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Form **990-EZ**

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-1150

2013
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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Do not enter Social Security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

A For the **2013** calendar year, or tax year beginning , **2013**, and ending , **20**

B Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST FOR STAR TELEPHONE
MEMBERSHIP CORP LMR-970008017

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO BOX 29522

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
RALEIGH, NC 27626

D Employer identification number
56-2068015

E Telephone number
(919) 716-7460

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (9) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Form of organization: ☐ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ **35,739.**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

Line	Description	Amount
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	35,736.
3	Membership dues and assessments	
4	Investment income	3.
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a
5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c
6	Gaming and fundraising events	
6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a
6b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b
6c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	35,739.
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	34,071.
11	Benefits paid to or for members	
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	34,071.
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	1,668.
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	27,926.
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	-1.
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	29,593.

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33	X
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34	X
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a	X
b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b	
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	35c	X
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a	X
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶		
b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ FIRST CITIZENS BANK Telephone no. ▶ (919) 716-7460 Located at ▶ P O BOX 29522; RALEIGH, NC ZIP + 4 ▶ 27626		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	42b	X
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶	42c	X
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ▶ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year. ▶ 43		
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	X
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	X
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	X
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b	X

- 46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I **46** ☐ Yes ☒ No

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51. N/A

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II **47** ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E **48** ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? **49a** ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? **49b** ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

- f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 **51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

- d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 **52** Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer <u>Thomas J. Wiggins, SVP</u>	Date <u>04/30/2014</u>
	Type or print name and title <u>FIRST CITIZENS BANK</u>	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name <u>CAROLYN T. RONEY</u>	Preparer's signature <u>Carolyn T. Roney</u>	Date <u>04/30/2014</u>	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN <u>P00960461</u>
	Firm's name <u>ERNST & YOUNG U.S. LLP</u>	Firm's EIN <u>34-6565596</u>			
	Firm's address <u>9711 FARRAR COURT, STE 110,</u>		Phone no. <u>804-727-3172</u>		
	<u>RICHMOND, VA 23236</u>				

- May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☐ Yes ☒ No

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST FOR STAR TELEPHONE

Employer identification number

56-2068015

Part IV

TRUSTEE: FIRST CITIZENS BANK & TRUST COMPANY

AVG HOURS DEVOTED TO POSITION: 1 HOUR PER WEEK

COMPENSATION: \$0.00

Name of the organization

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST FOR STAR TELEPHONE

Employer identification number

56-2068015

FORM 990EZ, PAGE 1, PART I, LINE 10 - GRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID
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RECIPIENT NAME:

STAR TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORP

ATTN: JEFFREY A NETHERCUTT

ADDRESS:

P O BOX 348 3900 N US 421 HWY

CLINTON, NC 28328

RELATIONSHIP:

NONE

PURPOSE OF GRANT:

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT - HEALTH CARE & DISABILITY

AMOUNT OF GRANT PAID 34,071.

Name of the organization

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST FOR STAR TELEPHONE

Employer identification number

56-2068015

FORM 990EZ, PAGE 2, PART II, LINE 22 - CASH, SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS

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DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING OF YEAR	END OF YEAR
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SAVINGS	27,926.	29,593.
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TOTALS	27,926.	29,593.
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Name of the organization

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST FOR STAR TELEPHONE

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FORM 990EZ, PAGE 1, PART I, LINE 20-OTHER DECREASES IN FUND BALANCES

DESCRIPTION

AMOUNT

ROUNDING

1.

TOTAL

1.