

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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.

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

- A This return/report is for: a multiemployer plan, a multiple-employer plan, a single-employer plan, a DFE, etc.
B This return/report is: the first return/report, the final return/report, an amended return/report, a short plan year return/report, etc.
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, etc.
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: VERTICAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 002
1c Effective date of plan: 07/01/1991
2a Plan sponsor's name, mailing address, city or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 86-0446453
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 800-580-4565
2d Business code (see instructions): 541990

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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor  401K SAFE, LLC  302 EAST MAIN STREET ALBERTVILLE, AL 35950	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN 83-0824803  <b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number 888-401-5273
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<b>4</b> 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: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN  <b>4d</b> PN
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<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	143
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<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).		
<b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....	<b>6a(1)</b>	87
<b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....	<b>6a(2)</b>	85
<b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	<b>6b</b>	0
<b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....	<b>6c</b>	46
<b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....	<b>6d</b>	131
<b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....	<b>6e</b>	0
<b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....	<b>6f</b>	131
<b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....	<b>6g(1)</b>	116
<b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....	<b>6g(2)</b>	106
<b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6h</b>	0

<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	
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**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
 2E 2F 2G 2J 2T 3D 2K

**b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor
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**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

**a Pension Schedules**

- (1)  **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2)  **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3)  **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4)  **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached \_\_\_\_\_
- (5)  **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

**b General Schedules**

- (1)  **H** (Financial Information)
- (2)  **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3)  **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached   1
- (4)  **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)  **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)  **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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**Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)**

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**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.

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**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 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**SCHEDULE A  
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration  
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Insurance Information**

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

OMB No. 1210-0110

**2024**

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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>VERTICAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN</b>		<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>002</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>VERTICAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.</b>		<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>86-0446453</b>

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

**1 Coverage Information:**

**(a)** Name of insurance carrier

**NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE CO**

<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> NAIC code	<b>(d)</b> Contract or identification number	<b>(e)</b> Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	<b>Policy or contract year</b>	
				<b>(f)</b> From	<b>(g)</b> To
<b>31-4156830</b>	<b>66869</b>	<b>GAP-CP-JN5K</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>01/01/2024</b>	<b>12/31/2024</b>

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

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

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

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

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

<b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid	<b>Fees and other commissions paid</b>		<b>(e)</b> Organization code
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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
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**Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information**  
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

<b>4</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	<b>4</b>	493335
<b>5</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	<b>5</b>	14972881

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:

**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

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

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

**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

**a** Type of contract: (1)  deposit administration (2)  immediate participation guarantee  
 (3)  guaranteed investment (4)  other ▶

**b** Balance at the end of the previous year ..... **7b** 489136

<b>c</b> Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>	1809	
(2) Dividends and credits.....	<b>7c(2)</b>	8	
(3) Interest credited during the year.....	<b>7c(3)</b>	7721	
(4) Transferred from separate account .....	<b>7c(4)</b>	2483945	
(5) Other (specify below)..... ▶ OTHER	<b>7c(5)</b>	325	

(6) Total additions ..... **7c(6)** 2493808

**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) ..... **7d** 2982944

**e** Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	<b>7e(1)</b>	10095	
(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	<b>7e(2)</b>	1028	
(3) Transferred to separate account .....	<b>7e(3)</b>	2478486	
(4) Other (specify below)..... ▶	<b>7e(4)</b>	0	

(5) Total deductions ..... **7e(5)** 2489609

**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)..... **7f** 493335

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

**8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

**Part IV Provision of Information**

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

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

<b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	<b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SEPARATE ACCOUNT II</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE CO</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>31-4156830-000</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>14972881</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
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<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Asset and Liability Statement</b>
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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.

	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	
<b>c</b> General investments:		
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>	
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>	
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>	
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>	
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>	
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>	
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>	
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	106601
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>	
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>	
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	13758569
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	<b>1c(14)</b>	489136
<b>(15)</b> Other.....	<b>1c(15)</b>	113182
		14972840
		493335

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>		
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>		
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>		
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	14354306	15579357
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>		
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>		
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>		
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	14354306	15579357

**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.

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	572412	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	7963	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		580375
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>		
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	5808	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>		
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		5808
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		0
(3) Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		0
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	2b(10)		2062064
<b>c</b> Other income .....	2c		-64
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2d		2648183

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	2e(1)	1394800	
(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)		1394800
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	2f		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	2g		
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	2h		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	2i(2)	28332	
(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)		28332
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2j		1423132

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d .....	2k		1225051
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan .....	2l(2)		

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **BD AND ASSOCIATES CPAS, PLLC**

(2) EIN: **27-4279115**

**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
<b>a</b> 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.)		X	
<b>b</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.)		X	
<b>c</b> 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.)		X	
<b>d</b> 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.)		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		1000000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> 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?		X	
<b>h</b> 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?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>j</b> 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.)		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
<b>n</b> 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.)

<b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s)	<b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s)	<b>5b(3)</b> 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>VERTICAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>VERTICAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>86-0446453</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

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

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**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): 31-1592130

**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..... 

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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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**4** Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....  Yes  No  N/A  
**If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.**

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

<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	<b>6a</b>	
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> 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).....	<b>6c</b>	

**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

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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**9** If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....  Increase  Decrease  Both  No

<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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**10** Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....  Yes  No

**11 a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....  Yes  No

**b** If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) .....  Yes  No

**12** Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....  Yes  No

**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:

<b>a</b> The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	<b>14a</b>	
<b>b</b> The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	<b>14b</b>	
<b>c</b> The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	<b>14c</b>	

**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:

<b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year .....	<b>15a</b>	
<b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year .....	<b>15b</b>	

**16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</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.....	<b>16b</b>	

**17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment .....

**Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment .....

**19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

**a** Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:  
 Public Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Private Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: \_\_\_\_\_%  
 High-Yield Debt: \_\_\_\_\_% Real Assets: \_\_\_\_\_% Cash or Cash Equivalents: \_\_\_\_\_% Other: \_\_\_\_\_%

**b** Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:  
 0-5 years  5-10 years  10-15 years  15 years or more

**20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

**a** Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero?  Yes  No

**b** If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:  
 Yes.  
 No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.  
 No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.  
 No. Other. Provide explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

**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 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q704114A.

**VERTICAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

**AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023,  
AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**TOGETHER WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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## ***INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT***

To the Administrative Committee of the  
Vertical Communication, Inc 401(K) Profit Sharing Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Vertical Communication, Inc 401(K) Profit Sharing Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 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 Auditor's 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Vertical Communication, Inc 401(K) Profit Sharing 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 Vertical Communication, Inc 401(K) Profit Sharing Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

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

### **Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Vertical Communication, Inc 401(K) Profit Sharing Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Vertical Communication, Inc 401(K) Profit Sharing 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 Matter — Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA**

The supplemental schedule of assets held for investment purposes at December 31, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

**In our Opinion**

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

*BD & Associates CPAs, PLLC*

BD & Associates CPAs, PLLC  
Henderson, Nevada  
September 3, 2025

**VERTICAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN  
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

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	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Investments, at fair value (see note 3)		
Mutual funds	\$ 14,972,840	\$ 13,758,569
Investment contract, at contract value	<u>493,335</u>	<u>489,136</u>
Total investments	<u>\$ 15,466,175</u>	<u>\$ 14,247,705</u>
Receivables:		
Participant loan receivable	<u>\$ 113,182</u>	<u>\$ 106,601</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 15,579,357</u>	<u>\$ 14,354,306</u>

**VERTICAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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**Additions**

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment activity:

Other income	\$ (64)
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	<u>2,062,064</u>
Total investment income	<u>\$ 2,062,000</u>

Interest income on participant loans receivable	<u>\$ 5,808</u>
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Contributions:

Participant	\$ 572,412
Other contributions	<u>7,963</u>
Total contributions	<u>\$ 580,375</u>

Total additions	<u>\$ 2,648,183</u>
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**Deductions**

Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefit payments	\$ 1,394,800
Plan expenses	<u>28,332</u>
Total deductions	<u>\$ 1,423,132</u>
Net increase	\$ 1,225,051

**Net assets available for benefits:**

Beginning of year	<u>14,354,306</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 15,579,357</u>

**VERTICAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

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**1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN**

The following description of Vertical Communications, Inc. 401(K) Profit Sharing Plan (Plan) provides general information only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

The Plan was restated effective December 16, 2016 by Vertical Communications, Inc. (the Company) to provide benefits to eligible employees, as defined in the Plan document. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Administration

The Company has appointed an Investment Committee (the Committee) to manage the operation and administration of the Plan. The Company has contracted with Nationwide Trust Company (collectively referred to as "Nationwide") to act as the trustee, custodian, and third-party administrator to process and maintain the records of participant data.

Participant contributions

Participants may elect to have the Company contribute their eligible pre-tax or after-tax compensation (as Roth contributions) to the Plan up to the amounts allowable under the Plan document and current income tax regulations. Participants who have the Company contribute a portion of their compensation to the Plan agree to accept an equivalent reduction in taxable or taxed compensation. Contributions withheld are invested in accordance with the participant's direction.

Participants are also allowed to make pre-tax rollover contributions of amounts received from other tax-qualified employer-sponsored retirement plans. Such contributions are deposited in the appropriate investment funds in accordance with the participant's direction and the Plan's provisions.

Employer contributions

The Company does not make any matching contributions as defined in the Plan and as approved by the Board of Directors.

Retirement benefits

The participant is entitled to the amount in his account, after reaching the older of normal retirement age or age 59 1/2. The benefit is paid in the form of a lump-sum distribution, partial payment, installment payments, or annuity contracts or at the election of the participant the distribution may be rolled over to another qualified plan.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their elective salary deferral plus actual earnings (losses) thereon. Vesting in the Plan Sponsor's contributions is based on years of continuous service. Participants vest pro rata over three years of service. Participants may also become 100% vested upon total and permanent disability, death, and attaining age 55.

Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, Plan earnings or losses, and an allocation of the Company's contribution, if any. The allocation of the Company's contribution is based on participant contributions or eligible employee compensation, as defined in the Plan.

Death benefits

In the event that a participant dies before retirement, unless elected otherwise, the amount accumulated in the participant's account is paid in a lump-sum distribution to the participant's beneficiary.

Forfeitures

Forfeitures that are attributable to employer matching are used to reduce the employer matching contributions for the plan year in which such forfeitures occur. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited non-vested accounts were \$0 and \$0, respectively.

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Investment Options

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct contributions into 63 investment options.

The options are listed in the enrollment information provided during orientation and changes in investment option are timely provided to the plan participants.

Participant Loans Receivable

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance. The notes receivable from participants are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at fixed rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined quarterly by the plan administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared utilizing the accrual method of accounting. Under this method of accounting, additions and deductions to net assets available for benefits are identified with specific periods of time and are recorded as earned and incurred, respectively, without regard to the date of receipt or payment.

Hardship Withdrawals

The Plan permits distributions in the event of hardship, as defined in the plan agreement. These distributions are taxable and subject to a tax penalty equal to 10% of the hardship distribution amount if the participant is younger than age 59½. Hardship withdrawals are limited to the participant's elective account balance.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Investments

The Plan's investment contract with the insurance company is stated at a contract value which approximates cost. Plan management has determined the deposit administration account to have fully benefit-responsive features, and thus has reported it at contract value. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus interest income, less distributions for benefits and administrative expenses to date.

Purchase and sales transactions are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan utilizes various investment instruments. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

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**3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value in the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits. The methods used to measure fair value may produce an amount that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The fair value measurement accounting literature establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy consists of three broad levels: Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and have the highest priority, Level 2 inputs consist of observable inputs other than quoted prices for identical assets, and Level 3 inputs are unobservable and have the lowest priority. The Plan uses appropriate valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair value of its investments. When available, the Plan measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value. Level 3 inputs are used only when Level 1 or Level 2 inputs are not available. The Plan's administrator assigns levels and categories to the Plan's investments.

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date. The fair value of mutual funds is based on quoted net asset values of the shares held by the Plan at year-end.

Level 2: Observable inputs other than quoted prices for the assets, either directly or indirectly observable, reflect assumptions market participants would use to price the asset based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Plan. This may include matrix pricing, yield curves and indices. No Level 2 inputs were available to the Plan.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that reflect the Plan's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use to price an asset based on the best information available in the circumstances. No Level 3 inputs were available to the Plan.

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value as follows:

**December 31, 2024**

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 14,972,840	\$ 14,972,840
Investment contract, at contract value	493,335	493,335
Total investments at fair value		<u>\$ 15,466,175</u>

**December 31, 2023**

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 13,758,569	\$ 13,758,569
Investment contract, at contract value	489,136	489,136
Total investments at fair value		<u>\$ 14,247,705</u>

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**4. INVESTMENT CONTRACT WITH INSURANCE COMPANY**

The Plan invested in the Nationwide Fixed Select Option investment contract which totaled \$493,335 and \$489,136 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The contributions to this contract are maintained in a general account which is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed investment contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. This contract meets the fully benefit responsive investment contracts criteria and therefore are reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

The contract guarantees minimum rates of interest and may credit interest that exceeds the minimum guaranteed rate. The current rate is subject to change at any time but will never fall below the guaranteed minimum. A guaranteed interest rate is an effective annual rate of interest credited at its equivalent daily rate to amounts in the guaranteed investment contract as of the daily close of business. The establishment of the guaranteed interest rate requires estimation of the future earnings rates, the rate at which existing investments mature, and future cash flow. Dally credited interest becomes part of principal and the investment increases through compound interest.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. These events may be different under each contract. Examples of such event include the following: (1) the Plan's failure to qualify under Section 401(a) of the IRC; (2) premature termination of the contracts; (3) plan termination or merger; (4) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options; and (5) bankruptcy of the plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spinoffs of a subsidiary) that significantly affect the Plan's normal operations. No events are probable occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants. In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contracts with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Those events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following: (1) an uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines; (2) a breach of material obligation under the contract; (3) a material misrepresentation; and (4) a material amendment to the agreements without the consent of the issuer.

**5. PARTY-IN-INTEREST**

Party-in-interest transactions include those with fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan, an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan, an employee organization whose members are covered by the Plan, a person who owns 50 percent or more of such an employer or employee association, or relatives of such persons.

Fees paid by the Plan for recordkeeping and administrative services amounted to \$28,332 for the year ended December 31, 2024. Certain administrative functions are performed by the officers and employees of the Company (who may also be participants in the Plan) at no cost to the Plan.

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**6. TAX STATUS**

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has determined that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Service Code (IRC). Although the Plans has been amended, the plan administrator believes the Plan document is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management of an organization to evaluate the tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. Plan management has analyzed the tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements.

There are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. Plan management believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2021.

**7. PLAN TERMINATION**

Although there has not been any expressed intent to do so, the Company has the right to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event the Plan terminates, each participant will become 100% vested in their accounts, after the payment of all administrative expenses and benefits previously approved. Each participant will receive a portion of the total remaining assets in the same ratio as his or her account bears to the aggregate amount of all participants' accounts.

**8. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE PLAN'S TRUSTEE**

The plan administrator 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. Accordingly, Nationwide Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investment information reflected on the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits and Note 3 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and on the schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024, and the related investment activity reflected in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024.

**9. EVALUATION OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Plan evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements. Subsequent events have been evaluated through September 3, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

PLAN NAME: VERTICAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 401 (K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN  
 PLAN YEAR: JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024  
 PLAN NUMBER: 002 EIN: 58-1438684  
 SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AT END OF YEAR  
 SCHEDULE H LINE 4i

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, part or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	American Beacon	Ab Smcap GR Adv	**	\$ 17,674
	Virtus	Virtus Allnrgi Conv Inst	**	20,544
	American Funds	Amfids New Wld R6	**	547,250
	American Funds	Amgmgrs Yctmn Fd I	**	23,825
	Artisan	Artisan Intl Val Inst	**	75,308
	Baird	Baird Cor Pls Bd Inst	**	109,408
	BlackRock	Blkrk 80/20 Trgtalloc Inst	**	65,986
	BlackRock	Blkrk Gbl Alloc Inst	**	18,307
	BlackRock	Blackrock High Yield Portfolio - Class K	**	13,238
	BlackRock	Blkrk IS Rsl2000smcpind K	**	20,683
	BlackRock	Blkrk Ttl Rtn K	**	5,190
	Cohen	Cohenstrs Realest Sec Inst	**	102,529
	DFA	Dfa Intl Smcap Val	**	73,377
	Diamond Hill	Diamond Hill Mdcap I	**	9,545
	Dodge & Cox	Dodge & Cox International Stock Fund Class I	**	21,031
	Federated	Fed Hrms Inst Hyldbd Inst	**	208,513
	Fidelity	Fid 500 Indx	**	1,253,111
	Fidelity	Fid Infl Prtct Bd Indx	**	25,160
	Fidelity	Fid Intl Indx	**	18,670
	Fidelity	Fid Us Bd Indx	**	120,700
	Goldman Sachs	Gdmnses Gqgptrinloppr R6	**	20,683
	JP Morgan	Jpm Eq Inc R5	**	17,223
	JP Morgan	Jpm Lgcap Gr R6	**	18,133
	MFS	Mfs Mdcap Gr R6	**	9,674
*	Nationwide Trust Company	Nw Geneva Smcapgr Inst Svc	**	326,071
*	Nationwide Trust Company	Nw Loomis Allcap Gr R6	**	18,528
	PGIM	Pgim Ttl Rtn Bd R6	**	15,696
	Pimco	Pumcom Intl Bdustdlrdhginst	**	21,137
	Pimco	Pimco Real Rtn Inst	**	9,514
	Principle	Pmepl Blbl Realest R6	**	9,644
	Putnam	Putnam Large Cap Growth Fund - Class Y	**	2,081,497
	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2015 Fund - Class R6	**	33,209
	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2020 Fund - Class R6	**	443,229
	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2025 Fund - Class R6	**	1,183,946
	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2030 Fund - Class R6	**	464,245
	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2035 Fund - Class R6	**	189,447
	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2040 Fund - Class R6	**	664,708
	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2045 Fund - Class R6	**	174,372
	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2050 Fund - Class R6	**	9,322
	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2055 Fund - Class R6	**	39,629
	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2060 Fund - Class R6	**	14,843
	T Rowe Price	Troweprie Blue Chip Gr	**	19,811
	T Rowe Price	Troweprie Realest	**	106,483
	Vanguard	Vngrd Explr Adml	**	6,331
	Vanguard	Vngrd Fin Indx Adml	**	15,947
	Vanguard	Vngrd Gnma Adml	**	39,540
	Vanguard	Vngrd Mdcap Gr Indx Adml	**	55,674
	Vanguard	Vngrd Trgt Rtrmt 2035 Inv	**	46,717
	Vanguard	Vngrd Ttl Intl Bd Idx Adml	**	13,899
	Vanguard	Vngrd Ttl Intskindx Adml	**	159,333
	Vanguard	Vngrd Ttl Stmkt Indx Fd As	**	1,028,345
	Vanguard	Vngrd Wlsly Inc Adml	**	25,556
	Vanguard	Vngrd Wndsr Adml	**	233,891
	American Beacon	Ab Global Bound Fund - Class Z	**	5,464
	Avantis	Avantis Emerging Makertes Equity Fund	**	16,210
	Avantis	Avantis U.S. Small Cap Value Fund - Inst Class	**	6,250
	Victory	Victory Sycamore Established Value Fund	**	443,456
	Fidelity	Fidelity Government Money Market Fund Class K6	**	225,399
	Avantis	Avantis U.S. Large Cap Value Fund	**	17,767
	Principle	Princpl Mdcap R6	**	9,344
	Legal & General	Legal & General commodity Strategy Fund	**	8,487
	State Street	State Street Balanced Index Fund - Class K	**	3,974,137
	Total investments			\$ 14,972,840
*	Investment contract	Nationwide Trust Company Fixed Select Option		\$ 493,335
*	Participant loans	Participant loans receivable (interest rates 4.25% to 9.50%)	***	\$ 113,182
	Total net assets available for benefits			\$ 15,579,357

\* Party-in-interest.

\*\* Amounts are excluded in accordance with IRS Form 5500 instructions, Schedule H line 4i, as all assets are participant directed.

\*\*\* Cost of participant loans is \$0 as indicated in the instructions to the Form 5500.

Note: This schedule is based on information which has been certified as complete and accurate by Nationwide Trust Company, the trustee of 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

2024

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

- 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.) [x] 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: [x] 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: VERTICAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 002
1c Effective date of plan: 07/01/1991
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): VERTICAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 86-0446453
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 800-580-4565
2d Business code (see instructions): 541990

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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature, Date, and Name. Row 1: Harold Brownlow, 9-29-2025, HAROLD BROWNLOW. Row 2: Signature of employer/plan sponsor. Row 3: Signature of DFE.

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

Form 5500 (2024) v. 240311

<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor 401K SAFE, LLC  302 EAST MAIN STREET  ALBERTVILLE AL 35950	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN 83-0824803  <b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number 888-401-5273
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<b>4</b> 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: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN  <b>4d</b> PN
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<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	143
<b>6</b> 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).		
<b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....	<b>6a(1)</b>	87
<b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....	<b>6a(2)</b>	85
<b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits .....	<b>6b</b>	0
<b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....	<b>6c</b>	46
<b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2), 6b, and 6c. ....	<b>6d</b>	131
<b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits .....	<b>6e</b>	0
<b>f</b> Total. Add lines 6d and 6e. ....	<b>6f</b>	131
<b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....	<b>6g(1)</b>	116
<b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....	<b>6g(2)</b>	106
<b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested .....	<b>6h</b>	0
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
 2E 2F 2G 2J 2T 3D 2K

**b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

<b>a Pension Schedules</b> (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) - Number Attached _____ (5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	<b>b General Schedules</b> (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information - Small Plan) (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) - Number Attached <u>1</u> (4) <input type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) (5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules)
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**Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)**

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**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.

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**11b** Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) .....  Yes  No

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**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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PLAN NAME: VERTICAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 401 (K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN  
 PLAN YEAR: JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024  
 PLAN NUMBER: 002 EIN: 58-1438684  
 SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AT END OF YEAR  
 SCHEDULE H LINE 4i

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, part or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	American Beacon	Ab Smcap GR Adv	**	\$ 17,674
	Virtus	Virtus Allnzi Conv Inst	**	20,544
	American Funds	Amfids New Wld R6	**	547,250
	American Funds	Amgmgrs Yctmn Fd I	**	23,825
	Artisan	Artisan Intl Val Inst	**	75,308
	Baird	Baird Cor Pls Bd Inst	**	109,408
	BlackRock	Blkrk 80/20 Trgtalloc Inst	**	65,986
	BlackRock	Blkrk Gbl Alloc Inst	**	18,307
	BlackRock	Blackrock High Yield Portfolio - Class K	**	13,238
	BlackRock	Blkrk IS Rsl2000smcpind K	**	20,683
	BlackRock	Blkrk Ttl Rtn K	**	5,190
	Cohen	Cohenstrs Realest Sec Inst	**	102,529
	DFA	Dfa Intl Smcap Val	**	73,377
	Diamond Hill	Diamond Hill Mdcap I	**	9,545
	Dodge & Cox	Dodge & Cox International Stock Fund Class I	**	21,031
	Federated	Fed Hrms Inst Hiyldbd Inst	**	208,513
	Fidelity	Fid 500 Indx	**	1,253,111
	Fidelity	Fid Infl Prct Bd Indx	**	25,160
	Fidelity	Fid Intl Indx	**	18,670
	Fidelity	Fid Us Bd Indx	**	120,700
	Goldman Sachs	Gdmnscs Gqgptnrinloppr R6	**	20,683
	JP Morgan	Jpm Eq Inc R5	**	17,223
	JP Morgan	Jpm Lgcap Gr R6	**	18,133
	MFS	Mfs Mdcap Gr R6	**	9,674
*	Nationwide Trust Company	Nw Geneva Smcapgr Inst Svc	**	326,071
*	Nationwide Trust Company	Nw Loomis Allcap Gr R6	**	18,528
	PGIM	Pgim Ttl Rtn Bd R6	**	15,696
	Pimco	Pimcom Intl Bdsdlrhdginst	**	21,137
	Pimco	Pimco Real Rtn Inst	**	9,514
	Principle	Pmcp1 Blbl Realest R6	**	9,644
	Putnam	Putnam Large Cap Growth Fund - Class Y	**	2,081,497
	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2015 Fund - Class R6	**	33,209
	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2020 Fund - Class R6	**	443,229
	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2025 Fund - Class R6	**	1,183,946
	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2030 Fund - Class R6	**	464,245
	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2035 Fund - Class R6	**	189,447
	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2040 Fund - Class R6	**	664,708
	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2045 Fund - Class R6	**	174,372
	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2050 Fund - Class R6	**	9,322
	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2055 Fund - Class R6	**	39,629
	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2060 Fund - Class R6	**	14,843
	T Rowe Price	Trowepri Blue Chip Gr	**	19,811
	T Rowe Price	Trowepri Realest	**	106,483
	Vanguard	Vngrd Explr Adml	**	6,331
	Vanguard	Vngrd Fin Indx Adml	**	15,947
	Vanguard	Vngrd Gnma Adml	**	39,540
	Vanguard	Vngrd Mdcap Gr Indx Adml	**	55,674
	Vanguard	Vngrd Trgt Rtrmt 2035 Inv	**	46,717
	Vanguard	Vngrd Ttl Intl Bd Idx Adml	**	13,899
	Vanguard	Vngrd Ttl Intl Indx Adml	**	159,333
	Vanguard	Vngrd Ttl Stmkt Indx Fd As	**	1,028,345
	Vanguard	Vngrd Wlsly Inc Adml	**	25,556
	Vanguard	Vngrd Wndsr Adml	**	233,891
	American Beacon	Ab Global Bound Fund - Class Z	**	5,464
	Avantis	Avantis Emerging Makertes Equity Fund	**	16,210
	Avantis	Avantis U.S. Small Cap Value Fund - Inst Class	**	6,250
	Victory	Victory Sycamore Established Value Fund	**	443,456
	Fidelity	Fidelity Government Money Market Fund Class K6	**	225,399
	Avantis	Avantis U.S. Large Cap Value Fund	**	17,767
	Principle	Prncpl Mdcap R6	**	9,344
	Legal & General	Legal & General commodity Strategy Fund	**	8,487
	State Street	State Street Balanced Index Fund - Class K	**	3,974,137
	Total investments			<u>\$ 14,972,840</u>
*	Investment contract	Nationwide Trust Company Fixed Select Option		<u>\$ 493,335</u>
*	Participant loans	Participant loans receivable (interest rates 4.25% to 9.50%)	***	<u>\$ 113,182</u>
	Total net assets available for benefits			<u>\$ 15,579,357</u>

\* Party-in-interest.  
 \*\* Amounts are excluded in accordance with IRS Form 5500 instructions, Schedule H line 4i, as all assets are participant directed.  
 \*\*\* Cost of participant loans is \$0 as indicated in the instructions to the Form 5500.

Note: This schedule is based on information which has been certified as complete and accurate by Nationwide Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan.