

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan 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.	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 multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B	This return/report is: ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan CORE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE VARIABLE ANNUITY DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 006
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/2022
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) CORE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 5496 NORTH US HIGHWAY 85 SEDALIA, CO 80135
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-0235244
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 800-332-9540
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.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	08/10/2026	LAURIE BURKHART
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	08/10/2026	LAURIE BURKHART
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 215
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) 177 6a(2) 159 6b 1 6c 44 6d 204 6e 0 6f 204 6g(1) 6g(2) 6h 9
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 Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

1A 1G

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

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

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 2025 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2025 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 _____

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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For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025	
Round off amounts to nearest dollar.	
Caution: A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.	
A Name of plan CORE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE VARIABLE ANNUITY DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) 006
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF CORE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-0235244
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 11880162
b	Actuarial value 11880162
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 1 69968 69968
b	For terminated vested participants 37 1592166 1592166
c	For active participants 177 6387591 8430466
d	Total 215 8049725 10092600
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 5.33 %
6	Target normal cost
a	Present value of current plan year accruals 6a 3724707
b	Expected plan-related expenses 6b 0
c	Target normal cost 6c 3724707

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	07/09/2026
Signature of actuary	Date
STEVEN R. MARCUS, EA,ASA,MAAA	26-06245
Type or print name of actuary	Most recent enrollment number
USI CONSULTING GROUP	516-683-6100
Firm name	Telephone number (including area code)
725 RXR PLAZA EAST TOWER UNIONDALE, NY 11556	
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 _____ %	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)		1474647
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>5.12</u> %		75502
b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		
c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		1550149
d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		
12 Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections		
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	117.71 %
15 Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	117.71 %
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	117.86 %
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
03/24/2026	4475000				
Totals ►			18(b)	4475000	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	4199276

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**

65

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****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**

3724707

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

1787562

32 Amortization installments:**a** Net shortfall amortization installment**b** Waiver amortization installment

Outstanding Balance

Installment

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**

1937145

Carryover balance

Prefunding balance

Total balance

35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement

0

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

1937145

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

4199276

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

2262131

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

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2025 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CORE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-0235244	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		
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)	4140253	4475000
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	77742	130433
(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)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(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)	7710590	12986045
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other.....	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
1e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
1f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	11928585	17591478

Liabilities

1g Benefit claims payable	1g		
1h Operating payables	1h		
1i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
1j Other liabilities	1j		
1k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0

Net Assets

1l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	11928585	17591478
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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)	4475000	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B), (C), and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		4475000
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)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		0
(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)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B), and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(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)		0
(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)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(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)		2123482
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		6598482

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	935589	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		935589
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)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(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)		0
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		935589

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		5662893
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: **BAKER TILLY US, LLP**

(2) EIN: **30-1413443**

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
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		1500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
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?		☒	
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?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
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.)	☒		
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
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)

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 575733.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2025 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025		
A Name of plan CORE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE VARIABLE ANNUITY DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 006
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CORE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-0235244
Part I	Distributions	
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.....		1
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): _____ 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.....		3 13
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.)	
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.		
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		
Part III	Amendments	
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		
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.	
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		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2025 v. 250312		

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: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....

14a

b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ 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. ☐ 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 ____/____/____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number_____.

CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit Plan

Financial Statements and
Supplementary Information

December 31, 2025 and 2024

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Plan Administrator of
CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit Plan (the 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, 2025 and 2024, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended and the statement of accumulated plan benefits as of December 31, 2024, and the related statement of changes in accumulated plan benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit 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, 2025 and 2024, and for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 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 Auditors' 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit 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 CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for at least one year following 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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit 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 CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit 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 Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules of Schedule H, line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), and Schedule H, Line 4(j) - Schedule of Reportable Transactions as of or for the year ended December 31, 2025, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are 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 schedules, 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 schedules 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 schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are 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 schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are 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 schedules 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).

Baker Tilly US, LLP

Portland, Oregon
July 23, 2026

CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
Assets		
Investments		
Investments at fair value		
Mutual funds	\$ 12,986,045	\$ 7,710,590
Interest bearing cash	130,433	77,742
Total Investments at fair value	13,116,478	7,788,332
Total investments	13,116,478	7,788,332
Receivables		
Employer contributions	4,475,000	4,140,253
Total assets	17,591,478	11,928,585
 Net assets available for benefits	 \$ 17,591,478	 \$ 11,928,585

See notes to financial statements

CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit Plan

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
Additions		
Investment income		
Interest and dividends	\$ 310,168	\$ 166,720
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	1,813,314	574,079
Total investment income	2,123,482	740,799
Contributions		
Employer contributions	4,475,000	4,140,253
Total additions	6,598,482	4,881,052
 Deductions		
Benefits paid to participants	935,589	552,545
 Net increase (decrease)	5,662,893	4,328,507
 Net assets available for benefits		
Beginning of year	11,928,585	7,600,078
End of year	\$ 17,591,478	\$ 11,928,585

See notes to financial statements

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Statement of Accumulated Plan Benefits

December 31, 2024

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits

Vested benefits

Retired participants and beneficiaries	\$ 72,961
Participants currently receiving benefits	7,524,599
Participants terminated with vested deferred benefits	1,592,166
Total vested benefits	9,189,726
Nonvested benefits	2,524,446
Total actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits	\$ 11,714,172

See notes to financial statements

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Statement of Changes in Accumulated Plan Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2024

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at beginning of year	\$ 7,334,167
Increase (decrease) during the year attributable to:	
Benefits accumulated	4,579,655
Increase for interest due to decrease in discount period	352,895
Benefits paid	(552,545)
Net increase (decrease)	4,380,005
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at end of year	\$ 11,714,172

See notes to financial statements

CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit Plan

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1. Description of Plan

The following description of the CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined benefit pension plan established effective January 1, 2022. The Plan covers all employees, excluding leased, certain non-resident aliens, and those subject to collective bargaining employees, of CORE Electric Cooperative (the Cooperative) who have completed six months of service and are age 20.5 or older. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). The Plan Administrator is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Plan's investment committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance, and reports to the Plan's Plan Administrator.

Funding Policy

The Plan's funding policy is for the Cooperative to contribute an amount which will meet or exceed the annual ERISA minimum funding requirement. The minimum funding requirements of ERISA were exceeded in 2025. Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Cooperative has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

Pension Benefits

Plan participants are entitled to their plan benefits after terminating employment with vested rights. Participants become vested in the Plan upon completion of at least seven years of service or attainment of the normal retirement age (65). A participant is 20% vested after three years of service and continues to vest in increments of 20% until 100% vested after seven years of service. If employees terminate before rendering the required years of service, they forfeit the right to receive the portion of their accumulated plan benefits attributable to the Cooperative's contributions. Upon becoming vested, participants are entitled to the actuarial equivalent of their accrued benefit. Upon termination of employment, pension payments are normally paid in the form of a monthly annuity payable for their lifetime or, if married, in the form of a qualified joint or survivor annuity. Accounts with benefits not exceeding \$5,000 receive immediate lump-sum payments at such time that benefits are payable.

Death and Disability Benefits

If an active employee dies at age 55 or older, a death benefit equal to the value of the employee's accumulated pension benefit is paid to the employee's beneficiary. Active employees who become totally disabled receive annual disability benefits that are equal to the equivalent normal retirement benefit they have accumulated as of the time they become disabled. Disability benefits are paid until normal retirement age, at which time disabled participants will receive the normal retirement benefit computed as though they had been employed to normal retirement age, with their annual compensation remaining the same as at the time they became disabled.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts from 2024 have been reclassified to conform with the 2025 presentation. Such reclassifications have no effect on previously reported change in net assets.

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2. Summary of 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 financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein; disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities; and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at the date of the financial statements, and changes therein. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair 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. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, and custodians, as applicable. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Payment of Benefits

Benefits payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

Administrative Expenses

The Plan's expenses are paid either by the Plan or the Cooperative, as provided by the plan document. Expenses that are paid directly by the Cooperative 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 statements of changes in net assets available for benefits. In addition, certain investment related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events were evaluated through July 23, 2026, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Note 11 provides disclosure of certain subsequent events that did not result in recognition in the financial statements.

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3. Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits

Accumulated plan benefits are those future periodic payments, including lump-sum distributions, that are attributable under the Plan's provisions to the service employees have rendered. Accumulated plan benefits include benefits expected to be paid to (a) retired or terminated employees or their beneficiaries, (b) beneficiaries of employees who have died, and (c) present employees or their beneficiaries. Benefits under the Plan are equal to the number of the participant's benefit units multiplied by the value of such benefit units. The benefit units accrued by each participant for each Plan year that the participant completes a year of service will be based on an amount equal to 3% multiplied by the compensation earned by the participant for such Plan year divided by the unit value as of March 31 of the year immediately following such Plan year, computed to the nearest cent. Benefits payable under all circumstances, such as retirement, death, disability, and termination of employment, are included, to the extent they are attributable to employee service rendered to the valuation date. Benefits to be provided via annuity contracts excluded from plan assets are excluded from accumulated plan benefits. The rate of benefit accrual for each Plan year shall not exceed 133 1/3% of the rate of benefit accrual in any prior Plan year.

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is determined by the Plan's independent actuary and is that amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan benefits to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, disability, withdrawal or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment. The significant actuarial assumptions used in the beginning of year valuation were (a) life expectancy of participants (the Pri-2012 Mortality Tables with Scale MP-2021), (b) an average retirement age of 65, and (c) investment return. The valuation included an assumed average rate of return of 5%.

The computations of the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits were made as of January 1, 2025. Had the valuation been performed as of December 31, there would be no material differences.

The foregoing actuarial assumptions are based on the presumption that the Plan will continue. Were the Plan to terminate, different actuarial assumptions and other factors might be applicable in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits.

4. 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 authoritative guidance 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 other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;

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- 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.

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

The asset 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 maximize the use of relevant observables and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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, 2025 and 2024.

Interest-bearing cash: These investments are stated at cost, which approximates fair value.

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. 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.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2025 and 2024:

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2025	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Interest-bearing cash	\$ 130,433	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 130,433
Mutual funds	12,986,045	-	-	12,986,045
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	13,116,478	-	-	13,116,478
Total investments at fair value	\$ 13,116,478	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,116,478

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Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total
Interest-bearing cash	\$	77,742	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 77,742
Mutual funds		7,710,590		-		-	7,710,590
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy		7,788,332		-		-	7,788,332
Total investments at fair value	\$	7,788,332	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 7,788,332

5. Information Certified by Trustee

The Plan Administrator has elected to have an audit performed pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA for 2025 and 2024. Accordingly, certain information in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedules was agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Charles Schwab Trust Bank, the Plan's Trustee and a qualified institution. The certified information includes the Plan's investments reported in the accompanying Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the accompanying supplemental Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2025, and the related investment activity (including net appreciation/depreciation, interest, and dividends) reported in the accompanying Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 and the information reported in the accompanying supplemental Schedule H, Line 4(j)- Schedule of Reportable Transactions for the year ended December 31, 2025.

6. Related-Party and Party In Interest Transactions

The Plan's investments are administered under a contract with Charles Schwab Trust Bank, the Trustee of the Plan. Contributions are held and managed by Charles Schwab Trust Bank, who invests cash received, interest and dividend income and makes distributions to participants. These transactions are party in interest transactions under ERISA.

As described in Note 2, the Plan paid certain expenses related to plan operations and investment activity to various service providers. Additionally, certain administrative functions of the Plan are performed by officers or employees of the Cooperative. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. These transactions are party in interest transactions under ERISA.

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7. Plan Termination

In the event the Plan terminates, the net assets of the Plan will be allocated, as prescribed by ERISA and its related regulations, generally to provide the following benefits in the order indicated:

1. Annuity benefits that former employees or their beneficiaries have been receiving for at least three years, or that employees eligible to retire for that three-year period would have been receiving if they had retired with benefits in the normal form of annuity under the Plan. The priority amount is limited to the lowest benefit that was payable (or would have been payable) during those three years. The amount is further limited to the lowest benefit that would be payable under Plan provisions in effect at any time during the five years preceding Plan termination.
2. Other vested benefits insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) (a U.S. government agency) up to the applicable limitations.
3. All other vested benefits (that is, vested benefits not insured by the PBGC).
4. All nonvested benefits.

Certain benefits under the Plan are insured by the PBGC if the Plan terminates. Generally, the PBGC guarantees most vested normal age retirement benefits and certain disability and survivor's pensions. However, the PBGC does not guarantee all benefits under the Plan, and the amount of benefit protection is subject to certain limitations. Vested benefits under the Plan are guaranteed at the level in effect on the date of the Plan's termination.

Whether all participants receive their benefits should the Plan terminate at some future time will depend on the sufficiency, at that time, of the Plan's net assets to provide for accumulated benefit obligations and may also depend on the financial condition of the plan sponsor and the level of benefits guaranteed by the PBGC.

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8. Tax Status

The Plan Administrator has filed for a determination letter from the IRS regarding the Plan's qualification under Section 401(a) and the related trust's tax-exempt status under provisions of Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently 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 if the Plan has taken an uncertain 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.

9. 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. 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 the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Plan contributions are made, and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits are reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements.

10. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The Form 5500 has certain items that differ from amounts shown on the accompanying financial statements. These differences relate to classification only and have no effect upon net assets available for benefits for either period.

11. Subsequent Event

Effective January 1, 2026, the Plan was amended to decrease the benefit units accrued from 3% to 2% for participants hired or rehired after December 31, 2025.

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Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

EIN: 84-0235244 Plan Number: 006

December 31, 2025

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) (e) Cost Current Value	
	Vanguard 500 Index F	Mutual fund	\$ 3,858,012	\$ 5,088,814
	Vanguard Developed Markets Index Adm	Mutual fund	2,174,621	2,638,385
	Pimco Diversified Income CL I	Mutual fund	1,507,607	1,573,311
	Neuberger Berman Core Bond R6	Mutual fund	1,309,481	1,307,107
	Vanguard Extended Markets Index Fund ADM	Mutual fund	1,004,938	1,250,889
	Vanguard Emerging Markets Stk Index FD Adm	Mutual fund	725,747	866,147
	Pimco Real Return FD Instl	Mutual fund	259,026	261,392
		Total mutual funds	10,839,432	12,986,045
*	Schwab Bank Savings	Interest bearing cash	130,433	130,433
			\$ 10,969,865	\$ 13,116,478

*A party in interest as defined by ERISA.

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Schedule H, Line 4(j) - Schedule of Reportable Transactions

EIN: 84-0235244 Plan Number: 006

Year Ended December 31, 2025

		(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
(a)	(b)	Purchase	Selling	Lease	Expenses	Cost	Current	Net Gain/
Identity of Party	Description of Asset	Price	Price	Rental			Value	(Loss)
Single Transactions								
Vanguard Developed Markets Index Adm 1 purchase, 52,301 shares	Mutual Fund	\$ 854,596	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 854,596	\$ -
Vanguard 500 Index F 1 purchase, 3,269 shares	Mutual Fund	1,692,699	-	-	-	-	1,692,699	-
Total Single Transactions		\$ 2,547,295	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,547,295	\$ -
Series Transactions								
Neuberger Berman Core Bond R6 85 purchases, 75,338 shares 94 sales, 18,331 shares	Mutual Fund	\$ 667,506	\$ 161,481	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 164,822	\$ 667,506	\$ (3,341)
Pimco Diversified Income CL I 89 purchases, 78,526 shares 92 sales, 19,569 shares	Mutual Fund	766,463	190,204	-	-	187,755	766,463	2,449
Vanguard Developed Markets Index Adm 77 purchases, 62,647 shares 100 sales, 31,216 shares	Mutual Fund	1,041,150	536,119	-	-	513,838	1,041,150	22,281
Vanguard Extended Market Index Fund Adm 80 purchases, 4,121 shares 91 sales, 1,490 shares	Mutual Fund	548,027	216,228	-	-	186,823	548,027	29,405
Vanguard 500 Index F 78 purchases, 3,788 shares 102 sales, 1,327 shares	Mutual Fund	1,972,767	738,279	-	-	619,709	1,972,767	118,570
Total Series Transactions		\$ 4,995,913	\$ 1,842,311	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,672,947	\$ 4,995,913	\$ 169,364

*A party in interest as defined by ERISA.

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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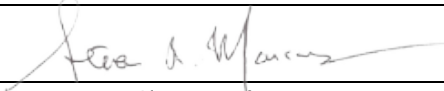
For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

▶ Round off amounts to nearest dollar.
▶ Caution: A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit Plan	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 006
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF CORE Electric Cooperative	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 84-0235244
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 <u>1</u> Day <u>1</u> Year <u>2025</u>	
2 Assets:	
a Market value	2a 11,880,162
b Actuarial value	2b 11,880,162
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.....	1 69,968 69,968
b For terminated vested participants.....	37 1,592,166 1,592,166
c For active participants	177 6,387,591 8,430,466
d Total.....	215 8,049,725 10,092,600
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 5.33 %
6 Target normal cost.....	
a Present value of current plan year accruals.....	6a 3,724,707
b Expected plan-related expenses	6b 0
c Target normal cost	6c 3,724,707

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 Steven R. Marcus, EA, ASA, MAAA Type or print name of actuary USI Consulting Group Firm name 725 RXR Plaza East Tower Uniondale NY 11556 Address of the firm	07/09/2026 Date 26-06245 Most recent enrollment number (516) 683-6100 Telephone number (including area code)
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If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions ☐

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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 _____%	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)		1,474,647
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>5.12</u> %		75,502
b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		
c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		1,550,149
d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		
12 Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections		
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	117.71%
15 Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	117.71%
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	117.86%
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
03/24/2026	4,475,000				
Totals ▶			18(b)	4,475,000	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	4,199,276

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 65
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	
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	3,724,707	
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	1,787,562	
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment	
a Net shortfall amortization installment			
b Waiver amortization installment			
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	1,937,145	
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement			0
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	36	1,937,145	
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	37	4,199,276	
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	2,262,131	
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	38b		
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

CORE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE VARIABLE ANNUITY DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN

VALUATION AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025

Valuation Assumptions and Funding Methods

I. Valuation Method

The unit credit cost method, where the funding target is equal to the sum of the individual liabilities for all the participants. The individual's accrued liability is the present value of the benefit accrued in the prior plan years. The target normal cost is the present value of benefits accruing in the plan year.

II. Actuarial Value of Assets

Market value of assets as of valuation date plus discounted contributions receivable.

III. Employees Included in the Calculations

Based on employee data received from CORE Electric Cooperative, all eligible employees as of the valuation date are included in the calculations.

IV. Economic Assumptions

A. Interest Rates for Minimum Funding Requirement:

	<u>Current Year</u>
Segment 1 (0 – 5 years):	5.00%
Segment 2 (5 – 20 years):	5.27%
Segment 3 (20 + years):	5.50%
Effective Interest Rate:	5.33%
Look Back Month	None (January)

B. Interest Rates for Maximum Tax-Deductible Contribution:

	<u>Current Year</u>
Segment 1 (0 – 5 years):	5.00%
Segment 2 (5 – 20 years):	5.27%
Segment 3 (20 + years):	5.40%

C. Interest Rates for PBGC Premium Filing

	<u>Current Year*</u>
Segment 1 (0 – 5 years):	4.65%
Segment 2 (5 – 20 years):	5.28%
Segment 3 (20 + years):	5.63%

* Based on Standard premium funding target method

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Schedule SB, SCHEDULE SB, PART V – STATEMENT OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS/METHODS

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VALUATION AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025

Valuation Assumptions and Funding Methods (Cont'd)

IV. Economic Assumptions (Cont'd)

D. Future Return on Plan Assets

Assumed to be 3.75% per annum. Last year was also assumed to be 3.75% per annum.

E. Salary Progression

4.00% compounded annually

V. Demographic Assumptions

A. Mortality

2025 Static Mortality Table (Annuitant and Non-Annuitant)

2024 Static Mortality Table (Annuitant and Non-Annuitant) was used last year.

B. Termination Rates

Not assumed

C. Retirement Assumption

All employees are assumed to retire at age 65.

D. Retirement Payment Option

It was assumed that 100% of retirees would elect a lump sum distribution.

E. Plan Expense

Not assumed

CORE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE VARIABLE ANNUITY DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN

VALUATION AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025

Summary of Plan Provisions

EIN:	84-0235244
PN:	006
Effective Date:	January 1, 2022
Eligibility:	20.5 years of age with 6 months of service
Entry Date:	The first day of the plan year next following the date such employee met the eligibility requirements
Eligible Employees:	All employees except leased employees, certain non-resident aliens, and those subject to collective bargaining
Early Retirement Benefit:	Not provided for this plan
Normal Retirement Age:	Participant's 65 th Birthday
Normal Retirement Date:	The date at which the Participant attains Normal Retirement Age
Normal Retirement Benefit:	Equals the number of the participant's Benefit Units multiplied by the value of such Benefit Units

Definition of Benefit Units

The "Benefit Units" accrued by each such Participant for each Plan Year that the Participant completes a Year of Service will be based on an amount equal to 3% multiplied by the Compensation earned by such Participant for such Plan Year and then divided by the Unit Value as of the March 31st of the year immediately following such Plan Year, computed to the nearest cent.

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Summary of Plan Provisions (Cont'd)

**Normal Retirement
Benefit(Cont'd):**

Definition of Unit Value

Unit Value means \$1.00, increased or decreased, as the case may be, by the sum of one plus the actual net rate of return on the Plan's assets (excluding Participant's Retirement Investment Accounts) taking into account all expenses from the date of Plan inception to the date of valuation divided by the sum of one plus the Assumed Interest Rate (5% per annum) from the date of Plan inception to the date of valuation. In the event that the Plan is terminated, the Unit Value shall cease to fluctuate as of the date Plan assets are either distributed to Participants or used to purchase a termination annuity from an insurance company.

**Eligibility for Benefit
Accrual:**

Completing 1,000 Hours of Service during Plan Year

Compensation:

Code 3401(a) compensation, excluding fringe benefits (Compensation is limited to the Internal Revenue Code maximum of \$350,000 for 2025.)

Top Heavy Status:

Assume to not be Top-Heavy for 2025.

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VALUATION AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025

Summary of Plan Provisions (Cont'd)

Normal Form of Benefit:	50% Joint & Survivor Annuity for married participants and Single Life Annuity for single participants
Optional Forms of Benefit:	75% Joint & Survivor Annuity, 100% Joint & Survivor Annuity, Lump Sum
Year of Vesting Service:	Plan Year during which an employee has at least 1,000 hours of service
Vesting Schedule:	7-Year Graded
Termination Benefit:	Actuarial equivalent of Vested Accrued Benefit
Death Benefit:	Actuarial equivalent of Accrued Benefit
Disability Benefit:	Actuarial equivalent of Accrued Benefit
Maximum Benefit:	Benefits may not exceed the maximum limitation defined by the Internal Revenue Code (\$280,000 for 2025).
Actuarial Equivalence:	Pre-Retirement Mortality Table: None; Pre-Retirement Interest: 5.0% Post-Retirement Mortality Table: RP-2014 Mortality Table adjusted to the base year of 2006, combining annuitant and non-annuitant tables using the methodology described in Code Section 1.430(h)(3)-1(b)(2), projecting forward to 2030 using Scale MP-2016 with the methodology described in Code Section 1.430(h)(3)-1(c), blending 50% male and 50% female.; Post-Retirement Interest: 5.0%

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Schedule SB, SCHEDULE SB, PART V – STATEMENT OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS/METHODS

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2025 FORM 5500 – SCHEDULE SB, LINE 19 - DISCOUNTED EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Valuation Date: January 1, 2025

2025 Effective Interest Rate: 5.33%

Contribution:

<u>(Date)</u>	<u>Amount (\$)</u>	<u>Number of Days to Valuation Date</u>	<u>Discounted to Valuation Date</u>
March 24, 2026	\$4,475,000	447	\$4,199,276

TOTALS	\$4,475,000		\$4,199,276
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2025 FORM 5500 – SCHEDULE SB, LINE 22- DESCRIPTION OF WEIGHTED AVERAGE RETIREMENT AGE

Participants are assumed to retire at age 65.

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2025 FORM 5500 – SCHEDULE SB, LINE 26 – SCHEDULE OF ACTIVE PARTICIPANT DATA

Age and Service Information

Age	Benefit Service								Total
	Under 1	1-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-30	30+	
Under 25	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
25 - 29	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
30 - 34	3	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
35 - 39	7	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
40 - 44	2	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
		\$146,411							
45 - 49	0	27	1	0	0	0	0	0	28
		\$143,940							
50 - 54	3	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	29
		\$184,353							
55 - 59	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
		\$139,628							
60 - 64	3	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
65 +	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Totals	19	156	2	0	0	0	0	0	177

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan 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.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2025
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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 multiemployer plan	☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)		
	☒ a single-employer plan	☐ a DFE (specify) _____		
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report	☐ the final return/report		
	☐ an amended return/report	☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)		
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	☐ special extension (enter description)			
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Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information			
1a Name of plan CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit Plan	1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	006
	1c	Effective date of plan	01/01/2022
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) CORE Electric Cooperative 5496 North US Highway 85 Sedalia CO 80135	2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN)	84-0235244
	2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number	(800) 332-9540
	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.

SIGN HERE		8/16/26	Laurie Burkhart
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE		8/16/26	Laurie Burkhart
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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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
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 215
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) 177 6a(2) 159 6b 1 6c 44 6d 204 6e 0 6f 204 6g(1) 6g(2) 6h 9
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 Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

1A 1G

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

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

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 2025 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2025 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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for the 2025 Form 5500

CORE Electric Cooperative Pension Plan - EIN / PN: 84-0235244 / 004
CORE Electric Cooperative 401(k) Plan - EIN / PN: 84-0235244 / 005
CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit Plan - EIN / PN: 84-0235244 / 006

Plan Year Ending: 12/31/2025

Authorization of Practitioner to Electronically Sign and File

I hereby authorize USI Consulting Group to electronically sign and file the above-named returns/reports through EFAST2.

I understand that in granting this authority that:

- I must manually sign and date page 1 of the Form 5500 and provide a scanned copy of that signature page to USI Consulting Group before the electronic filing can be initiated;
- USI Consulting Group will retain a copy of this written authorization in its records;
- USI Consulting Group will notify the individual signing below as plan administrator/employer about any inquiries and information it receives from EFAST2, DOL, IRS, or PBGC regarding this annual return/report; and
- A copy of my signature, as it appears on page 1 of the Form 5500, will be included with the return/report posted by the Department of Labor on the Internet for public disclosure.
- USI Consulting Group shall not be deemed an administrator or other fiduciary with respect to any Plan solely on account of the services performed under this authorization.

This authorization is applicable only to the filing for the above-named Plans and applies only for Plan year end stated above.

Laurie Burkhardt

Print Name (Employer / Plan Sponsor)

Laurie Burkhardt

Sign Name (Employer / Plan Sponsor)

8/6/26

Date

CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit Plan

Financial Statements and
Supplementary Information

December 31, 2025 and 2024

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Plan Administrator of
CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit Plan (the 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, 2025 and 2024, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended and the statement of accumulated plan benefits as of December 31, 2024, and the related statement of changes in accumulated plan benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit 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, 2025 and 2024, and for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 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 Auditors' 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit 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 CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for at least one year following 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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit 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 CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit 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 Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules of Schedule H, line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), and Schedule H, Line 4(j) - Schedule of Reportable Transactions as of or for the year ended December 31, 2025, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are 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 schedules, 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 schedules 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 schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are 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 schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are 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 schedules 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).

Baker Tilly US, LLP

Portland, Oregon
July 23, 2026

CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
Assets		
Investments		
Investments at fair value		
Mutual funds	\$ 12,986,045	\$ 7,710,590
Interest bearing cash	130,433	77,742
Total Investments at fair value	13,116,478	7,788,332
Total investments	13,116,478	7,788,332
Receivables		
Employer contributions	4,475,000	4,140,253
Total assets	17,591,478	11,928,585
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 17,591,478	\$ 11,928,585

See notes to financial statements

CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit Plan

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
Additions		
Investment income		
Interest and dividends	\$ 310,168	\$ 166,720
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	1,813,314	574,079
Total investment income	2,123,482	740,799
Contributions		
Employer contributions	4,475,000	4,140,253
Total additions	6,598,482	4,881,052
Deductions		
Benefits paid to participants	935,589	552,545
Net increase (decrease)	5,662,893	4,328,507
 Net assets available for benefits		
Beginning of year	11,928,585	7,600,078
End of year	\$ 17,591,478	\$ 11,928,585

See notes to financial statements

CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit Plan

Statement of Accumulated Plan Benefits

December 31, 2024

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits

Vested benefits

Retired participants and beneficiaries	\$ 72,961
Participants currently receiving benefits	7,524,599
Participants terminated with vested deferred benefits	1,592,166
Total vested benefits	9,189,726
Nonvested benefits	2,524,446
Total actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits	\$ 11,714,172

See notes to financial statements

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Statement of Changes in Accumulated Plan Benefits

Year Ended December 31, 2024

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at beginning of year	\$ 7,334,167
Increase (decrease) during the year attributable to:	
Benefits accumulated	4,579,655
Increase for interest due to decrease in discount period	352,895
Benefits paid	(552,545)
Net increase (decrease)	4,380,005
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at end of year	\$ 11,714,172

See notes to financial statements

CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

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1. Description of Plan

The following description of the CORE Electric Cooperative Variable Annuity Defined Benefit Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined benefit pension plan established effective January 1, 2022. The Plan covers all employees, excluding leased, certain non-resident aliens, and those subject to collective bargaining employees, of CORE Electric Cooperative (the Cooperative) who have completed six months of service and are age 20.5 or older. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). The Plan Administrator is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Plan's investment committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance, and reports to the Plan's Plan Administrator.

Funding Policy

The Plan's funding policy is for the Cooperative to contribute an amount which will meet or exceed the annual ERISA minimum funding requirement. The minimum funding requirements of ERISA were exceeded in 2025. Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Cooperative has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

Pension Benefits

Plan participants are entitled to their plan benefits after terminating employment with vested rights. Participants become vested in the Plan upon completion of at least seven years of service or attainment of the normal retirement age (65). A participant is 20% vested after three years of service and continues to vest in increments of 20% until 100% vested after seven years of service. If employees terminate before rendering the required years of service, they forfeit the right to receive the portion of their accumulated plan benefits attributable to the Cooperative's contributions. Upon becoming vested, participants are entitled to the actuarial equivalent of their accrued benefit. Upon termination of employment, pension payments are normally paid in the form of a monthly annuity payable for their lifetime or, if married, in the form of a qualified joint or survivor annuity. Accounts with benefits not exceeding \$5,000 receive immediate lump-sum payments at such time that benefits are payable.

Death and Disability Benefits

If an active employee dies at age 55 or older, a death benefit equal to the value of the employee's accumulated pension benefit is paid to the employee's beneficiary. Active employees who become totally disabled receive annual disability benefits that are equal to the equivalent normal retirement benefit they have accumulated as of the time they become disabled. Disability benefits are paid until normal retirement age, at which time disabled participants will receive the normal retirement benefit computed as though they had been employed to normal retirement age, with their annual compensation remaining the same as at the time they became disabled.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts from 2024 have been reclassified to conform with the 2025 presentation. Such reclassifications have no effect on previously reported change in net assets.

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2. Summary of 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 financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein; disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities; and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at the date of the financial statements, and changes therein. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair 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. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, and custodians, as applicable. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Payment of Benefits

Benefits payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

Administrative Expenses

The Plan's expenses are paid either by the Plan or the Cooperative, as provided by the plan document. Expenses that are paid directly by the Cooperative 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 statements of changes in net assets available for benefits. In addition, certain investment related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events were evaluated through July 23, 2026, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Note 11 provides disclosure of certain subsequent events that did not result in recognition in the financial statements.

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3. Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits

Accumulated plan benefits are those future periodic payments, including lump-sum distributions, that are attributable under the Plan's provisions to the service employees have rendered. Accumulated plan benefits include benefits expected to be paid to (a) retired or terminated employees or their beneficiaries, (b) beneficiaries of employees who have died, and (c) present employees or their beneficiaries. Benefits under the Plan are equal to the number of the participant's benefit units multiplied by the value of such benefit units. The benefit units accrued by each participant for each Plan year that the participant completes a year of service will be based on an amount equal to 3% multiplied by the compensation earned by the participant for such Plan year divided by the unit value as of March 31 of the year immediately following such Plan year, computed to the nearest cent. Benefits payable under all circumstances, such as retirement, death, disability, and termination of employment, are included, to the extent they are attributable to employee service rendered to the valuation date. Benefits to be provided via annuity contracts excluded from plan assets are excluded from accumulated plan benefits. The rate of benefit accrual for each Plan year shall not exceed 133 1/3% of the rate of benefit accrual in any prior Plan year.

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is determined by the Plan's independent actuary and is that amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan benefits to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, disability, withdrawal or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment. The significant actuarial assumptions used in the beginning of year valuation were (a) life expectancy of participants (the Pri-2012 Mortality Tables with Scale MP-2021), (b) an average retirement age of 65, and (c) investment return. The valuation included an assumed average rate of return of 5%.

The computations of the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits were made as of January 1, 2025. Had the valuation been performed as of December 31, there would be no material differences.

The foregoing actuarial assumptions are based on the presumption that the Plan will continue. Were the Plan to terminate, different actuarial assumptions and other factors might be applicable in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits.

4. 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 authoritative guidance 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 other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;

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- 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.

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

The asset 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 maximize the use of relevant observables and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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, 2025 and 2024.

Interest-bearing cash: These investments are stated at cost, which approximates fair value.

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. 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.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2025 and 2024:

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2025	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Interest-bearing cash	\$ 130,433	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 130,433
Mutual funds	12,986,045	-	-	12,986,045
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	13,116,478	-	-	13,116,478
Total investments at fair value	\$ 13,116,478	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,116,478

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Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total
Interest-bearing cash	\$	77,742	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 77,742
Mutual funds		7,710,590		-		-	7,710,590
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy		7,788,332		-		-	7,788,332
Total investments at fair value	\$	7,788,332	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 7,788,332

5. Information Certified by Trustee

The Plan Administrator has elected to have an audit performed pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA for 2025 and 2024. Accordingly, certain information in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedules was agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Charles Schwab Trust Bank, the Plan's Trustee and a qualified institution. The certified information includes the Plan's investments reported in the accompanying Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the accompanying supplemental Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2025, and the related investment activity (including net appreciation/depreciation, interest, and dividends) reported in the accompanying Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 and the information reported in the accompanying supplemental Schedule H, Line 4(j)- Schedule of Reportable Transactions for the year ended December 31, 2025.

6. Related-Party and Party In Interest Transactions

The Plan's investments are administered under a contract with Charles Schwab Trust Bank, the Trustee of the Plan. Contributions are held and managed by Charles Schwab Trust Bank, who invests cash received, interest and dividend income and makes distributions to participants. These transactions are party in interest transactions under ERISA.

As described in Note 2, the Plan paid certain expenses related to plan operations and investment activity to various service providers. Additionally, certain administrative functions of the Plan are performed by officers or employees of the Cooperative. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. These transactions are party in interest transactions under ERISA.

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7. Plan Termination

In the event the Plan terminates, the net assets of the Plan will be allocated, as prescribed by ERISA and its related regulations, generally to provide the following benefits in the order indicated:

1. Annuity benefits that former employees or their beneficiaries have been receiving for at least three years, or that employees eligible to retire for that three-year period would have been receiving if they had retired with benefits in the normal form of annuity under the Plan. The priority amount is limited to the lowest benefit that was payable (or would have been payable) during those three years. The amount is further limited to the lowest benefit that would be payable under Plan provisions in effect at any time during the five years preceding Plan termination.
2. Other vested benefits insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) (a U.S. government agency) up to the applicable limitations.
3. All other vested benefits (that is, vested benefits not insured by the PBGC).
4. All nonvested benefits.

Certain benefits under the Plan are insured by the PBGC if the Plan terminates. Generally, the PBGC guarantees most vested normal age retirement benefits and certain disability and survivor's pensions. However, the PBGC does not guarantee all benefits under the Plan, and the amount of benefit protection is subject to certain limitations. Vested benefits under the Plan are guaranteed at the level in effect on the date of the Plan's termination.

Whether all participants receive their benefits should the Plan terminate at some future time will depend on the sufficiency, at that time, of the Plan's net assets to provide for accumulated benefit obligations and may also depend on the financial condition of the plan sponsor and the level of benefits guaranteed by the PBGC.

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8. Tax Status

The Plan Administrator has filed for a determination letter from the IRS regarding the Plan's qualification under Section 401(a) and the related trust's tax-exempt status under provisions of Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently 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 if the Plan has taken an uncertain 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.

9. 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. 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 the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Plan contributions are made, and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits are reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements.

10. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The Form 5500 has certain items that differ from amounts shown on the accompanying financial statements. These differences relate to classification only and have no effect upon net assets available for benefits for either period.

11. Subsequent Event

Effective January 1, 2026, the Plan was amended to decrease the benefit units accrued from 3% to 2% for participants hired or rehired after December 31, 2025.

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Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

EIN: 84-0235244 Plan Number: 006

December 31, 2025

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value		(d)	(e)
				Cost	Current Value
	Vanguard 500 Index F	Mutual fund	\$	3,858,012	\$ 5,088,814
	Vanguard Developed Markets Index Adm	Mutual fund		2,174,621	2,638,385
	Pimco Diversified Income CL I	Mutual fund		1,507,607	1,573,311
	Neuberger Berman Core Bond R6	Mutual fund		1,309,481	1,307,107
	Vanguard Extended Markets Index Fund ADM	Mutual fund		1,004,938	1,250,889
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		Total mutual funds		10,839,432	12,986,045
*	Schwab Bank Savings	Interest bearing cash		130,433	130,433
			\$	10,969,865	\$ 13,116,478

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Schedule H, Line 4(j) - Schedule of Reportable Transactions

EIN: 84-0235244 Plan Number: 006

Year Ended December 31, 2025

		(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
(a)	(b)	Purchase	Selling	Lease	Expenses	Cost	Current	Net Gain/
Identity of Party	Description of Asset	Price	Price	Rental			Value	(Loss)
Single Transactions								
Vanguard Developed Markets Index Adm 1 purchase, 52,301 shares	Mutual Fund	\$ 854,596	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 854,596	\$ -
Vanguard 500 Index F 1 purchase, 3,269 shares	Mutual Fund	1,692,699	-	-	-	-	1,692,699	-
Total Single Transactions		\$ 2,547,295	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,547,295	\$ -
Series Transactions								
Neuberger Berman Core Bond R6 85 purchases, 75,338 shares 94 sales, 18,331 shares	Mutual Fund	\$ 667,506	\$ 161,481	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 164,822	\$ 667,506	\$ (3,341)
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Total Series Transactions		\$ 4,995,913	\$ 1,842,311	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,672,947	\$ 4,995,913	\$ 169,364

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