

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

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

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: DAKOTA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION EMPLOYEE 401(K) PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 002
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/1978
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): DAKOTA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 41-0212180
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 651-463-6212
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 JESSICA BISKUPSKI on 11/03/2025.

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| 3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor | 3b Administrator's EIN | |
| | 3c Administrator's telephone number | |
| 4 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: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name | 4b EIN | |
| | 4d PN | |
| 5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | 5 | 241 |
| 6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | 6a(1) | 189 |
| | 6a(2) | 196 |
| | 6b | 2 |
| | 6c | 43 |
| | 6d | 241 |
| | 6e | 2 |
| | 6f | 243 |
| | 6g(1) | 227 |
| 6g(2) | 241 | |
| 6h | 0 | |
| 7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) | 7 | |

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2R 2S 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:

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| 9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) | 9b 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)

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| a Pension Schedules | b General Schedules |
| (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) | (1) <input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>1</u> |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached <u>0</u> | (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) |
| (5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information) | (5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) |
| | (6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules) |

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

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.

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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

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| <p>A Name of plan DAKOTA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION EMPLOYEE 401(K) PLAN</p> | <p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p> | <p>002</p> |
| <p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 DAKOTA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION</p> | <p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 41-0212180</p> | |

Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
STANDARD 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 |
| 93-0242990 | 69019 | 822829 | 0 | 01/01/2024 | 12/31/2024 |

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

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| <p>(a) Total amount of commissions paid</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p> | <p>(b) Total amount of fees paid</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p> |
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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| Part II | Investment and Annuity Contract Information | |
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| | 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. | |
| 4 | Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | 0 |
| 5 | Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... | 0 |
| 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. Specify nature of costs ▶ | 6d |
| e | Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶ | |
| f | If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 7 | Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts) | |
| a | Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶ | |
| b | Balance at the end of the previous year | 7b 3183652 |
| c | (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) 119679 |
| | (2) Dividends and credits..... | 7c(2) |
| | (3) Interest credited during the year..... | 7c(3) 99240 |
| | (4) Transferred from separate account | 7c(4) |
| | (5) Other (specify below)..... ▶ LOAN PAYMENTS, INVESTMENT TRANSFERS | 7c(5) 347275 |
| | (6) Total additions | 7c(6) 566194 |
| d | Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | 7d 3749846 |
| e | Deductions: | |
| | (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year | 7e(1) 600605 |
| | (2) Administration charge made by carrier..... | 7e(2) 2785 |
| | (3) Transferred to separate account | 7e(3) |
| | (4) Other (specify below)..... ▶ | 7e(4) |
| (5) Total deductions | 7e(5) 603390 | |
| f | Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)..... | 7f 3146456 |

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:

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| a | Premiums: (1) Amount received | 9a(1) | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid | 9a(2) | |
| | (3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve | 9a(3) | |
| | (4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) | | 9a(4) |
| b | Benefit charges (1) Claims paid | 9b(1) | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves | 9b(2) | |
| | (3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) | | 9b(3) |
| | (4) Claims charged | | 9b(4) |
| c | Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) -- | | |
| | (A) Commissions | 9c(1)(A) | |
| | (B) Administrative service or other fees | 9c(1)(B) | |
| | (C) Other specific acquisition costs | 9c(1)(C) | |
| | (D) Other expenses | 9c(1)(D) | |
| | (E) Taxes | 9c(1)(E) | |
| | (F) Charges for risks or other contingencies | 9c(1)(F) | |
| | (G) Other retention charges | 9c(1)(G) | |
| | (H) Total retention | | 9c(1)(H) |
| | (2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) | | 9c(2) |
| d | Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement | | 9d(1) |
| | (2) Claim reserves | | 9d(2) |
| | (3) Other reserves | | 9d(3) |
| e | Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) | | 9e |

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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| a | Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier | 10a | |
| 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. | 10b | |

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. ▶

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| SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Service Provider 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. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 DAKOTA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 41-0212180 | |

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

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| (b) Service Code(s) | (c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 13 37 50 64 | CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR | 16112 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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

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33-0905143

| (b) Service Code(s) | (c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 27 50 | INVESTMENT ADVISORY | 38930 | 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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| | | | 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.

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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) 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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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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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.

| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) 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)

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| a Name: | b EIN: |
| c Position: | |
| d Address: | e Telephone: |

Explanation:

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| SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> | DFE/Participating Plan 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. | OMB No. 1210-0110 <hr/> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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| Part I | Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs) |
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| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | <u>SMALL CAP VALUE II I1 FUND</u> | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | <u>GREAT GRAY TRUST COMPANY</u> | | |
| c EIN-PN | <u>38-4126250-554</u> | d Entity code | <u>C</u> |
| e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | <u>248112</u> | | |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | <u>SMALL CAP GROWTH FUND II I1</u> | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | <u>GREAT GRAY TRUST COMPANY</u> | | |
| c EIN-PN | <u>38-4126288-592</u> | d Entity code | <u>C</u> |
| e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | <u>99006</u> | | |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | | |
| c EIN-PN | | d Entity code | |
| e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | | | |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | | |
| c EIN-PN | | d Entity code | |
| e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | | | |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | | |
| c EIN-PN | | d Entity code | |
| e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | | | |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | | |
| c EIN-PN | | d Entity code | |
| e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) | | | |

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| SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Financial Information 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). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection |
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| For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024 | |
| A Name of plan DAKOTA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION EMPLOYEE 401(K) PLAN | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 DAKOTA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 41-0212180 |

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| Part I | Asset and Liability Statement |
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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.

| Assets | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------|
| a Total noninterest-bearing cash | 1a | |
| b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts): | | |
| (1) Employer contributions | 1b(1) | 66242 |
| (2) Participant contributions | 1b(2) | 81167 |
| (3) Other | 1b(3) | |
| c General investments: | | |
| (1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) | 1c(1) | |
| (2) U.S. Government securities | 1c(2) | |
| (3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities): | | |
| (A) Preferred | 1c(3)(A) | |
| (B) All other | 1c(3)(B) | |
| (4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities): | | |
| (A) Preferred | 1c(4)(A) | |
| (B) Common | 1c(4)(B) | |
| (5) Partnership/joint venture interests | 1c(5) | |
| (6) Real estate (other than employer real property) | 1c(6) | |
| (7) Loans (other than to participants) | 1c(7) | |
| (8) Participant loans | 1c(8) | 161164 |
| (9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts | 1c(9) | 549148 |
| (10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts | 1c(10) | |
| (11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts | 1c(11) | |
| (12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities | 1c(12) | |
| (13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 1c(13) | 61981991 |
| (14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) | 1c(14) | 3183652 |
| (15) Other | 1c(15) | 284892 |

| 1d Employer-related investments: | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities..... | 1d(1) | | |
| (2) Employer real property..... | 1d(2) | | |
| e Buildings and other property used in plan operation..... | 1e | | |
| f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)..... | 1f | 66308256 | 75449116 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| g Benefit claims payable..... | 1g | | |
| h Operating payables..... | 1h | | |
| i Acquisition indebtedness..... | 1i | | |
| j Other liabilities..... | 1j | | |
| k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)..... | 1k | 0 | 0 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)..... | 1l | 66308256 | 75449116 |

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.

| Income | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|--|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| a Contributions: | | | |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers..... | 2a(1)(A) | 1738029 | |
| (B) Participants..... | 2a(1)(B) | 2486006 | |
| (C) Others (including rollovers)..... | 2a(1)(C) | 104171 | |
| (2) Noncash contributions..... | 2a(2) | | |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2) | 2a(3) | | 4328206 |
| b Earnings on investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest: | | | |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)..... | 2b(1)(A) | | |
| (B) U.S. Government securities..... | 2b(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments..... | 2b(1)(C) | | |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants)..... | 2b(1)(D) | | |
| (E) Participant loans..... | 2b(1)(E) | 8339 | |
| (F) Other..... | 2b(1)(F) | 99240 | |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F) | 2b(1)(G) | | 107579 |
| (2) Dividends: | | | |
| (A) Preferred stock..... | 2b(2)(A) | | |
| (B) Common stock..... | 2b(2)(B) | | |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)..... | 2b(2)(C) | 1302124 | |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C) | 2b(2)(D) | | 1302124 |
| (3) Rents..... | 2b(3) | | |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: | | | |
| (A) Aggregate proceeds..... | 2b(4)(A) | | |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)..... | 2b(4)(B) | | |
| (C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result..... | 2b(4)(C) | | |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: | | | |
| (A) Real estate..... | 2b(5)(A) | | |
| (B) Other..... | 2b(5)(B) | | |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B) | 2b(5)(C) | | |

| | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|--------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts | 2b(6) | | 40279 |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts | 2b(7) | | |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts | 2b(8) | | |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities | 2b(9) | | |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 2b(10) | | 8929112 |
| c Other income | 2c | | 43165 |
| d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2d | | 14750465 |

Expenses

| | | | |
|--|--------|---------|---------|
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers..... | 2e(1) | 5537026 | |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits | 2e(2) | | |
| (3) Other..... | 2e(3) | 17537 | |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) | 2e(4) | | 5554563 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) | 2f | | |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)..... | 2g | | |
| h Interest expense..... | 2h | | |
| i Administrative expenses: | | | |
| (1) Salaries and allowances | 2i(1) | | |
| (2) Contract administrator fees | 2i(2) | 16112 | |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees | 2i(3) | | |
| (4) IQPA audit fees | 2i(4) | | |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees | 2i(5) | 38930 | |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees | 2i(6) | | |
| (7) Actuarial fees | 2i(7) | | |
| (8) Legal fees | 2i(8) | | |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees | 2i(9) | | |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses | 2i(10) | | |
| (11) Other expenses..... | 2i(11) | | |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) | 2i(12) | | 55042 |
| j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2j | | 5609605 |

Net Income and Reconciliation

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|--|-------|--|---------|
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d..... | 2k | | 9140860 |
| l Transfers of assets: | | | |
| (1) To this plan..... | 2l(1) | | |
| (2) From this plan | 2l(2) | | |

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) Unmodified (2) Qualified (3) Disclaimer (4) Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: EIDE BAILLY

(2) EIN: 45-0250958

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 |
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| a 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 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 | |
| c 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 | |
| d 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 | |
| e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? | X | | 4000000 |
| f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? | | X | |
| g 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 | |
| h 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 | |
| i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) | X | | |
| j 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 | |
| k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? | | X | |
| l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? | | X | |
| m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) | | X | |
| n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3. | | | |

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

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

| 5b(1) Name of plan(s) | 5b(2) EIN(s) | 5b(3) PN(s) |
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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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| SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Retirement Plan Information 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). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

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| A Name of plan <u>DAKOTA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION EMPLOYEE 401(K) PLAN</u> | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | <u>002</u> |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>DAKOTA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>41-0212180</u> | |

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| Part I | Distributions |
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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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| 1 | | 0 |
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2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):
EIN(s): 42-0127290

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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| Part II | Funding Information (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.

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| 6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) | 6a | |
| b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year | 6b | |
| c 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)..... | 6c | |

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

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| Part III | Amendments |
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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

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

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

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

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

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

| | | |
|---|------------|--|
| a 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)..... | 14a | |
| 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)..... | 14b | |
| c 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)..... | 14c | |

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:

| | | |
|---|------------|--|
| a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year | 15a | |
| b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year | 15b | |

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

| | | |
|---|------------|--|
| a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year | 16a | |
| 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..... | 16b | |

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 Q702477A.

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Plan Administrator
Dakota Electric Association Employee 401(k) Plan
Farmington, Minnesota

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Dakota Electric Association Employee 401(k) 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 statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of Dakota Electric Association Employee 401(k) 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 (DOL) 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 DOL'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 year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103 (a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Dakota Electric Association Employee 401(k) 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 Dakota Electric Association Employee 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that 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 GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Dakota Electric Association Employee 401(k) 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 Dakota Electric Association Employee 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter – Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule H, line 4i-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 DOL'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 auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental 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 DOL'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 DOL'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 certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Eide Bailly LLP

Sioux Falls, South Dakota
October 17, 2025

Dakota Electric Association Employee 401(k) Plan
 Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
 December 31, 2024 and 2023

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Assets | | |
| Investments, at fair value | \$ 72,158,236 | \$ 62,816,031 |
| Investments, at contract value | 3,146,456 | 3,183,652 |
| Notes receivable from participants | 144,424 | 161,164 |
| Contributions receivable | | |
| Employer | - | 66,242 |
| Participant | - | 81,167 |
| | \$ 75,449,116 | \$ 66,308,256 |
| Net Assets Available for Benefits | | |

Dakota Electric Association Employee 401(k) Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2024

| | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Additions | |
| Investment income | |
| Interest and dividends | \$ 2,146,125 |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments | 8,267,795 |
| | <u>10,413,920</u> |
| Interest income on notes receivable from participants | <u>8,339</u> |
| Contributions | |
| Employer | 1,738,029 |
| Participant | 2,486,006 |
| Rollovers | 104,171 |
| | <u>4,328,206</u> |
| Total additions | <u>14,750,465</u> |
| Deductions | |
| Benefits paid to participants | 5,554,563 |
| Administrative expenses | 55,042 |
| | <u>5,609,605</u> |
| Net Increase | 9,140,860 |
| Net Assets Available for Benefits | |
| Beginning of year | <u>66,308,256</u> |
| End of year | <u><u>\$ 75,449,116</u></u> |

Note 1 - Description of the Plan

The following brief description of the Dakota Electric Association Employee 401(k) Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of Dakota Electric Association (the Association). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan Administrator is responsible for oversight of the Plan.

Eligibility

Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan upon turning 21 years of age. Employees are eligible to receive the Association's contributions upon turning 21 years of age and have six months of employment. Effective February 1, 2024, the Plan was amended to reduce the eligibility age for participation and Association contributions to 19 years of age.

Entry Date

Employees may enter the Plan on the first day of the month coinciding with or following the date they satisfy the Plan's eligibility requirements.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute a percentage of their compensation, as defined in the Plan. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Code (IRC) limitations. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans (rollovers). The Association will contribute a matching contribution based on the following:

- All employees receive a matching contribution of 100% of elective deferrals up to 4%.
- Employees hired after March 1, 2006 receive an additional 6% of compensation for each payroll period on the last day of that period.

The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 5% of eligible compensation and their contributions invested in the designated default fund until changed by the participant.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and the Association matching contributions, as well as allocations of Plan earnings. Plan earnings are allocated based on the participant's share of net earnings or losses of the participant's respective elected investment options. Participants accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant's compensation, account balances or specific participant transactions, as defined by the Plan documents. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can provide from the participant's vested account.

Investment Options

Upon enrollment to the Plan, a participant may direct deferrals and employer contributions in any of the funds offered by the Plan. Participants may change their investments at any time.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions and all matching contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts, up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The interest rate is deemed to be a reasonable fixed rate of interest determined by the Plan Sponsor. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions over a period not to exceed five years, unless the proceeds of the note were used to acquire the participant's residence, in which case the note terms can range up to 15 years.

Payment of Benefits

Upon separation from service with the Association due to death, disability, retirement, or termination, a participant may receive a lump sum of the entire account balance, a periodic partial distribution, or installment payments. A terminated participant whose vested account balance is \$1,000 or less will receive a lump-sum distribution equal to their vested account balance. A terminated participant whose vested account balance is between \$1,000 and \$5,000 can still be automatically paid out if their balance is rolled into a qualified Individual Retirement Account. Effective February 1, 2024, the Plan was amended to allow distributions to be made at the participant's election prior to termination upon attainment of age 59 ½.

Hardship withdrawals are allowed for participants incurring an immediate and heavy financial need, as defined by the Plan. Hardship withdrawals are strictly regulated by the Internal Revenue Code, and a participant must exhaust all available loan options and available distributions prior to requesting a hardship withdrawal.

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Association has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA.

Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value (except for the fully benefit-responsive investment contract, which is reported at contract value). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The Plan Administrator determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, custodians and other third parties. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

The classification of investment earnings reported in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits may differ from the classification of earnings on Form 5500 due to different reporting requirements on Form 5500.

Contributions

Participant contributions and related Association matching contributions are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred.

Payments of Benefits

Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

Expenses

The Plan's expenses are paid by either the Plan or the Association, as provided by the Plan's provisions. Expenses that are paid directly by the Association are excluded from these financial statements. Certain expenses incurred in connection with the general administration of the Plan that are paid by the Plan are recorded as deductions in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. In addition, certain investments related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments presented in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Subsequent Events

The Plan Sponsor has evaluated subsequent events through October 17, 2025, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under the FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Mutual funds - Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Common collective funds – Valued at fair value based on the net asset value of units held of the collective fund. The NAV is based on the observable market prices of the underlying investments within the fund less liabilities. The NAV for the underlying assets of the fund is a readily determinable measure of their fair value and is the basis used by the fund for current transactions.

Self-directed brokerage accounts - The Plan's investments consist of common stock and exchange traded funds, which are valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded, and mutual funds valued at fair value as described above.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

| | 2024 | | | Total |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------|---------|---------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | |
| Mutual funds | \$ 71,683,646 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 71,683,646 |
| Common collective funds | - | 347,118 | - | 347,118 |
| Self-directed brokerage accounts | 127,472 | - | - | 127,472 |
| Investments at fair value | \$ 71,811,118 | \$ 347,118 | \$ - | \$ 72,158,236 |
| | 2023 | | | |
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Mutual funds | \$ 61,981,992 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 61,981,992 |
| Common collective funds | - | 549,147 | - | 549,147 |
| Self-directed brokerage accounts | 284,892 | - | - | 284,892 |
| Investments at fair value | \$ 62,266,884 | \$ 549,147 | \$ - | \$ 62,816,031 |

Note 4 - Certified Information

Other than the notes receivable from participants and the related interest income, certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments held at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends for the year ended December 31, 2024, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Delaware Charter Guarantee & Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company (the trustee of the Plan). Notes receivable of \$144,424 and \$161,164 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and interest income of \$8,339 for the year ended December 31, 2024 were not certified by the trustee.

Note 5 - Tax Status

The Plan uses a pre-approved plan document sponsored by the Delaware Charter Guarantee & Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company, which received an advisory letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), dated June 30, 2020, stating that the pre-approved document satisfies the applicable provisions of the IRC. The Plan itself has not received a determination letter from the IRS; however, the Plan's management believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 6 - Contract with Insurance Company

The Plan entered into a traditional fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contract (GIC) with Standard Insurance Company (Standard) in 2017. Standard maintains the contributions in a general account, which is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The GIC issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting interest rate is based on a formula agreed upon with the issuer, but it may not be less than 1%. Such interest rates are reviewed on a semi-annual basis for resetting. The GIC does not permit the insurance company to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

Because the GIC is fully benefit-responsive, contract value is the relevant measure for the GIC. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. The contract value of the investment contract at December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$3,146,456 and \$3,183,652, respectively.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due is dependent on the issuer's ability to meet financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (1) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial plan termination), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) Plan Sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spinoffs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (4) lay-off and retirement incentive programs. The Plan Administrator does not believe that any events which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with the participants are probable of occurring.

In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Such events include (1) the Plan Sponsor is not abiding by state and federal law; (2) Plan Sponsor has not rendered the performance necessary to comply with the terms of the contract; (3) the balance fall below \$25,000; (4) the Internal Revenue Service disqualified the Plan; (5) the Plan has not been adopted within a reasonable period of time.

Note 7 - Related Party and Party-in-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments consist of self-directed brokerage accounts managed by Delaware Charter Guarantee & Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company, the trustee as defined by the Plan. As described in Note 2, the Plan paid certain expenses related to Plan operations and investment activity to various service providers. These transactions are exempt party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

Note 8 - Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Market risks include global events which could impact the value of investment securities, such as a pandemic or global conflict. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

Note 9 - Plan Amendments

Effective February 1, 2024, the Plan was amended for the following:

- Participants are eligible to participate in the Plan upon turning 19 years of age.
- Participants are eligible for in-service withdrawals once they reach the age of 59 1/2

Supplementary Information
December 31, 2024

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Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year

December 31, 2024

EIN: 41-0212180

Plan Number: 002

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |
|---|--|---|------|----------------------|
| Identity of Issue, Borrower, or Similar Party | Description of Investment including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value | | Cost | Current Value |
| | PGIM Global Total Ret R6 Fund | Mutual Fund | N/A | \$ 52,731 |
| | Vanguard GNMA Admiral Fund | Mutual Fund | N/A | 1,267,848 |
| | Vanguard Ttl Bd Mkt Idx Adm Fund | Mutual Fund | N/A | 254,825 |
| | Dodge & Cox Income X Fund | Mutual Fund | N/A | 2,321,252 |
| | Nuveen Lifecycle Indx Ret Inc R | Mutual Fund | N/A | 171,008 |
| | Nuveen Lifecycle Indx 2010 R6 | Mutual Fund | N/A | 3,644 |
| | Nuveen Lifecycle Indx 2020 R6 | Mutual Fund | N/A | 431,368 |
| | Nuveen Lifecycle Indx 2025 R6 | Mutual Fund | N/A | 640,458 |
| | Nuveen Lifecycle Indx 2030 R6 | Mutual Fund | N/A | 4,104,871 |
| | Nuveen Lifecycle Indx 2035 R6 | Mutual Fund | N/A | 513,186 |
| | Nuveen Lifecycle Indx 2040 R6 | Mutual Fund | N/A | 4,697,671 |
| | Nuveen Lifecycle Indx 2045 R6 | Mutual Fund | N/A | 1,770,826 |
| | Nuveen Lifecycle Indx 2050 R6 | Mutual Fund | N/A | 9,833,048 |
| | Nuveen Lifecycle Indx 2055 R6 | Mutual Fund | N/A | 388,069 |
| | Nuveen Lifecycle Indx 2060 R6 | Mutual Fund | N/A | 861,085 |
| | Nuveen Lifecycle Indx 2065 R6 | Mutual Fund | N/A | 694,059 |
| | JP Morgan Large Cap Gr R6 Fd | Mutual Fund | N/A | 7,712,694 |
| | Vanguard Equity-Inc Adm Fund | Mutual Fund | N/A | 10,026,823 |
| | Vanguard 500 Index Admiral Fund | Mutual Fund | N/A | 14,676,035 |
| | American Centur Mid-Cap VAL R6 | Mutual Fund | N/A | 145,746 |
| | Carillon Eagle MidCaGwth R6 Fund | Mutual Fund | N/A | 155,400 |
| | Vanguard Mid Cap Index Adm Fund | Mutual Fund | N/A | 2,386,508 |
| | Vanguard Sm Cap Index Adm Fund | Mutual Fund | N/A | 4,093,421 |
| | Small Cap Growth Fund II I1 | Common Collective Fund | N/A | 99,006 |
| | Small Cap Value II I1 Fund | Common Collective Fund | N/A | 248,112 |
| | MFS Interntl Equity R6 Fund | Mutual Fund | N/A | 3,828,825 |
| | Macquarie Systematic Emerging | Mutual Fund | N/A | 381,082 |
| | Vgd Ttl Intl Stk Idx Adm Fund | Mutual Fund | N/A | 271,163 |
| * | Self-Directed Brokerage Account | Self-Directed Brokerage Account | N/A | 127,472 |
| | Standard Stable Asset II Fund | Guaranteed Investment Contract | N/A | 3,146,456 |
| * | Notes receivable from participants | Maturing 2025 - 2029 at interest rates of 5.00% | \$ - | 144,424 |
| | | | | <u>\$ 75,449,116</u> |

*A party-in-interest as defined by ERISA

N/A – Not applicable for participant-directed plan.

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

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 EIN 41 0212180
 PLAN NUMBER 002
 PLAN YEAR 01/01/2024 TO 12/31/2024

| (A) | (B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party. | (C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value. | (D) Cost | (E) Current Value |
|-----|--|---|-------------|----------------------|
| | American Century Investments | Registered Investment Company American Centur Mid-Cap Val R6 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 145,746.33 |
| | Eagle Financial Services, Inc. | Registered Investment Company Carillon Eagle MidCaGwth R6 Fd | \$ 0.00 | \$ 155,400.10 |
| | Dodge and Cox Funds | Registered Investment Company DODGE & COX INCOME X FUND | \$ 0.00 | \$ 2,321,251.67 |
| | JP Morgan Funds | Registered Investment Company JP Morgan Large Cap Gr R6 Fd | \$ 0.00 | \$ 7,712,694.10 |
| | Ivy Investment Management Co | Registered Investment Company Macquarie Systematic Emerging | \$ 0.00 | \$ 381,081.70 |
| | MFS Investment Management | Registered Investment Company MFS INTERNTL EQUITY R6 FUND | \$ 0.00 | \$ 3,828,825.25 |
| | TIAA Investments | Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2020 R6 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 431,368.06 |
| | TIAA Investments | Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2025 R6 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 640,458.21 |
| | TIAA Investments | Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2030 R6 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 4,104,871.22 |
| | TIAA Investments | Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2035 R6 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 513,185.51 |
| | TIAA Investments | Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2040 R6 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 4,697,670.66 |
| | TIAA Investments | Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2045 R6 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 1,770,825.83 |
| | TIAA Investments | Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2050 R6 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 9,833,047.78 |
| | TIAA Investments | Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2055 R6 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 388,069.05 |
| | TIAA Investments | Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2060 R6 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 861,084.83 |

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

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 PLAN NUMBER 002
 PLAN YEAR 01/01/2024 TO 12/31/2024

| (A) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party. | (B) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value. | (C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value. | (D) Cost | (E) Current Value |
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| TIAA Investments | Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2065 R6 | Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Index 2065 R6 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 694,058.93 |
| TIAA Investments | Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Indx Ret Inc R | Registered Investment Company Nuveen Lifecycl Indx Ret Inc R | \$ 0.00 | \$ 171,008.15 |
| TIAA Investments | Registered Investment Company NUVEEN LIFECYCL INDEX 2010 R6 | Registered Investment Company NUVEEN LIFECYCL INDEX 2010 R6 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 3,643.92 |
| PGIM Investments | Registered Investment Company PGIM Global Total Ret R6 Fd | Registered Investment Company PGIM Global Total Ret R6 Fd | \$ 0.00 | \$ 52,731.51 |
| Schwab Funds | Brokerage Account Self-Directed Brokerage Acct | Brokerage Account Self-Directed Brokerage Acct | \$ 0.00 | \$ 127,471.93 |
| GREAT GRAY TRUST COMPANY | Common/Collective Trust Small Cap Growth Fund II I1 | Common/Collective Trust Small Cap Growth Fund II I1 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 99,006.27 |
| GREAT GRAY TRUST COMPANY | Common/Collective Trust Small Cap Value II I1 Fund | Common/Collective Trust Small Cap Value II I1 Fund | \$ 0.00 | \$ 248,111.78 |
| Standard Insurance Company | Insurance Company General Standard Stable Asset II Fund | Insurance Company General Standard Stable Asset II Fund | \$ 0.00 | \$ 3,146,456.15 |
| Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Equity-Inc Adm Fund | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Equity-Inc Adm Fund | \$ 0.00 | \$ 10,026,823.19 |
| Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard GNMA Admiral Fund | Registered Investment Company Vanguard GNMA Admiral Fund | \$ 0.00 | \$ 1,267,847.59 |
| Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Mid Cap Index Adm Fd | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Mid Cap Index Adm Fd | \$ 0.00 | \$ 2,386,508.03 |
| Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Sm Cap Index Adm Fund | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Sm Cap Index Adm Fund | \$ 0.00 | \$ 4,093,420.90 |
| Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Ttl Bd Mkt Idx Adm Fd | Registered Investment Company Vanguard Ttl Bd Mkt Idx Adm Fd | \$ 0.00 | \$ 254,825.00 |
| Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vanguard 500 Index Admiral Fd | Registered Investment Company Vanguard 500 Index Admiral Fd | \$ 0.00 | \$ 14,676,035.46 |
| Vanguard Group | Registered Investment Company Vqd Ttl Intl Stk Idx Adm Fd | Registered Investment Company Vqd Ttl Intl Stk Idx Adm Fd | \$ 0.00 | \$ 271,162.53 |

