

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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.

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

- A This return/report is for: a multiemployer plan, a multiple-employer plan, a single-employer plan, a DFE, etc.
B This return/report is: the first return/report, the final return/report, an amended return/report, a short plan year return/report, etc.
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.
D Check box if filing under: Form 5558, automatic extension, special extension, the DFVC program, etc.
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: CHOPTANK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE RETIREE WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 526
1c Effective date of plan: 04/26/1995
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): CHOPTANK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 52-0271943
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 410-479-8583
2d Business code (see instructions): 221100

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/employer/DFE, Date, and Name of individual signing. Includes entries for Paula J Bishop and Lisa Desantis.

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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>	93
<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>	7
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	<b>6b</b>	84
	<b>6c</b>	
	<b>6d</b>	93
	<b>6e</b>	
	<b>6f</b>	93
	<b>6g(1)</b>	
<b>6g(2)</b>		
<b>6h</b>		
<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:

**b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
4A 4B 4D 4E

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input 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 type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information)		(1) <input type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information)	
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		(2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan)	
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		(3) <input type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____	
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____		(4) <input type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information)	
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)		(5) <input type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information)	
		(6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules)	

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

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

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

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

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

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>CHOPTANK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE RETIREE WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>526</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>CHOPTANK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>52-0271943</b>

Complete Schedule I if the plan covered fewer than 100 participants as of the beginning of the plan year. You may also complete Schedule I if you are filing as a small plan under the 80-120 participant rule (see instructions). Complete Schedule H if reporting as a large plan or DFE.

**Part I Small Plan Financial Information**

Report below the current value of assets and liabilities, income, expenses, transfers and changes in net assets during the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Do not enter the value of the portion of an insurance contract that guarantees during this plan year to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. 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.**

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>1 Plan Assets and Liabilities:</b>			
<b>a</b> Total plan assets .....	<b>1a</b>	20125967	21313387
<b>b</b> Total plan liabilities .....	<b>1b</b>		
<b>c</b> Net plan assets (subtract line 1b from line 1a) .....	<b>1c</b>	20125967	21313387
<b>2 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year:</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a</b> Contributions received or receivable:			
<b>(1)</b> Employers .....	<b>2a(1)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> Participants .....	<b>2a(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Others (including rollovers) .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		
<b>b</b> Noncash contributions .....	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>	2321896	
<b>d</b> Total income (add lines 2a(1), 2a(2), 2a(3), 2b, and 2c) .....	<b>2d</b>		2321896
<b>e</b> Benefits paid (including direct rollovers) .....	<b>2e</b>	1004808	
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		
<b>h</b> Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, and commissions) .....	<b>2h</b>	129668	
<b>i</b> Other expenses .....	<b>2i</b>		
<b>j</b> Total expenses (add lines 2e, 2f, 2g, 2h, and 2i) .....	<b>2j</b>		1134476
<b>k</b> Net income (loss) (subtract line 2j from line 2d) .....	<b>2k</b>		1187420
<b>l</b> Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions) .....	<b>2l</b>		

**3 Specific Assets:** If the plan held assets at any time during the plan year in any of the following categories, check "Yes" and enter the current value of any assets remaining in the plan as of the end of the plan year. Allocate the value of the plan's interest in a commingled trust containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the trust meets one of the specific exceptions described in the instructions.

		Yes	No	Amount
<b>a</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>3a</b>		X	
<b>b</b> Employer real property .....	<b>3b</b>		X	
<b>c</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>3c</b>		X	
<b>d</b> Employer securities .....	<b>3d</b>		X	
<b>e</b> Participant loans .....	<b>3e</b>		X	
<b>f</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>3f</b>		X	
<b>g</b> Tangible personal property .....	<b>3g</b>		X	

<b>Part II</b>	<b>Compliance Questions</b>
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		Yes	No	Amount
<b>4</b> During the plan year:				
<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.) .....	<b>4a</b>		X	
<b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by the participant's account balance. ....	<b>4b</b>		X	
<b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? .....	<b>4c</b>		X	
<b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a.) .....	<b>4d</b>		X	
<b>e</b> Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond? .....	<b>4e</b>	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? .....	<b>4f</b>		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? .....	<b>4g</b>		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? .....	<b>4h</b>		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan at any time hold 20% or more of its assets in any single security, debt, mortgage, parcel of real estate, or partnership/joint venture interest? .....	<b>4i</b>		X	
<b>j</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? .....	<b>4j</b>		X	
<b>k</b> Are you claiming a waiver of the annual examination and report of an independent qualified public accountant (IQPA) under 29 CFR 2520.104-46? If "No," attach an IQPA's report or 2520.104-50 statement. (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.) .....	<b>4k</b>	X		
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....	<b>4l</b>		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) .....	<b>4m</b>		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 .....	<b>4n</b>		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.)

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

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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Annual Report Identification Information</b>
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**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.)

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:

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: .....

<b>Part II</b>	<b>Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information</b>
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<b>1a</b> Name of plan CHOPTANK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE RETIREE WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN	<b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	526
<b>2a</b> Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) CHOPTANK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  PO BOX 430      PO BOX 430 DENTON, MD 21629-0430      DENTON, MD 21629-0430	<b>1c</b> Effective date of plan 04/26/1995	<b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-0271943
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<b>SIGN HERE</b>	<i>Paula J. Bishop</i>	6/20/25	<i>Paula J Bishop</i>
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>	<i>Lisa H. DeSantis</i>	6-20-25	<i>Lisa H. DeSantis</i>
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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

**a Pension Schedules**

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

**b General Schedules**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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