023 does not reflect the affect of this amendment. The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits as of December 31, 2023 that transferred to the Plan from the Hawaiian Telcom Plan is \$8,139,177.

(7) Termination Priorities

Currently, the Company has no intentions to terminate the Plan. In the event the Plan is terminated, subject to conditions set forth by ERISA:

- a. The Plan provides that the net assets of the Plan Trust shall be allocated among the participants and beneficiaries of the Plan in the order provided for by ERISA;
- b. To the extent the Plan Trust's net assets exceed the amounts needed to pay all Plan benefits, such amounts will revert to the Company; and
- c. Certain benefits under the Plan may be insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC"), a Federal corporation. Because of such insurance, if the Plan terminates when the amounts needed to pay all Plan benefits exceed the Plan Trust's net assets and the Company is financially unable to contribute further

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amounts to the Plan, certain unfunded but insured benefits under the Plan may be provided by the PBGC. Generally, the PBGC guarantees most vested normal age retirement benefits, early retirement benefits, and certain disability and survivor's pensions. However, the PBGC does not guarantee all types of benefits under the Plan, and the amount of benefit protection is subject to certain limitations. Vested benefits under the Plan are guaranteed at the level in effect on the date of the Plan's termination. Further, there is a statutory ceiling, which is adjusted periodically, on the amount of a participant's monthly benefit that the PBGC guarantees.

(8) Related-Party Transactions

The Bank of New York Mellon ("Former Trustee") served as trustee for the Master Trust through October 31, 2023. Effective November 1, 2023, Vanguard ("Trustee") was appointed as trustee of the plan. Fees paid to the Former Trustee by the Master Trust and allocated to the Plan for investment management services amounted to \$41,702 for the ten months ended October 31, 2023. Fees paid to Vanguard for investment management services amounted to \$20,614 for the two months ended December 31, 2023. Fees paid to the Former Trustee by the Master Trust allocated to the Plan for investment management services amounted to \$33,242 for the year ended December 31, 2022.

(9) Contingencies

In the normal course of administering pension benefits, the Plan is subject to various lawsuits, claims, and other matters. Such matters are subject to many uncertainties and outcomes that are not predictable with assurance. The Plan believes that the resolution of such matters would not likely have a material adverse effect on the Plan's financial condition.

(10) Information Certified by the Trustee

The Plan management has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. All investments, investment income and losses, and the net appreciation and depreciation in the fair value of investments included in the financial statements were obtained from data that has been prepared and certified as complete and accurate by the Trustee and Former Trustee.

(11) Other

The Plan also generally provides certain participants, on an unfunded and non-tax-qualified basis, benefits they do not receive under the Plan solely because of legal limits on the level of compensation or benefits able to be given on a tax-qualified basis ("excess benefits"). Such excess benefits are not funded through any trust or other funding media that is not subject to the claims of the Company's creditors and are not reflected in these financial statements for the Plan.

(12) Reconciliation of the Financial Statements to the Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of the financial statements to the Form 5500 for 2022:

(dollars in thousands)

Interest in Master Trust investment loss per the financial statements	\$ (34,746)
Add: Payments to insurance carriers for provision of benefits	152
Net investment loss per the Form 5500	<u>\$ (34,594)</u>
Administrative expenses per the financial statements	\$ -
Add: Payments to insurance carriers for administrative expenses	152
Administrative expenses per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 152</u>

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(a)	(b)	(d)	(e)
	(b) Identity of Issue and (c) Description	Cost	Current Value
	Cash	\$ 23,642	\$ 23,642
	Investments in mutual funds:		
*	Vanguard Long-Term Inv Grade Fund Admiral	52,605,654	43,762,911
*	Vanguard Institutional Total Stock Market Index	12,586,487	24,314,422
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Schedule SB, Part V – Summary of Plan Provisions

The Cincinnati Bell Management Pension Plan was established effective October 1, 1980. Effective December 30, 1993, the Plan was converted to a cash balance plan. Effective January 1, 1999, assets and liabilities for Convergys employees were spun-off from the Plan.

Eligibility

All Management employees who have reached age 21 with one year of service participate in the Plan. Effective January 1, 2009, no employee hired on or after January 1, 2009 is eligible for participation.

Cash Balance Accounts

Initial Balance

For all participants who were active as of December 30, 1993, an initial account balance was established equal to the present value of the benefit accrued as of December 30, 1993 under the previous benefit structure.

Interest Credits

Interest credits are added to all accounts annually. The interest crediting rate for active employees for 2005 and thereafter is 4%.

Pension Credits

Each year, pension credits will be added to the accounts of all active participants based on age, compensation and Social Security Wage Base. The total pension credit equals a percentage multiplied by compensation plus the same percentage multiplied by compensation in excess of the Social Security Wage Base. The schedule of percentages is as follows:

Age¹	Percentage		
	Before January 1, 2001	January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2011	On or after January 1, 2012
Under 30	2.500%	3.000%	1.500%
30 to 34	2.750%	3.250%	1.625%
35 to 39	3.250%	3.750%	1.875%
40 to 44	4.000%	4.500%	2.250%
45 to 49	5.250%	5.250%	2.625%
50 to 54	6.500%	6.500%	3.250%
55 and over	8.000%	8.000%	4.000%

For all participants that were age 50 as of January 1, 2009 or were offered the ERO benefit enhancement in 2007, pension credits continue as above through June 30, 2013. For all participants that did not meet the above eligibility requirements, pension credits were stopped with the pension credit earned through March 28, 2009. For all participants, pension credits stopped with the pension credit earned through June 30, 2013.

Compensation for Pension Credit

For all participants, pension credits are based on compensation including bonuses.

¹ Age is determined as of December 31 of each calendar year.

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Transition Benefits

Eligibility

Participants who have completed 20 years of service as of December 31, 1993 or whose sum of attained age and years of service as of December 31, 1993 equals at least 65 are eligible for transition benefits.

Benefit

The transition benefit is determined by multiplying the average annual base salary for the five-year period ending on the date of termination or retirement by the total number of years of service at that date and 1.6%. No future accruals will be granted under this formula beyond 1998. Bonuses are not included as pensionable compensation for this purpose.

There is also a frozen minimum accrued benefit as of March 31, 1995 under this transition benefit formula that added five years to the total number of years of service as of March 31, 1995 and five years to the actual attained age as of March 31, 1995 provided the employee would have been eligible to retire with such additions, was an active vested participant in the Plan as of April 1, 1995 and was a first, second or District level manager (or the equivalent).

Disability and Service Pensions

Eligibility

Disability pensions are provided to employees who were active on December 31, 1993 and subsequently become disabled with at least 15 years of service. Service pensions are provided to a retired employee when the following conditions are met:

Age		Minimum Years of Service
60	and	10
55	and	20 (transition employees only)
50	and	25 (transition employees only)
Any age	and	30

Benefit

The monthly retirement benefit payable to a participant at any retirement date is equal to the actuarial equivalent of his cash balance account as of such date or the transition annuity benefit (reduced for early retirement), if greater.

For transition benefit purposes, the benefit is reduced by 0.5% for each calendar month by which the employee's age at retirement is less than 55 years unless the employee has 30 or more years of service or is granted a disability pension. If the employee has 30 or more years of service, the pension amount is reduced by 0.25% for each calendar month by which the employee's age at retirement is less than 55. There is no reduction for employees on a disability pension. The early retirement reductions which apply to the frozen minimum accrued benefit as of March 31, 1995 are based on the greater of age and service at retirement, or age plus five as of March 31, 1995 and service plus five as of March 31, 1995.

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Schedule SB, Part V – Summary of Plan Provisions (continued)

Normal Retirement

Eligibility

A participant's normal retirement age is age 65, or the fifth anniversary for a participant who enters the Plan after age 60.

Benefit

The monthly retirement benefit payable to a participant at any retirement date is equal to the actuarial equivalent of his cash balance account as of such date or the transition annuity benefit, if greater.

Forms of Benefit

The normal form of benefit for non-married participants is a level life annuity. For married participants, the normal form of benefit is a qualified 50% joint and survivor annuity. In either case, the normal form of benefit is the actuarial equivalent of the participant's account balance or the transition annuity benefit, if greater. As an optional form of benefit, participants can receive their benefit as a lump sum distribution of an actuarial equivalent basis.

Vesting

Eligibility

Effective January 1, 2001, the vesting schedule was changed from five years of service to 20% per year of service (up to 100% after five years).

Effective January 1, 2008, the vesting schedule was changed from 20% per year of service (up to 100% after five years) to 100% after three years of service.

Benefit

Upon termination of employment, a vested participant may elect to receive an immediate benefit which is the actuarial equivalent of his cash balance account (adjusted for applicable transition benefits). If immediate distribution is not requested, the participant may elect to defer receipt of his benefit and receive interest credits on the cash balance account at a rate of 4.00%.

Death Benefits

Eligibility

Effective January 1, 2008, eligibility was changed from 20% per year of service (up to 100% after five years) to three years of service.

Benefit

The greater of (a) or (b)

- a) The actuarial equivalent of the participant's cash balance account as of the date of death.
- b) The transition benefit for a surviving spouse of an active employee who dies with at least 5 years but less than fifteen years of service is equal to 44% of the transition benefit amount accrued to the date of death with payments to the surviving spouse beginning at the time the deceased employee would have attained age 65. For a surviving spouse of an active employee who dies with at least fifteen years of service, the transition benefit is equal to 45% of the pension amount accrued to the date of death with payments commencing immediately without an early retirement discount.

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Schedule SB, Part V – Summary of Plan Provisions (continued)

Early Retirement Offer

Eligible participants who elected to participate in the December 31, 2007 Early Retirement Offer will receive an additional lump sum (or equivalent annuity) of an amount up to 1.5 times their annual pay rate if they retire on their scheduled date (no later than December 31, 2010).

Summary of Changes from the January 1, 2022 Valuation

None.

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Schedule SB, Line 24 – Change in Actuarial Assumptions

The expense component of Target Normal Cost increased from \$387,404 to \$1,405,135. This assumption is based on the sum of the prior year's expenses (without PBGC Premium) and the current year's expected PBGC Premium. This change had no impact on the Funding Target.

The expected return on plan assets rate changed from 5.00% for 2022 to 7.00% (limited to third segment rate) for 2023 due to changes in the plan's asset allocation and capital market assumptions. This change had no effect on the current valuation.