

Form 5500

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security  
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.

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2024

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

- A This return/report is for: [ ] a multiemployer plan [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) [x] a single-employer plan [ ] a DFE (specify) \_\_\_\_
B This return/report is: [ ] the first return/report [ ] the final return/report [ ] an amended return/report [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. [ ]
D Check box if filing under: [x] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension [ ] the DFVC program [ ] special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. [ ]

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: LOTUS COMMUNICATIONS CORP. 401(K) RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/1992
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): LOTUS COMMUNICATIONS CORP.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 95-2216930
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 323-512-2225
2d Business code (see instructions): 515100

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>	461
<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>	379
	<b>6a(2)</b>	450
	<b>6b</b>	3
	<b>6c</b>	71
	<b>6d</b>	524
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	524
	<b>6g(1)</b>	251
<b>6g(2)</b>	241	
<b>6h</b>	13	
<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:  
2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D

**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)

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

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

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**11a** If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) .....  Yes  No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

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

**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code \_\_\_\_\_

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**SCHEDULE A  
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration  
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Insurance Information**

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

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

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

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**2024**

**This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

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

**A** Name of plan  
**LOTUS COMMUNICATIONS CORP. 401(K) RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN**

**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ **001**

**C** Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500  
**LOTUS COMMUNICATIONS CORP.**

**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)  
**95-2216930**

**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  
**NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
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**2** Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

<b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid	<b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid
0	0

**3** Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

(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
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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>	1564305
<b>c</b> Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>	100769
(2) Dividends and credits.....	<b>7c(2)</b>	0
(3) Interest credited during the year.....	<b>7c(3)</b>	43704
(4) Transferred from separate account .....	<b>7c(4)</b>	0
(5) Other (specify below).....	<b>7c(5)</b>	0
▶		
(6) Total additions .....	<b>7c(6)</b>	144473
<b>d</b> Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....	<b>7d</b>	1708778
<b>e</b> Deductions:		
(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	<b>7e(1)</b>	468731
(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	<b>7e(2)</b>	1391
(3) Transferred to separate account .....	<b>7e(3)</b>	0
(4) Other (specify below).....	<b>7e(4)</b>	0
▶		
(5) Total deductions .....	<b>7e(5)</b>	470122
<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>	1238656

**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 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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<b>A</b> Name of plan LOTUS COMMUNICATIONS CORP. 401(K) RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS 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 LOTUS COMMUNICATIONS CORP.	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) 95-2216930	

**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?
27	ADVISOR	5965	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)

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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?
37 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	2244	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)

(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.	
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<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:

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<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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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2024</b> and ending <b>12/31/2024</b>	
<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>LOTUS COMMUNICATIONS CORP. 401(K) RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS 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>LOTUS COMMUNICATIONS CORP.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>95-2216930</b>

<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	0
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	0	0
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	2698	2175
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	0	0
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>	0	0
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>	0	0
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>	0	0
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	266448	401969
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	0	0
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	0	0
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>	0	0
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>	0	0
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	21433769	22951420
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>	1564305	1238656
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>	0	0

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>	0	0
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>	0	0
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>	0	0
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	23267220	24594220
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>	0	0
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>	0	0
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>	0	0
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>	0	0
<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>	23267220	24594220

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

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

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	264175	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	1089540	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	120975	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>	0	1474690
(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>		
<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>	0	
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>	0	
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>	0	
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	23080	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	42341	
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		65421
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	776171	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		776171
<b>(3)</b> Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		0
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>	0	
<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>	0	
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>	0	
<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 .....	<b>2b(6)</b>		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	<b>2b(7)</b>		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	<b>2b(8)</b>		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>2b(9)</b>		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(10)</b>		2499277
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		0
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2d</b>		4815559

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	<b>2e(1)</b>	3480350	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	<b>2e(2)</b>	0	
(3) Other .....	<b>2e(3)</b>	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		3480350
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>		0
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		0
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	<b>2h</b>		0
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	<b>2i(1)</b>	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	<b>2i(2)</b>	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	<b>2i(3)</b>	2244	
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	<b>2i(4)</b>	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	<b>2i(5)</b>	5965	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	<b>2i(6)</b>	0	
(7) Actuarial fees .....	<b>2i(7)</b>	0	
(8) Legal fees .....	<b>2i(8)</b>	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	<b>2i(9)</b>	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	<b>2i(10)</b>	0	
(11) Other expenses .....	<b>2i(11)</b>	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		8209
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2j</b>		3488559

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		1327000
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	<b>2l(1)</b>		0
(2) From this plan .....	<b>2l(2)</b>		0

**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: MILLER, KAPLAN, ARASE & CO. LLP

(2) EIN: 95-2036255

**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.)		X	
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.		X	

**5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year \_\_\_\_\_.

**5b** If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

<b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s)	<b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s)	<b>5b(3)</b> PN(s)

**5c** Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) .....  Yes  No  Not determined  
 If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>LOTUS COMMUNICATIONS CORP. 401(K) RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS 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>LOTUS COMMUNICATIONS CORP.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>95-2216930</u>	

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

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

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**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
 EIN(s): 04-6568107

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

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

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

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

<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	<b>6a</b>	
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	<b>6c</b>	

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

**7** Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?.....  Yes  No  N/A

**8** If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? .....  Yes  No  N/A

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

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

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

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

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

**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**13** Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**14** Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

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

**15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

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

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

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</b> If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....	<b>16b</b>	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

**21a** Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules?  Yes  No

**21b** If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).  
 Design-based safe harbor method  
 "Prior year" ADP test  
 "Current year" ADP test  
 N/A

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702438A.

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401(k) RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors  
Lotus Communications Corp. 401(k)  
Retirement and Savings Plan

Members of the Board:

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Lotus Communications Corp. 401(k) Retirement and Savings Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 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 the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan ("investment information") by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA ("qualified institution").

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 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 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 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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

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

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

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

### **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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of 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.

#### **Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA**

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to the 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 generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion –

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and

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certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

*Miller Kaplan Arase LLP*

MILLER KAPLAN ARASE LLP

Burbank, California

October 7, 2025

**LOTUS COMMUNICATIONS CORP.**  
**401(k) RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN**  
**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<u>December 31, 2024</u>	<u>December 31, 2023</u>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
Investments, at Fair Value	\$ 22,951,420	\$ 21,433,769
Investments, at Contract Value	<u>1,240,831</u>	<u>1,567,003</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	24,192,251	23,000,772
<b>RECEIVABLES</b>		
Notes Receivable from Participants	<u>401,969</u>	<u>266,448</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>24,594,220</u>	<u>23,267,220</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>	<u><u>\$ 24,594,220</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 23,267,220</u></u>

**LOTUS COMMUNICATIONS CORP.**  
**401(k) RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN**  
**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

	<u>January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024</u>	<u>January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023</u>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>		
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Interest and Dividends	\$ 818,511	\$ 605,079
Net Appreciation of Investments	<u>2,499,278</u>	<u>2,787,640</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	3,317,789	3,392,719
OTHER ADDITIONS		
Participant Contributions	1,089,540	1,195,880
Rollover Contributions	120,975	108,079
Employer Contributions	264,175	331,467
Interest on Notes Receivable from Participants	<u>23,386</u>	<u>17,692</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u>4,815,865</u>	<u>5,045,837</u>
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>		
Benefit Paid	3,480,656	1,464,146
Transaction and Administrative Charges	<u>8,209</u>	<u>11,100</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>3,488,865</u>	<u>1,475,246</u>
NET INCREASE	1,327,000	3,570,591
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS		
Beginning of Year	<u>23,267,220</u>	<u>19,696,629</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 24,594,220</u>	<u>\$ 23,267,220</u>

**LOTUS COMMUNICATIONS CORP.**  
**401(k) RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN**  
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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN**

Lotus Communications Corp. 401(k) Retirement and Savings Plan (the "Plan") is a defined contribution plan established effective January 1, 1992. Employees of Lotus Communications Corp. (the "Company") become eligible to participate upon completing 1 month of service and attaining the age of 21. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended.

THE PLAN DOCUMENT INCLUDES DETAILED RULES FOR EACH SITUATION. PARTICIPANTS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD REFER TO THE PLAN DOCUMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS REGARDING SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE PLAN.

**A. Contributions**

Participants may contribute a percentage of their eligible compensation, as defined in the Plan, to an annual limit of the lesser of 60% of eligible compensation or the maximum annual amount specified by the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC").

The Company made discretionary employer contributions determined by the Company's board of directors. For 2024 and 2023, the discretionary employer contributions were calculated as 50% of each employee's deferrals of up to 4%.

Participant contributions are recorded in the period during which the Company makes payroll deductions from the participants' earnings. Discretionary employer contributions are recorded in the same period.

On August 30, 2023, the Plan was amended and restated to allow Roth contributions and Roth rollover contributions.

**B. Participant Accounts**

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, rollovers, an allocation of the Company's contribution and Plan earnings. Earnings are allocated by fund based on the ratio of a participant's account invested in a particular fund to all participants' investments in that fund. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from his or her account.

**C. Vesting**

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions and rollovers, plus actual earnings thereon. The vested balance in participants' accounts is based on years of service. A participant becomes 25 percent vested after one year of service, 50 percent vested after two years of service, 75 percent vested after three years of service and 100 percent vested after four years of service. However, if an active participant dies prior to attaining the normal retirement age, the participant's account becomes 100 percent vested.

**D. Notes Receivable from Participants**

Under the terms of the Plan, participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum amount of the lesser of 50% of the vested account balance or \$50,000 reduced by the highest outstanding loan balance in the participant's account during the prior 12 month

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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (Continued)**

**D. Notes Receivable from Participants (Continued)**

period. A loan is secured by the balance in the participant's account and bears interest at the prime rate in effect at the time of the loan plus one percent. The interest earned on each participant's loan is allocated back to his or her account.

**E. Benefits**

Benefits are recorded when they are paid by the Plan. Benefits under the Plan begin when a participant retires, dies or ceases to be an employee, whichever applies. Normal retirement age is 65. Hardship withdrawals are permitted.

A participant may elect to receive a lump-sum distribution of his or her vested account balance in the form of cash, a direct rollover, or a combination of both.

**F. Administrative Expenses**

The Company pays most Plan expenses. However, participants are responsible for loan fees.

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Basis of Accounting**

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

**B. Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

Participants select how their share of plan assets will be invested among those investment vehicles made available. Participants may change their investment options at any time during the Plan year.

Accounting principles establish a hierarchy that prioritizes valuation inputs into three levels based on the extent to which inputs used in measuring fair value are observable in the market. Under the fair value hierarchy Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in an active market. Level 2 inputs are quoted prices for similar instruments and model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market or can be corroborated by observable market data. Level 3 inputs are generally unobservable and typically reflect management's estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. The following tables summarize the Plan's investments based on the inputs used to value them:

	December 31, 2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 22,951,420	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,951,420
	December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 21,433,769	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,433,769

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**B. Investment Valuation and Income Recognition (Continued)**

Investments in mutual funds are valued at their quoted market prices.

Net appreciation of investments includes gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

**C. Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

**D. Risks and Uncertainties**

The Plan provides for various investment options in any combination of investments offered by the Plan. Investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the risk associated with investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in market values, interest rates or other factors in the near term would materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements. The Plan's exposure to the credit loss in the event of nonperformance of investments is limited to the carrying value of investments.

**NOTE 3 - FINANCIAL INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE**

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Information regarding investments held at December 31, 2024 and 2023 and investment income for the years then ended that is disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule was obtained or derived from information supplied to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan.

**NOTE 4 - TAX STATUS**

The Company has adopted a Fidelity Management Trust Company volume submitter plan, which has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service stating that it is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan's administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with applicable requirements of the IRC.

Accounting principles require management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken a tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by a tax authority. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**NOTE 5 - FORFEITURES**

Forfeitures result from nonvested accounts remaining in the Plan for terminated employees. Upon reaching the break-in-service requirement, forfeitures generally are available to offset Company

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**NOTE 5 - FORFEITURES (Continued)**

contributions or Plan expenses. In 2024 and 2023, forfeitures totaled \$19,884 and \$26,566, respectively. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, forfeitures totaling approximately \$12,000 and \$44,000 were available for future use.

**NOTE 6 - PLAN TERMINATION**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts and Plan assets will be distributed based upon the participants' account balances at that time.

**NOTE 7 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Plan's trustee, Fidelity Management Trust Company, or related entities manage certain investment options offered under the Plan. Transactions in these funds, while considered party in interest transactions under ERISA regulations, are permitted under the provisions of the Plan and are specifically exempt from the prohibition of party in interest transactions under ERISA.

**NOTE 8 - FIXED INCOME GUARANTEED OPTION**

The Plan maintains a fully benefit responsive group annuity contract with New York Life Insurance Company through the Fixed Income Guaranteed Option ("Guaranteed Interest Account"). Contributions to the Guaranteed Interest Account are maintained in an insurance company general account and credited for interest and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. New York Life Insurance Company is contractually obligated to repay principal and a specified rate of interest that is guaranteed to the Plan. The Guaranteed Interest Account meets fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants when they initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

The crediting rate is based on a formula established by New York Life Insurance Company but may not be less than 1% percent. The crediting rate is reset semi-annually. The crediting rate for all of 2024 was 3%. In 2023, the rates were 2.40% in the first half and 2.55% for the second half.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due is dependent on New York Life Insurance Company's ability to meet its financial obligations. There are no reserves against contract value for credit loss. Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value including premature termination of Plan investments in the Guaranteed Interest Account. The plan administrator does not believe that any events limiting the Plan's ability to transact at contract value are probable of occurring.

**NOTE 9 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 7, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no material subsequent events that required recognition or additional disclosures in these financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

**LOTUS COMMUNICATIONS CORP.**  
**401(k) RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN**

FORM 5500

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

E.I.N. 95-2216930; PLAN 001

DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>Identity of Issuer</u>	<u>Description of Investment</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
	<u>Mutual Funds</u>	
Prudential	Mid Cap Growth Fund	\$ 718,975
PIMCO	Total Return Fund	1,064,795
Invesco	Diversified Dividend Fund Class R6	432,432
MFS Investment Management	Mid Cap Value Fund R6	231,543
Lord Abbett	Developing Growth Fund Class R6	336,470
Fidelity:*	GNMA Fund	112,389
	Balanced Fund	1,187,888
	International Discovery Fund	1,263,431
	ContraFund K	3,992,552
	Small Cap Value Fund	81,677
	500 Index Fund	3,381,515
	International Index Fund	155,977
	Mid Cap Index Fund	344,671
	Real Estate Index Fund	168,922
	Small Cap Index Fund	343,586
	US Bond Index Fund	302,306
	Inflation-Protected Bond Fund	42,628
	Freedom Inc K Fund	8,531
	Freedom 2010 K Fund	1,268,965
	Freedom 2015 K Fund	280,744
	Freedom 2020 K Fund	716,951
	Freedom 2025 K Fund	703,657
	Freedom 2030 K Fund	1,439,990
	Freedom 2035 K Fund	2,110,225
	Freedom 2040 K Fund	1,393,463
	Freedom 2045 K Fund	72,558
	Freedom 2050 K Fund	592,039
	Freedom 2055 K Fund	79,759
	Freedom 2060 K Fund	79,792
	Freedom 2065 K Fund	42,989
	<u>Unallocated Insurance Contracts</u>	
New York Life	Guaranteed Interest Account	1,240,831
Participant Loans*	Secured, 4.25% to 9.50% maturing through December 2029	401,969
		<u>\$ 24,594,220</u>

\* Party in interest

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 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 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.
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### **Basis for Opinion**

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

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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.

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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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of 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.

#### **Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA**

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to the 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 generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion –

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and

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certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

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Burbank, California

October 7, 2025

**LOTUS COMMUNICATIONS CORP.**  
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**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<u>December 31, 2024</u>	<u>December 31, 2023</u>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
Investments, at Fair Value	\$ 22,951,420	\$ 21,433,769
Investments, at Contract Value	<u>1,240,831</u>	<u>1,567,003</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	24,192,251	23,000,772
<b>RECEIVABLES</b>		
Notes Receivable from Participants	<u>401,969</u>	<u>266,448</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>24,594,220</u>	<u>23,267,220</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>	<u><u>\$ 24,594,220</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 23,267,220</u></u>

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**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

	<u>January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024</u>	<u>January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023</u>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>		
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Interest and Dividends	\$ 818,511	\$ 605,079
Net Appreciation of Investments	<u>2,499,278</u>	<u>2,787,640</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	3,317,789	3,392,719
OTHER ADDITIONS		
Participant Contributions	1,089,540	1,195,880
Rollover Contributions	120,975	108,079
Employer Contributions	264,175	331,467
Interest on Notes Receivable from Participants	<u>23,386</u>	<u>17,692</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u>4,815,865</u>	<u>5,045,837</u>
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>		
Benefit Paid	3,480,656	1,464,146
Transaction and Administrative Charges	<u>8,209</u>	<u>11,100</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>3,488,865</u>	<u>1,475,246</u>
NET INCREASE	1,327,000	3,570,591
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS		
Beginning of Year	<u>23,267,220</u>	<u>19,696,629</u>
End of Year	<u><u>\$ 24,594,220</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 23,267,220</u></u>

**LOTUS COMMUNICATIONS CORP.**  
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN**

Lotus Communications Corp. 401(k) Retirement and Savings Plan (the “Plan”) is a defined contribution plan established effective January 1, 1992. Employees of Lotus Communications Corp. (the “Company”) become eligible to participate upon completing 1 month of service and attaining the age of 21. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”), as amended.

THE PLAN DOCUMENT INCLUDES DETAILED RULES FOR EACH SITUATION. PARTICIPANTS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD REFER TO THE PLAN DOCUMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS REGARDING SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE PLAN.

**A. Contributions**

Participants may contribute a percentage of their eligible compensation, as defined in the Plan, to an annual limit of the lesser of 60% of eligible compensation or the maximum annual amount specified by the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”).

The Company made discretionary employer contributions determined by the Company’s board of directors. For 2024 and 2023, the discretionary employer contributions were calculated as 50% of each employee’s deferrals of up to 4%.

Participant contributions are recorded in the period during which the Company makes payroll deductions from the participants’ earnings. Discretionary employer contributions are recorded in the same period.

On August 30, 2023, the Plan was amended and restated to allow Roth contributions and Roth rollover contributions.

**B. Participant Accounts**

Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contribution, rollovers, an allocation of the Company’s contribution and Plan earnings. Earnings are allocated by fund based on the ratio of a participant’s account invested in a particular fund to all participants’ investments in that fund. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from his or her account.

**C. Vesting**

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions and rollovers, plus actual earnings thereon. The vested balance in participants’ accounts is based on years of service. A participant becomes 25 percent vested after one year of service, 50 percent vested after two years of service, 75 percent vested after three years of service and 100 percent vested after four years of service. However, if an active participant dies prior to attaining the normal retirement age, the participant’s account becomes 100 percent vested.

**D. Notes Receivable from Participants**

Under the terms of the Plan, participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum amount of the lesser of 50% of the vested account balance or \$50,000 reduced by the highest outstanding loan balance in the participant’s account during the prior 12 month

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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (Continued)**

**D. Notes Receivable from Participants (Continued)**

period. A loan is secured by the balance in the participant's account and bears interest at the prime rate in effect at the time of the loan plus one percent. The interest earned on each participant's loan is allocated back to his or her account.

**E. Benefits**

Benefits are recorded when they are paid by the Plan. Benefits under the Plan begin when a participant retires, dies or ceases to be an employee, whichever applies. Normal retirement age is 65. Hardship withdrawals are permitted.

A participant may elect to receive a lump-sum distribution of his or her vested account balance in the form of cash, a direct rollover, or a combination of both.

**F. Administrative Expenses**

The Company pays most Plan expenses. However, participants are responsible for loan fees.

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Basis of Accounting**

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

**B. Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

Participants select how their share of plan assets will be invested among those investment vehicles made available. Participants may change their investment options at any time during the Plan year.

Accounting principles establish a hierarchy that prioritizes valuation inputs into three levels based on the extent to which inputs used in measuring fair value are observable in the market. Under the fair value hierarchy Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in an active market. Level 2 inputs are quoted prices for similar instruments and model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market or can be corroborated by observable market data. Level 3 inputs are generally unobservable and typically reflect management's estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. The following tables summarize the Plan's investments based on the inputs used to value them:

	December 31, 2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 22,951,420	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,951,420
	December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 21,433,769	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,433,769

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**B. Investment Valuation and Income Recognition (Continued)**

Investments in mutual funds are valued at their quoted market prices.

Net appreciation of investments includes gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

**C. Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

**D. Risks and Uncertainties**

The Plan provides for various investment options in any combination of investments offered by the Plan. Investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the risk associated with investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in market values, interest rates or other factors in the near term would materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements. The Plan's exposure to the credit loss in the event of nonperformance of investments is limited to the carrying value of investments.

**NOTE 3 - FINANCIAL INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE**

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Information regarding investments held at December 31, 2024 and 2023 and investment income for the years then ended that is disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule was obtained or derived from information supplied to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan.

**NOTE 4 - TAX STATUS**

The Company has adopted a Fidelity Management Trust Company volume submitter plan, which has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service stating that it is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan's administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with applicable requirements of the IRC.

Accounting principles require management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken a tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by a tax authority. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**NOTE 5 - FORFEITURES**

Forfeitures result from nonvested accounts remaining in the Plan for terminated employees. Upon reaching the break-in-service requirement, forfeitures generally are available to offset Company

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**NOTE 5 - FORFEITURES (Continued)**

contributions or Plan expenses. In 2024 and 2023, forfeitures totaled \$19,884 and \$26,566, respectively. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, forfeitures totaling approximately \$12,000 and \$44,000 were available for future use.

**NOTE 6 - PLAN TERMINATION**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts and Plan assets will be distributed based upon the participants' account balances at that time.

**NOTE 7 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Plan's trustee, Fidelity Management Trust Company, or related entities manage certain investment options offered under the Plan. Transactions in these funds, while considered party in interest transactions under ERISA regulations, are permitted under the provisions of the Plan and are specifically exempt from the prohibition of party in interest transactions under ERISA.

**NOTE 8 - FIXED INCOME GUARANTEED OPTION**

The Plan maintains a fully benefit responsive group annuity contract with New York Life Insurance Company through the Fixed Income Guaranteed Option ("Guaranteed Interest Account"). Contributions to the Guaranteed Interest Account are maintained in an insurance company general account and credited for interest and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. New York Life Insurance Company is contractually obligated to repay principal and a specified rate of interest that is guaranteed to the Plan. The Guaranteed Interest Account meets fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants when they initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

The crediting rate is based on a formula established by New York Life Insurance Company but may not be less than 1% percent. The crediting rate is reset semi-annually. The crediting rate for all of 2024 was 3%. In 2023, the rates were 2.40% in the first half and 2.55% for the second half.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due is dependent on New York Life Insurance Company's ability to meet its financial obligations. There are no reserves against contract value for credit loss. Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value including premature termination of Plan investments in the Guaranteed Interest Account. The plan administrator does not believe that any events limiting the Plan's ability to transact at contract value are probable of occurring.

**NOTE 9 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 7, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no material subsequent events that required recognition or additional disclosures in these financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

**LOTUS COMMUNICATIONS CORP.  
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FORM 5500

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

E.I.N. 95-2216930; PLAN 001

DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>Identity of Issuer</u>	<u>Description of Investment</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
	<u>Mutual Funds</u>	
Prudential	Mid Cap Growth Fund	\$ 718,975
PIMCO	Total Return Fund	1,064,795
Invesco	Diversified Dividend Fund Class R6	432,432
MFS Investment Management	Mid Cap Value Fund R6	231,543
Lord Abbett	Developing Growth Fund Class R6	336,470
Fidelity:*	GNMA Fund	112,389
	Balanced Fund	1,187,888
	International Discovery Fund	1,263,431
	ContraFund K	3,992,552
	Small Cap Value Fund	81,677
	500 Index Fund	3,381,515
	International Index Fund	155,977
	Mid Cap Index Fund	344,671
	Real Estate Index Fund	168,922
	Small Cap Index Fund	343,586
	US Bond Index Fund	302,306
	Inflation-Protected Bond Fund	42,628
	Freedom Inc K Fund	8,531
	Freedom 2010 K Fund	1,268,965
	Freedom 2015 K Fund	280,744
	Freedom 2020 K Fund	716,951
	Freedom 2025 K Fund	703,657
	Freedom 2030 K Fund	1,439,990
	Freedom 2035 K Fund	2,110,225
	Freedom 2040 K Fund	1,393,463
	Freedom 2045 K Fund	72,558
	Freedom 2050 K Fund	592,039
	Freedom 2055 K Fund	79,759
	Freedom 2060 K Fund	79,792
	Freedom 2065 K Fund	42,989
	<u>Unallocated Insurance Contracts</u>	
New York Life	Guaranteed Interest Account	1,240,831
Participant Loans*	Secured, 4.25% to 9.50% maturing through December 2029	401,969
		<u>\$ 24,594,220</u>

\* Party in interest