

BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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To the Board of Directors
Brandenburg Telephone Company
Brandenburg, Kentucky

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Brandenburg Telephone Company as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of income, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of Brandenburg Telephone Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedure that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting policies made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Brandenburg Telephone Company as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 22, 2016, on our consideration of Brandenburg Telephone Company's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and is important for assessing the results of our audit.

Richardson, Pennington + Skinner, PSC
Louisville, Kentucky
March 22, 2016

BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY
BALANCE SHEETS
DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,603,480	\$ 9,473,380
Accounts receivable	1,286,127	1,401,256
Income tax receivable	725,975	507,166
Due from affiliate	15,150,713	14,021,500
Materials and supplies, at average cost - based on the lower of cost or market	1,444,153	943,419
Prepaid insurance	29,967	29,469
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Total Current Assets	28,240,415	26,376,190
Non-Current Assets:		
Portfolio investments, available for sale	2,559,165	2,511,904
Investment in nonregulated	4,012,288	3,089,062
Deferred income taxes (Note J)	3,373,968	4,253,894
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Total Non-Current Assets	9,945,421	9,854,860
Telephone Plant, at original cost (Note A):		
Telephone plant under construction	179,842	159,297
Telecommunications plant (Note I)	78,521,823	76,204,402
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	78,701,665	76,363,699
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<hr/>	<hr/>
	75,410,782	74,933,031
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Total Telephone Plant	3,290,883	1,430,668
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 41,476,719</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 37,661,718</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEETS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 289,074	\$ 484,356
Customer deposits	14,917	13,697
Other current and accrued liabilities	<u>2,735,754</u>	<u>1,805,587</u>
 Total Current Liabilities	 <u>3,039,745</u>	 <u>2,303,640</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 3,039,745	 2,303,640
 <u>STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</u>		
Common stock, \$50 par value; authorized shares, 100,000; issued and outstanding shares, 100,000.	5,000,000	5,000,000
Retained Earnings	33,086,426	29,782,279
Accumulated other comprehensive income		
Unrealized gains (losses) on securities	(1,191)	(258)
Change in Pension Accrual	<u>351,739</u>	<u>576,057</u>
 TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	 <u>38,436,974</u>	 <u>35,358,078</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	 <u>\$ 41,476,719</u>	 <u>\$ 37,661,718</u>

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BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY
STATEMENTS OF INCOME
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Operating Revenues:		
Local network service	\$ 3,047,105	\$ 3,174,935
Network access service	9,723,313	10,431,936
Long distance network service	519,139	546,745
Miscellaneous revenue	1,554,563	1,217,530
Total Operating Revenues	<u>14,844,120</u>	<u>15,371,146</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Plant specific operations expense	3,250,056	3,378,122
Plant non-specific operations	1,537,090	1,646,965
Depreciation	801,264	793,369
Customer operation expense	1,845,440	1,934,816
Corporate operation expense	2,443,101	1,569,653
Other taxes	399,160	443,022
Total Operating Expenses	<u>10,276,111</u>	<u>9,765,947</u>
Operating Income	4,568,009	5,605,199
Other Income (Expense)		
Interest income	47,262	57,083
Interest expense	-0-	-0-
Other income	122,051	122,581
Total Other Income (Expenses)	<u>169,313</u>	<u>179,664</u>
Income Before Nonregulated Income	4,737,322	5,784,863
Nonregulated Income	<u>1,298,697</u>	<u>1,152,943</u>
Net Income Before Income Taxes	6,036,019	6,937,806
Income Taxes	<u>2,731,872</u>	<u>3,091,455</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 3,304,147</u>	<u>\$ 3,846,351</u>

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BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Net income	\$ 3,304,147	\$ 3,846,351
Other comprehensive income		
Defined benefit plan	(224,060)	(1,280,557)
Unrealized gains on marketable securities	<u>(1,191)</u>	<u>(258)</u>
Total other comprehensive income	(225,251)	(1,280,815)
Total	<u>\$ 3,078,896</u>	<u>\$ 2,565,536</u>

BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

	Common Stock	Retained Earnings	Other Comprehensive Income	Total
Balance, December 31, 2013	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 30,735,928	\$ 1,856,614	\$ 37,592,542
Comprehensive Income				
Net income for the year ended December 31, 2014	-0-	3,846,351	-0-	3,846,351
Change in Unrealized gains on marketable securities net of tax expense of \$180	-0-	-0-	(258)	(258)
Change in Pension Accrual net of tax expense of \$889,879	-0-	-0-	(1,280,557)	(1,280,557)
Comprehensive Income	-0-	3,846,351	(1,280,815)	2,565,536
Cash Dividends:				
Common stock, \$25.00 per share to Holding Company	-0-	(4,800,000)	-0-	(4,800,000)
Balance, December 31, 2014	5,000,000	29,782,279	575,799	35,358,078
Comprehensive Income				
Net income for the year ended December 31, 2015	-0-	3,304,147	-0-	3,304,147
Change in Unrealized gains on marketable securities net of tax benefit of \$828	-0-	-0-	(1,191)	(1,191)
Change in Pension Accrual net of tax expense of \$155,702	-0-	-0-	(224,060)	(224,060)
Comprehensive Income	-0-	3,304,147	(225,251)	3,078,896
Balance, December 31, 2015	<u>\$ 5,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 33,086,426</u>	<u>\$ 350,548</u>	<u>\$ 38,436,974</u>

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BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Cash received from regulated services	\$ 14,959,249	\$ 15,540,020
Other receipts	122,051	122,581
Cash paid to suppliers, employees, and affiliates	(10,927,143)	(10,847,243)
Interest received	47,262	57,083
Taxes paid	<u>(2,110,044)</u>	<u>(2,376,258)</u>
 Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	 <u>2,091,375</u>	 <u>2,496,183</u>
 Cash Provided (Used) In Investing Activities:		
Construction and acquisition of telecommunications plant	(2,337,966)	(1,119,738)
Nonregulated activities	<u>375,471</u>	<u>280,271</u>
 Net Cash (Used) Provided In Investing Activities	 <u>(1,962,495)</u>	 <u>(839,467)</u>
 Cash Provided (Used) in Financing Activities:		
Dividends paid	-0-	(4,800,000)
(Decrease) in customer deposits	<u>1,220</u>	<u>(4,031)</u>
 Net Cash Used In Financing Activities	 <u>1,220</u>	 <u>(4,804,031)</u>
 (Decrease) Increase in Cash	 130,100	 (3,147,315)
 Cash and Cash Equivalents Beginning of Year	 <u>9,473,380</u>	 <u>12,620,695</u>
 Cash and Cash Equivalents End of Year	 <u>\$ 9,603,480</u>	 <u>\$ 9,473,380</u>

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BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Operating Activities:		
Net income	\$ 3,304,147	\$ 3,846,351
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	801,264	793,369
Deferred tax provisions	879,926	259,017
Decrease (Increase) in accounts receivable	115,129	168,874
Decrease (Increase) in income tax receivable	(218,809)	191,142
Decrease (Increase) in due from affiliate	(1,129,213)	(1,074,768)
Decrease (Increase) in materials inventory	(500,734)	(231,495)
Decrease (Increase) in prepaid insurance	(498)	(2,419)
Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable	(195,282)	41,330
Increase (Decrease) in customer deposits	1,220	(4,031)
Increase (Decrease) in accrued liabilities	<u>(965,775)</u>	<u>(1,491,187)</u>
 Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	 <u>\$ 2,091,375</u>	 <u>\$ 2,496,183</u>

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BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

Note A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Company maintains its records in accordance with practices prescribed or permitted by the Kentucky Public Service Commission and the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) which conforms to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States in all material respects. Accordingly, the Company follows these practices:

Nature of Operations:

The Brandenburg Telephone Company is a telephone company that offers business and residential telephone service to customers located in Meade, Hardin and Breckinridge counties in Kentucky.

Telephone Plant:

Telephone plant in service is stated at original cost, which is the cost when first dedicated to public service. Such cost includes applicable supervisory and overhead cost.

The cost of maintenance and repairs, including renewals of minor items of property, is charged to operating expense. The cost of depreciable property units, as distinguished from minor items, is charged to utility plant. The cost of removal, net of any salvage value, is charged to accumulated depreciation. Gain or loss on the sale of assets is recognized as income in the year in which the assets are sold.

Depreciation:

Provision has been made for depreciation for financial statement purposes on the basis of estimated useful lives of assets (as prescribed by the Public Service Commission of Kentucky) using the straight-line method.

Estimates:

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing these financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were used.

Accounts Receivable:

The Company considers its accounts receivable at cost less an allowance for doubtful accounts. On a periodic basis, the Company evaluates its accounts receivable and establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts, based on a history of past write-offs and collections and current credit conditions. The Company's policy is not to accrue interest on accounts receivable. Accounts are written off as uncollectible at the time management determines the collection is unlikely.

Note B - Parent Subsidiary

As of December 31, 2015, the Brandenburg Telephone Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Brandenburg Communications Corporation.

BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

Note C – Pension Plan

The Company sponsors a defined benefit pension plan that covers substantially all employees. The plan calls for benefits to be paid to eligible employees at retirement based primarily upon years of service with the Company and compensation rates near retirement.

The following illustrates the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2015 and 2014:

Change in benefit obligation	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 31,144,787	\$ 26,747,073
Service cost	867,950	734,883
Interest cost	1,252,868	1,242,600
Benefits paid	(1,066,256)	(1,038,029)
Actuarial (gain) or loss	(500,533)	3,458,260
Benefit obligation at end of year	<u>\$ 31,698,816</u>	<u>\$ 31,144,787</u>
 Change in plan assets		
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$ 29,678,233	\$ 26,773,931
Actual return on plan assets	753,103	3,181,475
Employer contributions	247,692	760,856
Benefits paid	(1,066,256)	(1,038,029)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	<u>\$ 29,612,772</u>	<u>\$ 29,678,233</u>
 Reconciliation of funded status		
Funded status	\$ (2,086,044)	\$ (1,466,554)
Unrecognized actuarial (gain) or loss	-0-	-0-
Unrecognized transition (asset) or obligation	-0-	-0-
Unrecognized prior service cost	-0-	-0-
Net amount recognized at year-end	<u>\$ (2,086,044)</u>	<u>\$ (1,466,554)</u>
 Amounts recognized in the statement of financial position consists of:		
Noncurrent assets	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Noncurrent liabilities	\$ (2,086,044)	\$ (1,466,554)
Net amount recognized at year-end	<u>\$ (2,086,044)</u>	<u>\$ (1,466,554)</u>
 Amounts not yet reflected in net periodic benefit cost and included in accumulated other comprehensive income		
Transition (obligation) asset	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Prior service credit (cost)	(26,508)	(32,842)
Accumulated gain (loss)	222,545	1,015,406
Accumulated other comprehensive income	196,037	982,564
Cumulative employer contributions in excess of net periodic benefit cost	(2,282,081)	(2,449,118)
Net amount recognized in statement of financial position	<u>\$ (2,086,044)</u>	<u>\$ (1,466,554)</u>

BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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Note C – Pension Plan (Continued)

**Additional year-end information for plans
with benefit obligations in excess
of plan assets:**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Benefit obligation	\$ 31,698,816	\$ 31,144,787
Fair value of plan assets	29,612,772	29,678,233

Components of net periodic benefit cost

Service cost	\$ 867,950	\$ 734,883
Interest cost	1,252,868	1,242,600
Expected return on plan assets	(2,046,497)	(1,842,365)
Amortization of prior service cost	6,334	6,334
Amortization of transitional obligation	-0-	-0-
Recognized actuarial (gain) loss	-0-	(44,952)
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 80,655	\$ 96,500

**Weighted-average assumptions as of
December 31:**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Discount rate	4.10%	4.75%
Expected return on plan assets	7.00%	7.00%
Rate of compensation increase	6.00%	6.00%

The following is an analysis of plan assets by category at measurement dates December 31:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash	1%	3%
Debt Securities	24%	24%
Equity Securities	75%	73%
	100%	100%

Benefits expected to be paid in each of the next five years and in the aggregate for the five years thereafter are:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	
2016	\$ 1,046,680
2017	1,092,404
2018	1,172,216
2019	1,235,262
2020	1,301,406
2021-2025	8,966,756

BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY
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Note C – Pension Plan (Continued)

To develop the expected long-term rate of return on assets assumption, the company considered the historical returns and the future expectations for returns for each asset class, as well as the target asset allocation of the pension portfolio. This resulted in the selection of the 7.00% long-term rate of return on assets assumption.

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value.

	Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements Using:	
		Unadjusted Quoted Prices (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)
December 31, 2015			
Common stocks	\$ 23,794,920	\$ 23,794,920	\$ -0-
Corporate bonds	3,647,572	-0-	3,647,572
U.S. government securities	1,317,901	-0-	1,317,901
State & municipal	665,368	-0-	665,368
Total	29,425,761	\$ 23,794,920	\$ 5,630,841
Cash accounts	187,011		
Total	\$ 29,612,772		

	Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements Using:	
		Unadjusted Quoted Prices (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)
December 31, 2014			
Common stocks	\$ 21,753,413	\$ 21,753,413	\$ -0-
Corporate bonds	4,196,485	-0-	4,196,485
U.S. government securities	2,071,492	-0-	2,071,492
State & municipal	1,004,406	-0-	1,004,406
Total	29,025,796	\$ 21,753,413	\$ 7,272,383
Cash accounts	652,437		
Total	\$ 29,678,233		

BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY
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Note C – Pension Plan (Continued)

FASB ASC Topic 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy consists of three broad levels: Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and have the highest priority, Level 2 inputs consists of observable inputs other than quoted market prices for identical assets, and Level 3 inputs have the lowest priority. The Plan uses appropriation valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair value of its investments. When available, the Plan measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value.

Level 1 Fair Value Measurements

The fair values of common stock are based on quoted market prices.

Level 2 Fair Value Measurements

The fair value of corporate bonds and U.S. Government securities for which quoted market prices are not available are valued on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings. Investments in certain restricted common stocks are valued at the quoted market price of the issuer's unrestricted common stock less an appropriate discount.

Note D - Cash Flow Information

The Company considers all short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Cash paid for interest and income taxes for 2015 and 2014 was as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Interest paid	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ <u>-0-</u>
Income taxes	\$ <u>2,110,044</u>	\$ <u>2,376,258</u>

Note E - Concentrations of Credit Risk

The Company maintains cash and cash equivalents at several banks. The total cash balances at each bank are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000. A summary of total insured and uninsured amounts held at these financial institutions at December 31, 2015 are as follows:

Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 9,605,499
Less: Balance Insured by FDIC	<u>1,000,000</u>
Uninsured and Uncollateralized	<u>\$ 8,605,499</u>

BRANDENBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY
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Note F – Portfolio Investments

In accordance with FASB ASC Topic 320, Investments – Debt and Equity Securities, the company has classified all the Other Investments as available-for-sale. Available-for-sale investments are stated at fair value with unrealized gains and losses included in stockholder’s equities. The cost of investments sold is based on the specific identification method.

The cost and fair market values of marketable securities available for sale at December 31, 2015 and 2014 were:

	2015	2014
U.S. Government Securities:		
Amortized Cost	\$ 2,559,165	\$ 2,512,342
Gross Unrealized Gain	<u>(2,019)</u>	<u>(438)</u>
Fair Value	<u>\$ 2,557,146</u>	<u>\$ 2,511,904</u>

At December 31, 2015, maturities of investments classified as available-for-sale were as follows:

	Amortized <u>Cost</u>	Fair <u>Value</u>
Less Than One Year	\$ 2,559,165	\$ 2,557,146
One Through Five Years	-0-	-0-
After Five Years	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
	<u>\$ 2,559,165</u>	<u>\$ 2,557,146</u>

The Plan’s investments are reported at fair value in the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefit.

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Fair Value Measurements Using: Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</u>
<u>December 31, 2015</u>		
Municipal bonds	<u>\$ 2,557,146</u>	<u>\$ 2,557,146</u>
Total	2,557,146	<u>\$ 2,557,146</u>
Cash accounts	2,019	
Total	<u>\$ 2,559,165</u>	

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Note F – Portfolio Investments (Continued)

<u>December 31, 2014</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Fair Value Measurements Using: Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</u>
Municipal bonds	\$ 2,511,904	\$ 2,511,904
Total	2,511,904	\$ 2,511,904
Cash accounts	3,496	
Total	<u>\$ 2,515,400</u>	

FASB ASC Topic 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy consists of three broad levels: Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and have the highest priority, Level 2 inputs consists of observable inputs other than quoted market prices for identical assets, and Level 3 inputs have the lowest priority. The Plan uses appropriation valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair value of its investments. When available, the Plan measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value.

Level 2 Fair Value Measurements

The fair value of municipal bonds and agency securities for which quoted market prices are not available are valued on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings. Investments in certain restricted common stocks are valued at the quoted market price of the issuer's unrestricted common stock less an appropriate discount.

Note G – Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income is the total of (1) net income plus (2) all other changes in net assets arising from non-owner sources, which are referred to as other comprehensive income. The company has presented a statement of income that includes other comprehensive income. An analysis of changes in components of accumulated other comprehensive income is presented in the statement of changes in equity.

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Note H- Nonregulated Investments

Investments in nonregulated activities consist of the following:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Due from affiliate	\$ 3,197,256	\$ 2,131,077
Inventory	192,321	162,025
Land and land improvements	330,989	330,989
Other equipment	128,633	128,633
Other receivables	9,563	9,338
Fiber optic, mobile telephone and internet equipment	<u>2,789,999</u>	<u>2,695,356</u>
Total Nonregulated Investments	6,648,761	5,457,418
Less: Accumulated depreciation	2,398,912	2,279,996
Accounts payable	58,493	43,213
Accrued expenses	<u>179,068</u>	<u>45,147</u>
	<u>\$ 4,012,288</u>	<u>\$ 3,089,062</u>

Following is a summary of net income from nonregulated investments for the year ending December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Income	\$ 3,709,010	\$ 3,526,223
Expenses	<u>2,410,313</u>	<u>2,373,280</u>
	<u>\$ 1,298,697</u>	<u>\$ 1,152,943</u>

Income tax expense related to these activities totaled \$378,488 in 2015 and \$252,322 in 2014.

Note I – Telecommunications Plant

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Land	\$ 1,037,122	\$ 1,037,122
Buildings	9,187,634	9,167,690
Digital electronic equipment	24,875,222	24,784,777
Toll and subscriber carriers	3,434,164	1,788,733
Poles, cable and wire	31,732,395	31,519,458
Furniture and office equipment	4,205,614	4,171,840
Embedded accounts	300,712	300,712
Vehicles and other work equipment	<u>3,748,960</u>	<u>3,434,070</u>
Telephone plant in service	<u>\$ 78,521,823</u>	<u>\$ 76,204,402</u>

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Note I – Telecommunications Plant (Continued)

The Company provides depreciation on a straight-line basis at annual rates which will amortize the depreciable property over its estimated useful life. Such provision as a percentage of the average balance of the telephone plant in service was 6.9% in both 2015 and 2014. Individual plant depreciation rates are as follows:

	<u>Percent</u>
Buildings	2.7
Digital electronic equipment	7.5
Toll and subscriber equipment	11.9
Poles	5.6
Aerial cable – metallic	6.6
Aerial cable – fiber	5.1
Buried cable	5.5
Furniture	8.7
Computer equipment	15.8
Conduit Systems	2.2
Vehicles	12.1

Note J - Income Taxes and Deferred Income Taxes

The Company and its parent file a consolidated federal income tax return. Income tax expense in the Company's income statement has been allocated an amount equal to the income tax that would have been applicable on a separate return basis.

Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amount of the Company's assets and liabilities for financial reporting basis and the amounts used for income tax purposes.

Deferred federal and state tax assets and liabilities in the accompanying balance sheet include the following:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Deferred Tax Assets:		
Federal	\$ 2,816,906	\$ 3,565,085
State	<u>557,062</u>	<u>688,809</u>
Total Deferred Tax Assets	<u>3,373,968</u>	<u>4,253,894</u>
Net Deferred Benefit (Liability)	<u>\$ 3,373,968</u>	<u>\$ 4,253,894</u>
Current portion	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Long-term portion	<u>3,373,968</u>	<u>4,253,894</u>
Net Deferred Tax Benefit (Liability)	<u>\$ 3,373,968</u>	<u>\$ 4,253,894</u>

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Note J – Income Taxes and Deferred Income Taxes (Continued)

Income taxes reflected in the Statement of Income include:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Federal income taxes:		
Current tax expense	\$ 1,370,144	\$ 1,577,039
Deferred tax expense (benefit)	932,718	636,534
State income taxes:		
Current tax expense	263,408	288,700
Deferred tax expense (benefit)	<u>165,602</u>	<u>589,182</u>
Total income tax expense	<u>\$ 2,731,872</u>	<u>\$ 3,091,455</u>

The principal sources of temporary differences are different depreciation methods used for financial accounting and tax purposes, as well as pension expense.

Note K - Related Party Transactions:

Brandenburg Telephone Company has certificates of deposit at Meade County Bank and West Point Bank, as follows:

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Certificate Number</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Meade County	2/11/06	01/13/16	5547	0.200%	\$ 1,006,960
West Point	1/27/06	01/16/16	0058	0.100%	\$ 920,120

In addition, the Company has money market and operating accounts in the following banks:

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Operating Accounts:</u>	
Meade County	\$ 906,427
First State	1,775,062
West Point	<u>2,285,400</u>
Total Operating Accounts	<u>\$ 4,966,889</u>
<u>Money Market Accounts:</u>	
First State	\$ 993,521
River City	<u>1,712,190</u>
Total Money Market Accounts	<u>\$ 2,705,711</u>

Meade County Bank, West Point Bank, River City Bank, First State Bank and Brandenburg Telephone Company are related by common ownership.

During 2001, Brandenburg Telecom, LLC (the Corporation), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Brandenburg Communications Corporation was formed. The Corporation will provide telecommunication services in Elizabethtown, Kentucky and other areas outside the franchise territory of Brandenburg Telephone Company. Brandenburg Telephone Company provided the Corporation with funding to assist the Corporation's organizational expenditures. As of December 31, 2015, the amount due to Brandenburg Telephone Company was \$15,150,713.

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Note L – Subsequent Event Policy

Brandenburg Telephone Company has evaluated subsequent events through March 22, 2016, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note M – Accounting for Uncertain Tax Positions

The company adopted the accounting standard regarding “Accounting for Uncertain Tax Positions”. This standard provides detailed guidance for financial statement recognition, measurement, and disclosure of uncertain tax positions recognized in the enterprise’s financial statements. It requires an entity to recognize the financial statement benefit of a tax position when it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained upon examination. The adoption of this standard had no material effect on the Company’s financial position, results of operations, or cash flow. The tax years of 2012-2015 remain subject to examination by taxing authorities.

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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING
STANDARDS***

The Board of Directors
Brandenburg Telephone Company
Brandenburg, KY 40108

We have audited the financial statements of the Brandenburg Telephone Company, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, and have issued our report thereon dated March 22, 2016. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Brandenburg Telephone Company's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Brandenburg Telephone Company's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Rural Telephone Bank and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Richardson, Pennington & Skinner, PSC

Louisville, Kentucky
March 22, 2016