

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... [X] a single-employer plan [ ] a DFE... B This return/report is: [ ] the first return/report [ ] the final return/report... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here... D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension... 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 SMITHVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. PENSION PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN) 001
1c Effective date of plan 02/01/1959
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) SMITHVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INCORPORATED
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 35-0666710
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 812-876-2211
2d Business code (see instructions) 517000

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

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

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<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	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	214
<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>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. .... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> ..... <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>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>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	82
	<b>6a(2)</b>	77
	<b>6b</b>	51
	<b>6c</b>	64
	<b>6d</b>	192
	<b>6e</b>	13
	<b>6f</b>	205
	<b>6g(1)</b>	
<b>6g(2)</b>		
<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:  
1A

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

**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

**a Pension Schedules**

- (1)  **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2)  **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3)  **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (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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<p><b>SCHEDULE A</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b></p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p><b>Insurance Information</b></p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b></p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p>	<p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p><b>2024</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<p><b>A</b> Name of plan <b>SMITHVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. PENSION PLAN</b></p>	<p><b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p><b>001</b></p>
<p><b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>SMITHVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INCORPORATED</b></p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>35-0666710</b></p>	

**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  
**THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
22-1211670	68241	000738	205	01/01/2024	12/31/2024

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

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

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

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

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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>	
<b>5</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	<b>5</b>	

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:

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

**b** Premiums paid to carrier ..... **6b**

**c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year ..... **6c**

**d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. .... **6d**  
 Specify nature of costs ▶

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

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

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

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

<b>b</b> Balance at the end of the previous year .....	<b>7b</b>	20898292	
<b>c</b> Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>	1500237	
	<b>7c(2)</b>		
	<b>7c(3)</b>	304317	
	<b>7c(4)</b>		
	<b>7c(5)</b>		
	(6) Total additions .....	<b>7c(6)</b>	1804554
<b>d</b> Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....	<b>7d</b>	22702846	
<b>e</b> Deductions:			
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	<b>7e(1)</b>	2261732
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	<b>7e(2)</b>	61847
	(3) Transferred to separate account .....	<b>7e(3)</b>	
	(4) Other (specify below) .....	<b>7e(4)</b>	
(5) Total deductions .....	<b>7e(5)</b>	2323579	
<b>f</b> Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> ).....	<b>7f</b>	20379267	

**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 SB</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>Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan</b> <b>Actuarial Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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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.

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>SMITHVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. PENSION PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>SMITHVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INCORPORATED</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>35-0666710</u>	
<b>E</b> Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	<b>F</b> Prior year plan size: <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

**Part I Basic Information**

<b>1</b>	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2024</u>		
<b>2</b>	Assets:		
	<b>a</b> Market value .....	<b>2a</b>	<u>27057372</u>
	<b>b</b> Actuarial value .....	<b>2b</b>	<u>27214962</u>
<b>3</b>	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	<b>a</b> For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment .....	<u>68</u>	<u>12035743</u>
	<b>b</b> For terminated vested participants .....	<u>64</u>	<u>2105090</u>
	<b>c</b> For active participants .....	<u>82</u>	<u>9727307</u>
	<b>d</b> Total .....	<u>214</u>	<u>23868140</u>
<b>4</b>	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>a</b> Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions .....	<b>4a</b>	
	<b>b</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 .....	<b>4b</b>	
<b>5</b>	Effective interest rate .....	<b>5</b>	<u>5.18 %</u>
<b>6</b>	Target normal cost		
	<b>a</b> Present value of current plan year accruals .....	<b>6a</b>	<u>659678</u>
	<b>b</b> Expected plan-related expenses .....	<b>6b</b>	<u>60000</u>
	<b>c</b> Target normal cost .....	<b>6c</b>	<u>719678</u>

**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.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of actuary	<u>06/27/2025</u>	Date
	<u>DEREK SCHMITT, FSA, EA, MAAA</u>	<u>23-07642</u>	Most recent enrollment number
	Type or print name of actuary	<u>317-845-3568</u>	Telephone number (including area code)
	<u>NYHART</u>		
	Firm name		
	<u>5750 CASTLE CREEK PARKWAY SUITE 245</u> <u>INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46250</u>		
	Address of the firm		

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

<b>Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances</b>		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
<b>7</b>	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year) .....	0	1804238
<b>8</b>	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year) .....	0	0
<b>9</b>	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8) .....	0	1804238
<b>10</b>	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>5.90</u> % .....	0	106450
<b>11</b>	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
<b>a</b>	Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year) .....		1322624
<b>b(1)</b>	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>5.31</u> % .....		70231
<b>b(2)</b>	Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return .....		0
<b>c</b>	Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance .....		1392855
<b>d</b>	Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance .....		0
<b>12</b>	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections .....	0	0
<b>13</b>	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12) .....	0	1910688

<b>Part III Funding Percentages</b>			
<b>14</b>	Funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>14</b>	105.86 %
<b>15</b>	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>15</b>	113.85 %
<b>16</b>	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement .....	<b>16</b>	102.75 %
<b>17</b>	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage .....	<b>17</b>	%

<b>Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls</b>		<b>18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:</b>					
(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		
09/27/2024	108000	0					
10/31/2024	108000	0					
11/22/2024	108000	0					
12/27/2024	108000	0					
07/01/2024	0	204237					
			<b>Totals ▶</b>	<b>18(b)</b>	432000	<b>18(c)</b>	204237

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

<b>a</b> Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years .....	<b>19a</b>	0
<b>b</b> Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date .....	<b>19b</b>	0
<b>c</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date .....	<b>19c</b>	413614

**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:

<b>a</b> Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 4.87 %	3rd segment: 5.59 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
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**b** Applicable month (enter code) ..... **21b** 4

**22** Weighted average retirement age ..... **22** 62

**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**

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

**Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year**

**31** Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):

<b>a</b> Target normal cost (line 6c) .....	<b>31a</b>	719678
<b>b</b> Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a .....	<b>31b</b>	719678

<b>32</b> Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment
<b>a</b> Net shortfall amortization installment .....	0	0
<b>b</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**

<b>34</b> Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).....	<b>34</b>	0
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance
<b>35</b> Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement .....	0	0
<b>36</b> Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35) .....	<b>36</b>	0
<b>37</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c) .....	<b>37</b>	413614

**38** Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)

<b>a</b> Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	<b>38a</b>	413614
<b>b</b> Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances.....	<b>38b</b>	0

<b>39</b> Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37) .....	<b>39</b>	0
<b>40</b> Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years .....	<b>40</b>	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

<b>SCHEDULE C</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>Service Provider 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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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>SMITHVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. PENSION PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>SMITHVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INCORPORATED</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>35-0666710</b>	

**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

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

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

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

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

**(b)** Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 50	NONE	61847	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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SUITE 3200  
CHICAGO, ID 60603

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 50	NONE	23799	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**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.

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

**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

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

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> 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)

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
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Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<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>	0	583526
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	864000	0
<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>	102252	110219
<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>		
<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>	5208968	5211640
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	<b>1c(14)</b>	20898292	20379267
<b>(15)</b> Other.....	<b>1c(15)</b>		

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		<b>(a)</b> Beginning of Year	<b>(b)</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>	27073512	26284652
<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>	27073512	26284652

**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>		<b>(a)</b> Amount	<b>(b)</b> Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	432000	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	204237	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>		
(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>		636237
<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>	3631	
<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>		
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	304317	
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		307948
<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>	134526	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		134526
<b>(3)</b> 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>		
<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>		

		(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)		479957
<b>c</b> Other income .....	2c		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		1558668

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	2261732	
(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)		2261732
<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)	61847	
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	2i(5)	23949	
(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)		85796
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		2347528

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		-788860
<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: **FORVIS MAZARS**

(2) EIN: **44-0160260**

**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		500000
<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.)			
<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 550633.

<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>SMITHVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. PENSION PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN)	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>SMITHVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INCORPORATED</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>35-0666710</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..... 

1	0
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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): 22-1211670

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

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

3	5
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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 \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number \_\_\_\_\_.




# **Smithville Telephone Company, Incorporated Pension Plan**

**EIN 35-0666710    PN 001**

**Independent Auditor's Report, Financial Statements,  
and Supplemental Schedules**

December 31, 2024 and 2023



**Smithville Telephone Company, Incorporated Pension Plan  
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## Independent Auditor's Report

Plan Trustees and Plan Management  
Smithville Telephone Company, Incorporated Pension Plan  
Ellettsville, Indiana

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Smithville Telephone Company, Incorporated 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, 2024 and 2023, 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 Smithville Telephone Company, Incorporated Pension 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 years then ended, 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 Smithville Telephone Company, Incorporated 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 Smithville Telephone Company, Incorporated Pension Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that these financial statements are available to be issued.

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 Smithville Telephone Company, Incorporated 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 Smithville Telephone Company, Incorporated 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 Matter – Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA***

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

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

In our opinion:

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

**Forvis Mazars, LLP**

**Indianapolis, Indiana  
October 6, 2025**

Federal Employer Identification Number: 44-0160260

**Smithville Telephone Company, Incorporated Pension Plan  
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits  
December 31, 2024 and 2023**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Noninterest-Bearing Cash</b>	\$ 583,526	\$ 583,676
<b>Investments</b>		
At fair value	5,321,859	4,727,544
At contract value	<u>20,379,267</u>	<u>20,898,292</u>
<b>Total Investments</b>	<u>25,701,126</u>	<u>25,625,836</u>
<b>Employer Contributions Receivable</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>864,000</u>
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits</b>	<u>\$ 26,284,652</u>	<u>\$ 27,073,512</u>

**Smithville Telephone Company, Incorporated Pension Plan  
Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits  
Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Additions</b>		
<b>Investment Income</b>		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 479,957	\$ 587,707
Interest and dividends	442,474	902,396
<b>Net Investment Income</b>	<u>922,431</u>	<u>1,490,103</u>
<b>Contributions</b>		
Employer	432,000	1,404,000
Participants	204,237	207,414
	<u>636,237</u>	<u>1,611,414</u>
<b>Total Additions</b>	<u>1,558,668</u>	<u>3,101,517</u>
<b>Deductions</b>		
Benefits paid to participants	2,261,732	1,928,005
Administrative expenses	85,796	78,703
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<u>2,347,528</u>	<u>2,006,708</u>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease)</b>	(788,860)	1,094,809
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>27,073,512</u>	<u>25,978,703</u>
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 26,284,652</u>	<u>\$ 27,073,512</u>

## **Note 1. Description of the Plan**

The following description of Smithville Telephone Company, Incorporated Pension Plan (Plan) provides only general information. Additional information about the vesting and benefit provisions and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's (PBGC) benefit guarantee is contained in the Plan Document and *Summary Plan Description*, which are available from the Plan Administrator.

### **General**

The Plan is a contributory defined-benefit plan sponsored by Smithville Telephone Company, Incorporated (Company) that covers substantially all employees with one year of service and provides for retirement, death and disability benefits. The Plan is subject to provisions of the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* (ERISA). Members of the Company's management serve as the trustees of the Plan. J.P. Morgan and The Prudential Insurance Company of America (Prudential) serve as the Plan's custodians.

Effective as of January 1, 2020, the Plan was amended to exclude from eligibility to participate in the Plan any non-union employee who commences employment with the Company on or after January 1, 2020 and any employee who commences employment with the Company on or after January 1, 2021.

### **Contributions**

As a condition of participation in the Plan, employees make contributions for 35 years at 3% of their annual eligible compensation (excluding overtime and bonus pay) up to the maximum amount allowable by ERISA guidelines. Employees have the option to decline from participating in the Plan. The Company has agreed to voluntarily contribute such additional amounts that are necessary to provide assets sufficient to meet the benefits to be paid to Plan participants. The Company's present intention is to make contributions in amounts sufficient to annually fund the Plan's current service cost and the initial past-service costs plus interest. The Plan has met the minimum funding requirements established by the federal government.

The Company's contributions each Plan year are actuarially determined; however, the Company may make additional discretionary contributions to the Plan as business conditions permit.

### **Pension Benefits**

Benefits under the Plan are based on employees' five highest compensation years during their last ten years of credited service. Normal retirement age for Plan benefits is 62. Participants may elect to receive reduced benefits upon early retirement at age 55, provided that they have at least ten years of service with the Company. Accrued benefits are payable as an annuity over the participant's lifetime as a qualified joint and survivor annuity or as a qualified joint and one half, joint and two thirds, or joint and 75% survivor annuity. Participants may elect to receive the portion of the accrued benefits attributable to the participant's contributions and accrued interest thereon in the form of a lump-sum payment. The Plan offers a full lump-sum payment option to participants upon termination or retirement and allows for in-service distributions for participants who remain employed upon reaching age 70.

### **Death Benefits**

The spouse of a participant will receive a 50% survivor annuity, as defined in the Plan, upon the death of the participant. The surviving spouse annuity is equal to 50% of the participant's monthly benefit. This benefit is immediately payable to the spouse if the participant was already receiving benefits. If the participant was not already receiving benefits, payments to the spouse may commence as of the earliest date the participant would have received benefits.

**Smithville Telephone Company, Incorporated Pension Plan**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

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***Vesting***

Plan participants fully vest in Company contributions after completing five years of credited service with the Company. Plan participants with less than five years of credited service do not vest in Company contributions. Plan participants are fully vested in the accrued benefit attributable to their own contributions. If employment is terminated, Plan participants may elect to withdraw an amount equal to their own contributions plus credited interest.

***Plan Termination***

In the event the Plan terminates, the net assets of the Plan will be allocated, as prescribed by ERISA and its related regulations, generally to provide the following benefits in the order indicated:

- (A) Benefits attributable to employee contributions, taking into account those paid out before termination.
- (B) Annuity benefits that former employees or their beneficiaries have been receiving for at least three years, or that employees eligible to retire for that three-year period would have been receiving if they had retired with benefits in the normal form of annuity under the Plan. The priority amount is limited to the lowest benefit that was payable, or would have been payable, during those three years. The amount is further limited to the lowest benefit that would be payable under Plan provisions in effect at any time during the five years preceding Plan termination.
- (C) Other vested benefits insured by the PBGC up to the applicable limitations discussed below.
- (D) Vested benefits not insured by the PBGC.
- (E) All nonvested benefits.

Certain benefits under the Plan are insured by the PBGC if the Plan terminates. 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. However, there is a statutory ceiling, which is adjusted periodically, on the amount of an individual's monthly benefit that the PBGC guarantees.

Whether all participants receive their benefits should the Plan terminate at some future time will depend on the sufficiency, at that time, of the Plan's net assets to provide for accumulated benefit obligations and may also depend on the financial condition of the Plan Sponsor and the level of benefits guaranteed by the PBGC.

**Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Basis of Accounting***

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets and changes in net assets available for benefits, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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***Valuation of Investments and Income Recognition***

Quoted market price, if available, is used to value investments. Mutual funds are valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year end. Money market funds are stated at cost plus earnings, which approximates fair value.

The group annuity contract was entered into in May 1978 and therefore, is recorded at contract value. Contract value is based on the terms of the underlying agreement as reported to the Plan by Prudential and represents contributions made under the contract, plus interest at the contract rate, less funds used to pay withdrawal benefits and administrative expenses.

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

***Payment of Benefits***

Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

***Administrative Expenses***

Administrative expenses may be paid by the Company or the Plan, at the Company's discretion.

***Accumulated Plan Benefits***

Accumulated plan benefits (see Note 5) are those estimated future periodic payments, including lump-sum distributions, which 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) Present employees or their beneficiaries

The accumulated plan benefits for active employees are based on their average compensation during the five years preceding the valuation date. Benefits payable under all circumstances—retirement, death, disability and termination of employment—are included, to the extent they are deemed attributable to employee service rendered to the valuation date.

***Plan Tax Status***

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on September 19, 2017, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan and related trust, as then designed, were in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and therefore not subject to tax. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan and related trust are currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

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**Note 3. Certification of Plan Custodian**

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 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. Accordingly, Prudential, a qualified institution, has certified the following investment information included in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedules is complete and accurate:

- Investments as shown in the statements of net assets available for benefits and related disclosures as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, except for those held by J.P. Morgan at December 31, 2024 and 2023
- Investment income as shown in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, except for those held by J.P. Morgan during 2024 and 2023
- Investment information included in the accompanying schedule of assets (held at year end) as of December 31, 2024, except for those held by J.P. Morgan
- Investment information included in the accompanying schedule of reportable transactions for the year ended December 31, 2024

The Plan's independent auditors did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this certified investment information, except for comparing such certified investment information to the related investment information included in the financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedules.

The fair value of investments not covered under the certification of the qualified institution at December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$5,905,386 and \$5,311,220, respectively. The net appreciation for these investments during 2024 and 2023 was \$479,958 and \$587,707, respectively. Dividend and interest income for these investments during 2024 and 2023 was \$138,156 and \$113,961, respectively.

**Note 4. Contract With Insurance Company**

The Plan has entered into an investment contract with Prudential, which maintains the funds in a pooled account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for Plan withdrawals and administrative expenses charged by Prudential. The contract is included in the financial statements at contract value (which represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less withdrawals and administrative expenses), because it is fully benefit-responsive. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise. The fair value of the investment contract at December 31, 2024 and 2023 approximates the contract value. The average yield and crediting interest rates were approximately 2.74% and 3.13% for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The crediting interest rate is based on an agreed-upon formula with the issuer but cannot be less than zero.

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**Note 5. Accumulated Plan Benefits**

Nyhart determines the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits, which is the amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan benefits to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, disability, withdrawal or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment.

The accumulated plan benefit information as of the end of each Plan year was as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits		
Vested benefits		
Participants currently receiving payments	\$ 11,298,448	\$ 12,126,624
Other participants	<u>13,215,400</u>	<u>12,474,867</u>
	24,513,848	24,601,491
Nonvested benefits	<u>20,568</u>	<u>35,415</u>
Total actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits	<u>\$ 24,534,416</u>	<u>\$ 24,636,906</u>

Vested benefits of other participants include \$3,159,547 and \$2,224,499, respectively, of present employees' accumulated contributions and interest earned at December 31, 2024 and 2023. Employee contributions have earned interest at 5.10% and 5.25% for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Changes in the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits were as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits, beginning of year	\$ 24,636,906	\$ 24,940,933
Increase (decrease) during the year attributable to		
Change in actuarial assumptions	11,691	(77,046)
Benefits accumulated	971,559	501,590
Increase for interest due to the decrease in the discount period	1,175,992	1,199,434
Benefits paid	<u>(2,261,732)</u>	<u>(1,928,005)</u>
Net decrease	<u>(102,490)</u>	<u>(304,027)</u>
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits, end of year	<u>\$ 24,534,416</u>	<u>\$ 24,636,906</u>

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Significant assumptions underlying the actuarial computations are:

- Assumed rate of return on investments: 5% for 2024 and 2023.
- Mortality basis: For 2024 and 2023 – PRI – 2012 Total Mortality Table projected using fully generational improvements from 2012 based on assumptions from the Society of Actuaries MP-2021 mortality improvement scale.
- Employee turnover: Table T-4 of *The Pension Actuary's Handbook*.
- Retirement: At normal retirement age (62).
- Asset valuation: PPA smoothed value of assets. Gains and losses are recognized over three years, subject to a 10% corridor.

The foregoing actuarial assumptions are based on the presumption that the Plan will continue. Were the Plan to terminate, different actuarial assumptions and other factors might be applicable in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits.

## **Note 6. Party-in-Interest Transactions**

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.

The Plan invests in a group annuity contract and money market fund of a Plan custodian. Fees for trust and management services paid by the Plan to the custodians were \$85,796 and \$78,703 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Actuarial fees were paid by the Company for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

The Company provides certain administrative services at no cost to the Plan.

## **Note 7. Disclosures About Fair Value of Plan Assets**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value measurements must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There is a hierarchy of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

- Level 1** Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2** Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities
- Level 3** Unobservable inputs supported by little or no market activity and are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities

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***Recurring Measurements***

The following tables present the fair value measurements of assets recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements fall at December 31, 2024 and 2023:

		<b>2024</b>			
		<b>Fair Value Measurements Using</b>			
		<b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</b>	<b>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</b>	<b>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
Money market accounts	\$ 110,219	\$ 110,219	\$ -	\$ -	
Mutual funds	5,211,640	5,211,640	-	-	
	<u>\$ 5,321,859</u>	<u>\$ 5,321,859</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	

		<b>2023</b>			
		<b>Fair Value Measurements Using</b>			
		<b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</b>	<b>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</b>	<b>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
Money market accounts	\$ 102,252	\$ 102,252	\$ -	\$ -	
Mutual funds	4,625,292	4,625,292	-	-	
	<u>\$ 4,727,544</u>	<u>\$ 4,727,544</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	

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Following is a description of the valuation methodologies and inputs used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits, as well as the general classification of such assets pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no significant changes in the valuation techniques during the year ended December 31, 2024. The Plan had no liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis. In addition, the Plan had no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis.

***Investments***

Where quoted market prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated by using quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics or independent asset pricing services and pricing models, the inputs of which are market-based or independently sourced market parameters, including, but not limited to, yield curves, interest rates, volatilities, prepayments, defaults, cumulative loss projections and cash flows. Such securities are classified in Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy. See Note 2 for inputs used to determine the fair value of investments. In certain cases where Level 1 or Level 2 inputs are not available, securities are classified within Level 3 of the hierarchy.

**Note 8. Risks and Uncertainties**

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

Plan contributions are made and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits are reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimation and assumption process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements.

**Note 9. Subsequent Events**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 6, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

## ***Supplemental Schedules***

**Smithville Telephone Company, Incorporated Pension Plan**  
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**Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)**  
**December 31, 2024**

(a)(b) Identity of Issuer	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
<b>Money Market Funds</b>			
*JPMorgan U.S. Treasury Securities	110,219 shares	\$ 110,219	\$ 110,219
<b>Mutual Funds</b>			
Cohen & Steers Realty	999 shares	62,305	65,702
Fidelity Salem 500 Index Trust	10,118 shares	1,109,434	2,065,955
Fidelity Salem International Trust	17,326 shares	730,890	823,697
iShares Core S&P Small-Cap	1,346 shares	155,476	155,086
John Hancock Disciplined	2,631 shares	54,904	70,871
Lazard Emerging Markets	5,787 shares	97,882	103,696
T. Rowe Price New Asia I	6,444 shares	95,637	107,429
Select Sector Health Care SPDR Trust	486 shares	47,648	66,859
Select Sector Technology SPDR Trust	282 shares	15,617	65,574
Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets	2,360 shares	99,076	103,934
Vanguard MidCap Index Funds	298 shares	45,195	78,711
Dodge & Cox Income Fund	19,375 shares	228,909	239,861
Doubleline Fds Trust	26,492 shares	233,504	242,141
Ishares Core US	7,507 shares	763,421	727,428
PGIM High Yield Fund	11,296 shares	59,588	53,880
American Beacon Funds	5,370 shares	56,245	54,023
Blackstone Alternative Investment Managed Portfolio Ser	4,831 shares 7,038 shares	50,757 75,045	51,450 135,343
		<u>3,981,533</u>	<u>5,211,640</u>
<b>Group Annuity Contract</b>			
*Prudential Insurance Company of America Fixed Dollar Account Contract GA-738	2.87%	<u>14,984,503</u>	<u>20,379,267</u>
		<u>\$ 19,076,255</u>	<u>\$ 25,701,126</u>

\*Party-in-interest

**Smithville Telephone Company, Incorporated Pension Plan**  
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**Schedule H, Line 4j - Schedule of Reportable Transactions**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

Identity	Description	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Cost of Asset	Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date	Net Gain or (Loss)
*Prudential Insurance Company of America	Group Annuity Contract GA-738					
	Purchases	\$ 1,500,237		\$ 1,500,237	\$ 1,500,237	
	Sales		\$ 2,573,615	2,573,615	2,573,615	\$ -
*Party-in-interest						

**Active Participant Schedule**

Active participant information grouped based on age and credited service.

Age Group	Years of 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		1								
25 to 29										
30 to 34		2	5							
35 to 39		2	2	2						
40 to 44		2	6	2	3	1				
45 to 49			6	5	2	4				
50 to 54			2	4	2	1	2			
55 to 59		1	5	3	2	3	1			
60 to 64		1	1	2	2			1	1	
65 to 69			1		1		1			
70 & up										

Except where otherwise indicated, the following assumptions were selected by the plan sponsor with the concurrence of the actuary. Prescribed assumptions are based on the requirements of the relevant law, the Internal Revenue Code and applicable regulation. The actuary was not able to evaluate the prescribed assumptions for reasonableness for the purpose of the measurement.

**Valuation Date** January 1, 2024

**Participant and Asset Information Collected as of** January 1, 2024

**Retirement Rates (FE)**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
60	10%
61	10%
62	100%

For all participants no older than the youngest age above, these rates result in a weighted average retirement age of 62

As the plan is not large enough to have credible experience, retirement rates are based on professional judgment and expectation for the general population adjusted as necessary for the specific provisions of the plan.

**Mortality Rates (FE)**

Healthy/Disabled - Prescribed

IRS 2024 Small Plan Combined Static Mortality - sex distinct RP2006 combined for annuitants and non-annuitants as provided in IRC 430(h)(3). Mortality projections are based on SOA Improvement Scale MP-2021 and the projection methodology described in IRS Regulation 1.430(h)(3)-1(c).

Lump Sum Mortality - Prescribed

IRS 2024 Applicable Mortality as prescribed by IRC 417(e)

The mortality tables are prescribed by the IRS.

ASC 960

Pri-2012 Total Mortality Table projected using fully generational improvements from 2012 based on assumptions from the Society of Actuaries MP-2021 mortality improvement scale

As the plan is not large enough to have credible experience, mortality assumptions are set to reflect general population trends.

**Disability Rates (FE)**

None

**Withdrawal Rates (FE)**

Table T-4 of The Pension Actuary's Handbook. Sample Rates as follows:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
20	5.4%
30	5.1%
40	4.2%
50	2.5%
60	0.1%

As the plan is not large enough to have credible experience, withdrawal assumptions reflect the Sarason-Crocker withdrawal assumption that, in our professional judgment, best reflects the anticipated experience of the plan.

**Annual Pay Increases (CO)**

3.0%

The annual pay increase reflects the employer's average target increase for a career employee.

**Interest Rates**

	1st Segment (0-5 years)	2nd Segment (5-20 years)	3rd Segment (20+ years)
Minimum Funding and Benefit Restrictions - Prescribed (CO)	4.75%	4.87%	5.59%
Maximum Funding - Prescribed (CO)	3.62%	4.46%	4.52%
ASC 960 (CO)	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
PBGC	5.01%	5.13%	5.15%

All funding segment rates are based on the sponsor's election to use a 4 month lookback. The PBGC interest rates are based on the sponsor's election to use the Standard calculation method. The Standard calculation method was elected in 2019.

Interest rates are prescribed by IRS regulation

The ASC 960 interest rate is the expected long term rate of return on assets. This assumption has been set by the plan sponsor in conjunction with their asset advisors. We believe the assumption to be reasonable.

**Payment Form Election (FE)**

Lump Sum	81%
Annuity	19%

**Expense and/or Contingency Loading (FE)**

The Target Normal Cost is increased by \$60,000 to cover anticipated administrative expenses paid from the trust during the 2024 plan year.

**Marital Status and Ages (FE)**

80% of Participants assumed to be married with wives assumed to be 3 years younger than husbands.

**Market Value of Assets**

Equal to the fair value of assets as of the valuation date, plus the discounted value of contributions made following the valuation date and before the date of this report for the purpose of satisfying the prior year's funding requirements.

**Plan Asset Valuation Method**

PPA Smoothed Value of Assets. Gains or losses on the Market Value of Assets are recognized over three years, subject to a 10% corridor around the Market Value of Assets.

**Expected Rate of Return on Assets (CO)**

For determination of the Plan Asset value, the expected return on assets is equal to 5.00% for 2022 and 5.00% for 2023. The expected return on assets is capped at the third segment rate.

**Cost Method**

PPA requires the use of the Unit Credit cost method for determining the minimum required contribution and PBGC premiums. The maximum tax deductible contribution calculation includes limited Projected Unit Credit calculations as required under IRC 404(o).

ASC 960 requires the use of the Unit Credit cost method.

*FE indicates an assumption representing an estimate of future experience*

*MD indicates an assumption representing observations of estimates inherent in market data*

*CO indicates an assumption representing a combination of an estimate of future experience and observations of market data*

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	Sales		\$ 2,573,615	2,573,615	2,573,615	\$ -
*Party-in-interest						

<b>SCHEDULE SB</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>Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan</b> <b>Actuarial Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.</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


▶ **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.

<b>A</b> Name of plan Smithville Telephone Company, Inc. Pension Plan	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF Smithville Telephone Company, Incorporated	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) 35-0666710	
<b>E</b> Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	<b>F</b> Prior year plan size: <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

**Part I Basic Information**

<b>1</b>	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2024</u>		
<b>2</b>	Assets:		
	<b>a</b> Market value .....	<b>2a</b>	27,057,372
	<b>b</b> Actuarial value .....	<b>2b</b>	27,214,962
<b>3</b>	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	<b>a</b> For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment .....	68	12,035,743
	<b>b</b> For terminated vested participants .....	64	2,105,090
	<b>c</b> For active participants .....	82	9,727,307
	<b>d</b> Total .....	214	23,868,140
<b>4</b>	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>a</b> Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions .....	<b>4a</b>	
	<b>b</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 .....	<b>4b</b>	
<b>5</b>	Effective interest rate .....	<b>5</b>	5.18%
<b>6</b>	Target normal cost		
	<b>a</b> Present value of current plan year accruals .....	<b>6a</b>	659,678
	<b>b</b> Expected plan-related expenses .....	<b>6b</b>	60,000
	<b>c</b> Target normal cost .....	<b>6c</b>	719,678

**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.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	 Signature of actuary	<u>06/27/2025</u> Date
	Derek Schmitt, FSA, EA, MAAA Type or print name of actuary	<u>2307642</u> Most recent enrollment number
	Nyhart Firm name	<u>317-845-3568</u> Telephone number (including area code)
	5750 Castle Creek Parkway Suite 245 Indianapolis IN 46250 Address of the firm	

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

<b>Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances</b>		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
<b>7</b>	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year) .....	0	1,804,238
<b>8</b>	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year) .....	0	0
<b>9</b>	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8) .....	0	1,804,238
<b>10</b>	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>5.90</u> % .....	0	106,450
<b>11</b>	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	<b>a</b> Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year) .....		1,322,624
	<b>b(1)</b> 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>5.31</u> % .....		70,231
	<b>b(2)</b> Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return .....		0
	<b>c</b> Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance .....		1,392,855
	<b>d</b> Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance .....		0
<b>12</b>	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections .....	0	0
<b>13</b>	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d - line 12) .....	0	1,910,688

<b>Part III Funding Percentages</b>			
<b>14</b>	Funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>14</b>	105.86%
<b>15</b>	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>15</b>	113.85%
<b>16</b>	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement .....	<b>16</b>	102.75%
<b>17</b>	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage .....	<b>17</b>	%

**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
09/27/2024	108,000	0			
10/31/2024	108,000	0			
11/22/2024	108,000	0			
12/27/2024	108,000	0			
07/01/2024	0	204,237			
			<b>Totals ▶</b>	<b>18(b)</b>	<b>18(c)</b>
				432,000	204,237

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

<b>a</b> Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years .....	<b>19a</b>	0
<b>b</b> Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date .....	<b>19b</b>	0
<b>c</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date .....	<b>19c</b>	413,614

**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: 4.87 %	3rd segment: 5.59 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
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**b** Applicable month (enter code)..... **21b** 4

**22** Weighted average retirement age ..... **22** 62

**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** 719,678

**b** Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a ..... **31b** 719,678

**32** Amortization installments:

	Outstanding Balance	Installment
<b>a</b> Net shortfall amortization installment .....	0	0
<b>b</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
<b>35</b> Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement .....	0	0	0
<b>36</b> Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35).....			0
<b>37</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c).....			413,614
<b>38</b> Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
<b>a</b> Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)			413,614
<b>b</b> Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances .....			0
<b>39</b> Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37).....			0
<b>40</b> Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years .....			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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### Summary of Contributions

Below is a summary of historical contributions.

Effective Rate: 5.18%

### Contributions for Plan Year Beginning in 2024

<b>Contribution Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Discounted Value</b>
September 27, 2024	\$108,000	\$104,050
October 31, 2024	\$108,000	\$103,563
November 22, 2024	\$108,000	\$103,249
December 27, 2024	\$108,000	\$102,752
<b>Totals</b>	<b>432,000.00</b>	<b>413,614.00</b>

Age	Expected Actives at Age	Retirement Rate	Expected Retirements	Weighted Age
60.00	56.6484	9.46%	5.3571	321.4267
61.00	52.0651	9.41%	4.8997	298.8826
62.00	48.9290	100.00%	48.9290	3,033.5963
63.00	1.0000	0.00%	0.0000	0.0000
64.00	0.9930	100.00%	0.9930	63.5501
65.00	3.0000	100.00%	3.0000	195.0000
66.00	1.0000	100.00%	1.0000	66.0000
67.00	0.0000	100.00%	0.0000	0.0000
68.00	1.0000	100.00%	1.0000	68.0000
69.00	1.0000	100.00%	1.0000	69.0000
Total			66.1802	4,115.4557

Weighted Average Retirement Age = Weighted Age/Expected Retirements : **62.19**

\* Please note that the retirement rates are a weighted average of the rates shown in Part V for active participants eligible to retire at the age and zero for all other active participants.

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### Plan Effective Date

The plan was last restated effective 1/1/2016 and amended effective 1/1/2020

### Plan Status

The plan is closed to new participants under the following conditions:

- any non-union employee (not covered by a collective bargaining agreement) who commences employment on or after January 1, 2020 will not be eligible to participate
- any employee who commences employment on or after January 1, 2021 will not be eligible to participate

All active participants are eligible to accrue additional benefits

### Eligibility for Participation

An eligible employee shall become a participant on the first day of the month following the completion of one year of service and electing to make mandatory employee contributions. Such election must be made no later than the 30th day following the date on which such employee completes one year of service

### Accrued Benefit

A participant shall accumulate a benefit payable at normal retirement date based on compensation and credited service as of the date of determination

### Benefits

#### Normal Retirement

Eligibility	Age 62
Benefit	1.5% of Monthly Plan Earnings multiplied by Credited Service

#### Early Retirement

Eligibility	Age 55 and 10 years of vesting service
Benefit	Accrued normal retirement benefit reduced 1/12 of 5.30% per month by which commencement of early retirement benefit precedes the participant's normal retirement date

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### Late Retirement

Eligibility	Participation continues after normal retirement date
Benefit	Greater of accrued retirement benefit commencing as of the first day of the month following his late retirement date based on plan compensation and credited service at such date or accrued benefit as of normal retirement date actuarially increased for delayed commencement

### Death before Retirement

Eligibility	Married participant with vested benefit
Benefit	Surviving Spouse receives the Qualified Pre-retirement Survivor Annuity or such benefit as may be payable under any optional form of benefit elected by a participant pursuant to a qualified waiver prior to his termination of employment. Should the Beneficiary of the Qualified Pre-retirement Survivor Annuity die prior to receiving the value of the participant's employee provided benefit, a contingent beneficiary shall receive the value of the participant's employee provided benefit reduced by the aggregate amount of payments received by the Surviving Spouse. If an unmarried participant dies before retirement benefits begin, the value of his employee-provided benefit shall be paid to a named beneficiary in a single sum

### Termination Benefit

Eligibility	Five (5) years of credited service for vesting
Benefit	100% of accrued retirement benefit

### Credited Service

#### For Vesting

A year of vesting service is credited for each plan year in which an employee is credited with 1,000 hours of service

#### For Benefit Accrual

Benefit service is credited on the basis of completed months of employment during which a participant contributes mandatory employee contributions

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## Monthly Plan Earnings

The monthly average of a participant's regular basic compensation and commissions, excluding overtime, but including amounts contributed by means of a salary reduction to either a cash-or-deferred arrangement or a cafeteria benefit plan, for the five consecutive calendar years that produce the highest average

## Employee Contributions

As a condition for participation, an employee must agree to contribute 3% of his/her annual compensation until reaching 35 years of Credited Service, at which point he/she will no longer be required to contribute.

## Payment Forms

Normal Form

The normal form of benefit for single participants is a single life annuity. The normal form of benefit for married participants is an actuarially equivalent qualified joint and 50% survivor annuity

Optional Forms

Life Annuity, 50%, 66.67%, 75%, 100% Joint and Survivor Annuity, Social Security Level Benefit, and a single sum. The participant may also elect a combination of a Return of Employee Contributions with a residual annuity in any of the forms listed

## Actuarial Equivalence

For non-decreasing annuities: Actuarial Equivalence will be computed using 8% interest and the UP 84 Mortality table

For accelerated forms of payment: Actuarial Equivalence will be computed using the "PPA applicable mortality table" and the interest rate determined under Code Section 417(e)(3) for the month of September preceding the Plan Year that contains the annuity starting date.

## Plan Provisions Not Included

We are not aware of any plan provisions not included in the valuation

## Adjustments Made for Subsequent Events

We are not aware of any event following the measurement date and prior to the date of this report that would materially impact the results of this report

Smithville Telephone Company, Incorporated Pension Plan  
 EIN 35-0666710 PN 001  
 Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)  
 December 31, 2024

(a)(b) Identity of Issuer	(c) Description of Investment	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
<b>Money Market Funds</b>			
*JPMorgan U.S. Treasury Securities	110,219 shares	\$ 110,219	\$ 110,219
<b>Mutual Funds</b>			
Cohen & Steers Realty	999 shares	62,305	65,702
Fidelity Salem 500 Index Trust	10,118 shares	1,109,434	2,065,955
Fidelity Salem International Trust	17,326 shares	730,890	823,697
iShares Core S&P Small-Cap	1,346 shares	155,476	155,086
John Hancock Disciplined	2,631 shares	54,904	70,871
Lazard Emerging Markets	5,787 shares	97,882	103,696
T. Rowe Price New Asia I	6,444 shares	95,637	107,429
Select Sector Health Care SPDR Trust	486 shares	47,648	66,859
Select Sector Technology SPDR Trust	282 shares	15,617	65,574
Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets	2,360 shares	99,076	103,934
Vanguard MidCap Index Funds	298 shares	45,195	78,711
Dodge & Cox Income Fund	19,375 shares	228,909	239,861
Doubleline Fds Trust	26,492 shares	233,504	242,141
Ishares Core US	7,507 shares	763,421	727,428
PGIM High Yield Fund	11,296 shares	59,588	53,880
American Beacon Funds	5,370 shares	56,245	54,023
Blackstone Alternative Investment	4,831 shares	50,757	51,450
Managed Portfolio Ser	7,038 shares	75,045	135,343
		<u>3,981,533</u>	<u>5,211,640</u>
<b>Group Annuity Contract</b>			
*Prudential Insurance Company of America Fixed Dollar Account Contract GA-738	2.87%	<u>14,984,503</u>	<u>20,379,267</u>
		<u>\$ 19,076,255</u>	<u>\$ 25,701,126</u>

\*Party-in-interest