

Form 5500-SF Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed 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-SF.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2025 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025	
A	This return/report is for: ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (not multiemployer) (Pension Plan filers checking this box must attach Schedule MEP. Other plans must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
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	Check box if filing under: ☐ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
D	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here ▶ ☐
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 CHEROKEE PRESERVATION FOUNDATION DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN	1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
		1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/2023
2a	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) CHEROKEE PRESERVATION FOUNDATION 71 JOHN CROWE HILL ROAD P.O. BOX 504 CHEROKEE, NC 28719	2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-2272253
		2c	Sponsor's telephone number 828-497-5550
		2d	Business code (see instructions) 813000
3a	Plan administrator's name and address ☒ 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
5a	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5a	7
b	Total number of participants at the end of the plan year	5b	7
c(1)	Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	5c(1)	
c(2)	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	5c(2)	
d(1)	Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	5d(1)	7
d(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	5d(2)	7
e	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	5e	0

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Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including, if applicable, a Schedule SB or Schedule MB completed and signed by an enrolled actuary, 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.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	04/13/2026	ASHLEY WALKINGSTICK
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor

- 6a** Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- 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? (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If you answered "No" to either line 6a or line 6b, the plan cannot use Form 5500-SF and must instead use Form 5500.**
- c** If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
- If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 593404. (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information

7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	1488431	2165600
b Total plan liabilities	7b	0	0
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	1488431	2165600
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions received or receivable from:			
(1) Employers	8a(1)	500000	
(2) Participants	8a(2)	0	
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)	0	
b Other income (loss)	8b	177169	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		677169
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	0	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions) .	8e	0	
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f	0	
g Other expenses	8g	0	
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		0
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		677169
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j	0	

Part IV Plan Characteristic Codes

- 9a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
1A 3D
- b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

Part V Compliance Questions

10 During the plan year:		Yes	No	Amount
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)	10a		☒	
b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)	10b		☒	
c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c	☒		500000
d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	10d		☒	
e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)	10e		☒	
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		☒	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g		☒	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h			
i If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	10i			

Part VI Pension Funding Compliance

11 Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and lines 11a and b below.) If this is a defined contribution pension plan, leave line 11 blank and complete line 12 below.....	☒ Yes ☐ No	
a Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40.....	11a 0	
b PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If the plan is covered by PBGC and the amount reported on line 11a is greater than \$0, 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 _____		
12 Is this a defined contribution plan subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Code or section 302 of ERISA? (If "Yes," complete line 12a or lines 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e below, as applicable.) If this is a defined benefit pension plan, leave line 12 blank and complete line 11 above.		☐ Yes ☒ No
a 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 letter ruling granting the waiver. Month _____ Day _____ Year _____		
If you completed line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 5500), and skip to line 13.		
b Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year	12b	
c Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	12c	
d Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	12d	
e Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline?.....	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

13a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
a If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year.....	13a	
b Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
c 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.)		
13c(1) Name of plan(s):	13c(2) EIN(s)	13c(3) PN(s)

Part VIII IRS Compliance Questions

14a 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
14b 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
15 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 <u>02 / 28 / 2023</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q705360A</u> .

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2025 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Round off amounts to nearest dollar.	
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A Name of plan CHEROKEE PRESERVATION FOUNDATION DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF CHEROKEE PRESERVATION FOUNDATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-2272253
E Type of plan: ☒ Single ☐ Multiple-A ☐ Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: ☒ 100 or fewer ☐ 101-500 ☐ More than 500

Part I	Basic Information
1	Enter the valuation date: Month 01 Day 01 Year 2025
2	Assets:
a	Market value 1488431
b	Actuarial value 1488431
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown
	(1) Number of participants (2) Vested Funding Target (3) Total Funding Target
a	For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment 0 0 0
b	For terminated vested participants 0 0 0
c	For active participants 7 1281805 1569262
d	Total 7 1281805 1569262
4	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) ☐
a	Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions 4a
b	Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor 4b
5	Effective interest rate 5 5.39 %
6	Target normal cost
a	Present value of current plan year accruals 6a 347858
b	Expected plan-related expenses 6b 0
c	Target normal cost 6c 347858

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE	Signature of actuary	04/06/2026	Date
ANTHONY L. URDAHL	Type or print name of actuary	26-05312	Most recent enrollment number
USI CONSULTING GROUP	Firm name	952-934-5554	Telephone number (including area code)
8000 NORMAN CENTER DRIVE SUITE 400 BLOOMINGTON, MN 55437	Address of the firm		

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

	(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7 Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8 Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9 Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10 Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>-2.59</u> %	0	0
11 Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		0
b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.31</u> %		0
b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		0
d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		
12 Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13 Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages

14 Funding target attainment percentage	14	94.84 %
15 Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	94.84 %
16 Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	134.96 %
17 If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls**18** Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
12/02/2025	500000	0			
Totals ►			18(b)	500000	18(c) 0

19 Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:

a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0
b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	476480

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

- a** Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- c** If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V	Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost
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21 Discount rate:**a** Segment rates:1st segment:
5.00 %2nd segment:
5.27 %3rd segment:
5.50 %☐ N/A, full yield curve used**b** Applicable month (enter code)**21b**

0

22 Weighted average retirement age**22**

57

23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)

Prescribed - combined



Prescribed - separate



Substitute

Part VI	Miscellaneous Items
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24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....

Yes



No

25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....

Yes



No

26 Demographic and benefit information**a** Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.

Yes



No

b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment....

Yes



No

27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.....**27**

Part VII	Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years
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28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years**28**

0

29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a).....**29**

0

30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29).....**30**

0

Part VIII	Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year
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31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):**a** Target normal cost (line 6c)**31a**

347858

b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a**31b**

0

32 Amortization installments:

Outstanding Balance

Installment

a Net shortfall amortization installment

80831

7518

b Waiver amortization installment

0

0

33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount**33****34** Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).....**34**

355376

Carryover balance

Prefunding balance

Total balance

35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement

0

0

0

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)**36**

355376

37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)**37**

476480

38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)**a** Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)**38a**

121104

b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances**38b**

0

39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)**39**

0

40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years**40**

0

Part IX	Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)
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41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. ☐ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☐ 2021

Attachment to 2025 Form 5500 Schedule SB
Cherokee Preservation Foundation Defined Benefit Plan
EIN: 56-2272253 P/N: 001

Schedule SB, Line 26 – Schedule of Active Participant Data

Years of Credited Service											
Attained Age	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 & up	Total
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
35 to 39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
45 to 49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50 to 54	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
55 to 59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60 to 64	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
65 to 69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70 & up	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	7

Attachment to 2025 Form 5500 Schedule SB
Cherokee Preservation Foundation Defined Benefit Plan
EIN: 56-2272253 P/N: 001

Schedule SB, Part V – Statement of Actuarial Assumptions / Methods

Summary of Methods	
Valuation Date	January 1, 2025
Funding Method	Unit credit
Market Assets	Trustee value plus prior year accrued contributions discounted at the plan's effective interest rate to the Valuation Date
Actuarial Assets	Market Assets
Segment Rate Basis	24-month average with look back of 0 months

Economic Assumptions			
Segment Rates		<u>ARPA/IJA</u>	<u>Non-Stabilized</u>
	Segment 1: years 1-5	5.00%	5.00%
	Segment 2: years 5-20	5.27%	5.27%
	Segment 3: years 20+	5.50%	5.40%
Effective Interest Rate	5.39%		
Salary Increases	3.00%		
Lump Sums	For non-cash balance lump sums, rates are based on the regular segment rates above, if applicable, adjusted to reflect any lump sum minimum basis defined in the plan		

Other Assumptions	
Mortality (pre-retirement)	None
Mortality (post-retirement)	IRS 2025 Optional Small Plan
Disability	None
Withdrawal	None
Expenses Paid from Trust	Prior year actual expenses rounded to nearest \$1,000, if any
Retirement Age	The later of age 55, 5 years of Vesting Service and one year from the valuation date.
Form of Payment	Single Life Annuity

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A Name of plan Cherokee Preservation Foundation Defined Benefit Plan	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF Cherokee Preservation Foundation	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-2272253
E Type of plan: ☒ Single ☐ Multiple-A ☐ Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: ☒ 100 or fewer ☐ 101-500 ☐ More than 500

Part I	Basic Information			
1	Enter the valuation date: Month 01 Day 01 Year 2025			
2	Assets:			
a	Market value	2a	1,488,431	
b	Actuarial value	2b	1,488,431	
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a	For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	0	0	0
b	For terminated vested participants	0	0	0
c	For active participants	7	1,281,805	1,569,262
d	Total	7	1,281,805	1,569,262
4	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) ☐			
a	Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a		
b	Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b		
5	Effective interest rate	5	5.39%	
6	Target normal cost			
a	Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	347,858	
b	Expected plan-related expenses	6b	0	
c	Target normal cost	6c	347,858	

Statement by Enrolled Actuary
To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE ALY Signature of actuary Anthony L. Urdahl Type or print name of actuary USI Consulting Group Firm name 8000 Norman Center Drive Suite 400 Bloomington MN 55437 Address of the firm	04/06/2026 Date 2605312 Most recent enrollment number 952-934-5554 Telephone number (including area code)
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Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

	(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7 Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8 Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9 Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10 Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>-2.59</u> %	0	0
11 Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		0
b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.31</u> %		0
b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		0
d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		
12 Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13 Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	0

Part III	Funding Percentages
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14	Funding target attainment percentage.....	14	94 . 84 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage.....	15	94 . 84 %
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	134 . 96 %
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage.....	17	%

Part IV	Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls
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18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees		
12/02/2025	500,000	0					
			Totals ►	18(b)	500,000	18(c)	0

19 Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:

a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years.....	19a	0
b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date.....	19b	0
c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date.....	19c	476,480

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? ☐ Yes ☐ No

C If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:				
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 5.00 %	2nd segment: 5.27 %	3rd segment: 5.50 %	☐ N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code).....				21b 0
22 Weighted average retirement age				22 57
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	☒ Prescribed - combined ☐ Prescribed - separate ☐ Substitute			

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....	☒ Yes ☐ No
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	☐ Yes ☒ No
26 Demographic and benefit information	
a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	☒ Yes ☐ No
b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ...	☐ Yes ☒ No
27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.....	27

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	28	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a).....	29	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29).....	30	0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):			
a Target normal cost (line 6c).....	31a	347,858	
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	0	
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment	
a Net shortfall amortization installment	80,831	7,518	
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0	
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	33		
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)....	34	355,376	
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35).....	36	355,376	
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c).....	37	476,480	
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	121,104	
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	38b	0	
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	39	0	
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	40	0	

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. ☐ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☐ 2021

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Weighted Average Retirement Age					
(1) Age	(2) Expected		(4) Expected		(5) Weighted
	Active	(3) Retirement	Retirements	(2)*(3)	
Headcount	Rate				Age (1)*(4)
55	6.0000	0.1667	1.0000		55.0000
56	5.0000	1.0000	5.0000		280.0000
57		1.0000			
58		1.0000			
59		1.0000			
60	1.0000				
61	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000		61.0000
Total			7.0000		396.0000
Average					56.5700

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Schedule SB, Line 26 – Schedule of Active Participant Data

Years of Credited Service											
Attained Age	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 & up	Total
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
35 to 39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
45 to 49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50 to 54	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
55 to 59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60 to 64	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
65 to 69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70 & up	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	7

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Schedule SB, Line 32 – Schedule of Amortization Bases

Base	Date Created	Years Left	Present Value of Remaining Installments	Installment
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Total			80,831	7,518

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Schedule SB, Part V – Statement of Actuarial Assumptions / Methods

Summary of Methods	
Valuation Date	January 1, 2025
Funding Method	Unit credit
Market Assets	Trustee value plus prior year accrued contributions discounted at the plan's effective interest rate to the Valuation Date
Actuarial Assets	Market Assets
Segment Rate Basis	24-month average with look back of 0 months

Economic Assumptions			
Segment Rates		<u>ARPA/IJA</u>	<u>Non-Stabilized</u>
	Segment 1: years 1-5	5.00%	5.00%
	Segment 2: years 5-20	5.27%	5.27%
	Segment 3: years 20+	5.50%	5.40%
Effective Interest Rate	5.39%		
Salary Increases	3.00%		
Lump Sums	For non-cash balance lump sums, rates are based on the regular segment rates above, if applicable, adjusted to reflect any lump sum minimum basis defined in the plan		

Other Assumptions	
Mortality (pre-retirement)	None
Mortality (post-retirement)	IRS 2025 Optional Small Plan
Disability	None
Withdrawal	None
Expenses Paid from Trust	Prior year actual expenses rounded to nearest \$1,000, if any
Retirement Age	The later of age 55, 5 years of Vesting Service and one year from the valuation date.
Form of Payment	Single Life Annuity

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Schedule SB, Part V – Summary of Plan Provisions

Key Plan Provisions	
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Effective Date	January 1, 2023
Plan Last Amended	NA
Eligibility Service	1000 hours of service in the first 12 months from date of hire or in any plan year (including years prior to Effective Date)
Participation	January 1 or July 1 coincident with or next following attainment of age 18 with 1 year of Eligibility Service. However, all Eligible employees employed on 1/1/2023 become Participants effective 1/1/2023.
Vesting Service	Plan years with at least 1000 hours of service (including years prior to Effective Date and excluding years prior to age 18.)
Vesting Schedule	100% after 5 years of Vesting Service
Credited Service	Calendar years with 1000 hours of service (excluding service prior to January 1, 2010)
Compensation	W2 wages (including salary deferrals)
Final Average Earnings	Highest 5 consecutive plan years of pay (years in which 1000 hours worked) within the last 10 plan years
Accrued Benefit	Past Service Benefit: $2.50\% \times \text{Final Average Earnings} \times \text{Credited Service}$ (earned before effective date), plus Future Service Benefit: $1.90\% \times \text{Final Average Earnings} \times \text{Credited Service}$ (earned after effective date)
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Early Retirement Benefit	Single Life Annuity in the amount of the Accrued Benefit (not reduced)
Death Benefit	If a vested participant dies prior to retirement and has been married one year or more, the participant's surviving spouse shall be eligible for a surviving spouse's benefit. The benefit will equal 50% of the pension the participant would have received upon retirement at the later of attained age or the earliest time at which the participant would have satisfied the requirements for early payment and then elected the Joint and 50% Survivor form.
Actuarial Equivalence	Non-417(e): 5.00% and applicable IRC 417(e)(3) mortality (Post retirement only) 417(e) Basis: 1 plan year stability period, 3-month look back
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