

CWA/ITU Negotiated Pension Plan

Certificate of Actuarial Valuation as of January 1, 2024

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CERTIFICATION

November 8, 2024

This is to certify that Cheiron, Inc. (“Cheiron”) has prepared an actuarial valuation of the CWA/ITU Negotiated Pension Plan (“Plan”) as of January 1, 2024 in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices (see 2024 report dated November xx, 2024). It has been prepared at the request of the Board of Trustees for purposes of assisting in administering the Plan and meeting filing requirements of federal government agencies.

This certification includes summary exhibits from the actuarial valuation report provided to the Board of Trustees. Please refer to the 2024 actuarial valuation report for more information about the Plan, its funding, and an assessment and disclosure of risk. This certification may not otherwise be copied or reproduced in any form without the consent of the Board of Trustees and may only be provided to other parties in its entirety.

The results shown may not be applicable for other purposes. Future results may differ significantly from the results presented in this certification due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the assumptions; changes in assumptions; and changes in Plan provisions or applicable law.

The valuation assumes that the Plan is qualified as a multiemployer plan for the year and is based on financial information supplied by the auditor with respect to contributions and assets and reliance on the Plan Administrator with respect to the participant data. Cheiron does not audit the data provided. The accuracy and comprehensiveness of the data is the responsibility of those supplying the data. To the extent we can, however, Cheiron does review the data for reasonableness and consistency. Based on our review of the data, we have no reason to doubt the substantial accuracy of the information on which we have based this report and we have no reason to believe there are facts or circumstances that would affect the validity of these results. Adjustments for incomplete or apparently inconsistent data were made as described in Appendix C.

We are members of the American Academy of Actuaries, and we meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion herein. The information supplied in this actuarial valuation is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption for the determination of current liability was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In our opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the Plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer our best estimate of anticipated experience under the Plan.



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SECTION I – SUMMARY

Summary of Principal Results	
Participant Counts	1/1/2024
Actives	1,473
Deferred Inactives	6,620
In Pay Status	<u>14,185</u>
Total	22,278
Financial Information	
Market Value of Assets (MVA)	\$ 428,871,216
Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA)	\$ 428,871,216
Unit Credit Actuarial Liability (PPA Liability)	\$ 988,118,966
Unfunded Actuarial Liability (AVA Basis)	559,247,750
Funding Ratio (AVA Basis - PPA Liability)	43.4%
Accumulated Benefits (FASB ASC 960)	\$ 1,025,826,285
Unfunded Accumulated Benefits (MVA basis)	596,955,069
Funding Ratio (MVA Basis - FASB ASC 960)	41.8%
Minimum Funding and Cash Flows	
Total Normal Cost (including Admin. Expenses)	\$ 4,462,820
ERISA Minimum Funding before Funding Deficiency	25,511,457
ERISA Funding Deficiency (Beginning of Year)	(408,038,376)
Prior Year Contributions (net from all sources)	\$ 16,207,978
Prior Year Benefit Payments	79,623,888
Prior Year Administrative Expenses	2,728,541
Prior Year Investment Income (net of investment expenses)	50,107,869

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SECTION II – ACCOUNTING DISCLOSURES

Present Value of Accumulated Benefits as of January 1, 2024 In Accordance with FASB ASC Topic 960		
	Amounts	Participants
1. Actuarial Present Value of Vested Benefits		
For Retirees and Beneficiaries	\$ 719,709,835	14,185
Deferred Inactives	226,822,357	6,620
Active Participants	40,741,643	922
Vested Benefits	\$ 987,273,835	21,727
2. Non-vested Benefits	\$ 845,131	551
3. Present Value of Expected Administrative Expenses*	\$ 37,707,319	
4. Accumulated Benefits	\$ 1,025,826,285	22,278
5. Market Value of Assets	\$ 428,871,216	
6. Funded Ratios		
Vested Benefits (without Administrative Expenses)	43.4%	
Accumulated Benefits (with Administrative Expenses)	41.8%	
Reconciliation of Present Value of Accumulated Benefits		
1. Actuarial Present Value at Start of Prior Year (without Administrative Expenses)		\$ 1,017,512,335
2. Increase / (decrease) over Prior Year due to:		
Accrual of Benefits		\$ 1,757,441
Benefit Payments		(79,623,888)
Interest Accrual		58,802,264
Plan Amendment		0
Assumption Change		0
Experience (Gains)/Losses		(10,329,186)
Total		\$ (29,393,369)
3. Actuarial Present Value at End of Prior Year		\$ 988,118,966
4. Present Value of Expected Administrative Expenses*		\$ 37,707,319
5. Actuarial Present Value at End of Prior Year (with Administrative Expenses)		\$ 1,025,826,285

* The present value of expected administrative expenses is estimated to be 3.82% of the Accrued Benefits liabilities.

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SECTION III – CURRENT LIABILITY

Liabilities/Net Surplus (Unfunded)	
	1/1/2024
Current Liability (RPA '94)	\$ 1,221,441,834
Market Value of Assets	428,871,216
Net Surplus (Unfunded)	\$ (792,570,618)
Percent Funded	35.1%
RPA '94 Prescribed Interest Rate	3.29%

Allocation of Current Liability by Type

The Plan's participants may qualify for a benefit on death, termination, or disability as well as on retirement. The value of the liabilities arising from each of these sources is shown in the following table.

Allocation of Liabilities by Type					
January 1, 2024					
Benefit Type	Retirement	Termination	Death	Disability	Total
RPA Current Liability Normal Cost	\$ 1,974,510	\$ 409,170	\$ 56,387	\$ 445,295	\$ 2,885,362
RPA Current Liability					
Actives	\$ 49,362,515	\$ 3,827,195	\$ 962,345	\$ 7,498,844	\$ 61,650,899
Terminated Vesteds	0	319,862,209	7,897,740	792,319	328,552,268
Retirees and Beneficiaries	678,767,178	0	114,128,597	38,342,892	831,238,667
Total	\$ 728,129,693	\$ 323,689,404	\$ 122,988,682	\$ 46,634,055	\$ 1,221,441,834
Vested RPA Current Liability					
Actives	\$ 48,453,276	\$ 3,445,855	\$ 928,862	\$ 7,222,392	\$ 60,050,385
Terminated Vesteds	0	319,862,209	7,897,740	792,319	328,552,268
Retirees and Beneficiaries	678,767,178	0	114,128,597	38,342,892	831,238,667
Total	\$ 727,220,454	\$ 323,308,064	\$ 122,955,199	\$ 46,357,603	\$ 1,219,841,320

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SECTION IV – INFORMATION ON PLAN STATUS

As of January 1, 2024, the Plan was classified as being in Critical and Declining status under Code Section 432 as added by the Pension Protection Act of 2006 and amended by the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014. This determination was made on the basis of the following:

- The Plan was in Critical and Declining status for 2023;
- The Plan has an accumulated Funding Deficiency for the 2024 plan year, without regard to the use of the shortfall funding method but taking into account any extensions of the amortization periods under section 431(d) of the Code; and
- The Plan is projected to run out of assets during the 2030 plan year, prior to reflecting the ARPA provisions referenced below.

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was signed into law. The Act provides financial assistance to certain plans in order to pay full benefits through 2051. The Plan applied for Special Financial Assistance (SFA) in February 2024 and was approved in June 2024. The Plan received \$545.6 million of SFA on July 8, 2024. Because this occurred after the January 1, 2024 valuation date, the SFA is not reflected in the results contained in this report.

The Rehabilitation Period began January 1, 2012 and ended December 31, 2021. The Plan did not emerge from Critical status by the end of its Rehabilitation Period. However, the Trustees adopted a Rehabilitation Plan to forestall insolvency (within the meaning of ERISA Section 4245) as they have determined that based on reasonable actuarial assumptions and upon exhaustion of all reasonable measures, the Plan cannot be reasonably expected to emerge from Critical status by the end of its Rehabilitation Period. To that end, the Plan was certified as making scheduled progress in meeting the requirements of its Rehabilitation Plan.

A certification of the Plan’s status for the 2024 plan year was submitted to the Board of Trustees and Secretary of the Treasury on April 1, 2024.

The Plan made an IRS voluntary correction program (“VCP”) submission in April 2023 to correct operational failures with respect to late retirement adjustments. Participants were not provided suspension of benefits notices and did not receive actuarial adjustments for delayed commencement. The cost of the correction as of the valuation date is estimated to be \$39.4 million and is included in plan liabilities.

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SECTION V – CONTRIBUTIONS

Funding Standard Account for 2024 Plan Year	
1. Charges for Plan Year	2024
(a) Prior Year Funding Deficiency	\$ 408,038,376
(b) Normal Cost Plus Expenses	4,462,820
(c) Amortization Charges	64,147,883
(d) Interest on (a), (b), and (c) to Year End	<u>28,598,945</u>
(e) Total Charges	\$ 505,248,024
2. Credits for Plan Year	
(a) Contributions and WL Payments (<i>Expected</i>)	<i>15,071,278</i>
(b) Amortization Credits	44,543,291
(c) Interest on (a) and (b) to Year End	<i>3,118,150</i>
(d) Full Funding Limit Credit	<u>0</u>
(e) Total Credits	<i>\$ 62,732,719</i>
3. Credit Balance / (Funding Deficiency) at End of Year	<i>\$ (442,515,305)</i>
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SECTION V – CONTRIBUTIONS

Schedule of Amortization Charges Required for Minimum Required Contribution As of January 1, 2024					
Type of Base	Date Established	Initial Amortization Years	1/1/2024 Outstanding Balance	Remaining Amortization Years	Beginning of Year Amortization Amount
1. Plan Amendment	1/1/2007	30.00	\$ 431,840	13.00	\$ 46,020
2. Change in Assumptions	1/1/2007	30.00	16,715,304	13.00	1,781,286
3. Actuarial Loss	1/1/2011	15.00	6,836,200	2.00	3,517,656
4. Plan Amendment	1/1/2012	15.00	74,938	3.00	26,447
5. Change in Assumptions	1/1/2012	15.00	7,910,122	3.00	2,791,749
6. Actuarial Loss	1/1/2012	15.00	18,615,092	3.00	6,569,895
7. Plan Amendment	1/1/2013	15.00	103,115	4.00	28,073
8. Actuarial Loss	1/1/2013	15.00	19,271,687	4.00	5,246,834
9. Plan Amendment	1/1/2014	15.00	76,012	5.00	17,023
10. Change in Assumptions	1/1/2015	15.00	21,825,556	6.00	4,187,266
11. Change in Asset Method	1/1/2017	10.00	9,862,287	3.00	3,480,734
12. Actuarial Loss	1/1/2019	15.00	56,055,030	10.00	7,184,984
13. Change in Assumptions	1/1/2019	15.00	47,275,520	10.00	6,059,650
14. Change in Assumptions	1/1/2020	15.00	55,119,888	11.00	6,593,220
15. Actuarial Loss	1/1/2023	15.00	153,434,546	14.00	15,572,869
16. Change in Assumptions	1/1/2023	15.00	10,287,944	14.00	1,044,177
Total Charges			\$ 423,895,081		\$ 64,147,883

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Schedule of Amortization Credits Required for Minimum Required Contribution As of January 1, 2024					
Type of Base	Date Established	Initial Amortization Years	1/1/2024 Outstanding Balance	Remaining Amortization Years	Beginning of Year Amortization Amount
1. Plan Amendment	5/1/2009	15.00	\$ 1,485,824	0.33	\$ 1,485,824
2. Plan Amendment	1/1/2010	15.00	14,233	1.00	14,233
3. Actuarial Gain	1/1/2010	15.00	5,375,097	1.00	5,375,097
4. Plan Amendment	1/1/2011	15.00	7,026,424	2.00	3,615,539
5. Actuarial Gain	1/1/2014	15.00	17,769,034	5.00	3,979,532
6. Actuarial Gain	1/1/2015	15.00	12,211,985	6.00	2,342,888
7. Plan Amendment	1/1/2016	15.00	234,121	7.00	39,566
8. Actuarial Gain	1/1/2016	15.00	3,489,089	7.00	589,639
9. Change in Assumptions	1/1/2016	15.00	5,078,995	7.00	858,326
10. Actuarial Gain	1/1/2017	15.00	3,464,102	8.00	526,268
11. Change in Assumptions	1/1/2017	15.00	10,041,671	8.00	1,525,537
12. Change in Funding Method	1/1/2017	10.00	3,328,004	3.00	1,174,564
13. Actuarial Gain	1/1/2018	15.00	24,697,536	9.00	3,425,554
14. Actuarial Gain	1/1/2020	15.00	53,881,392	11.00	6,445,075
15. Actuarial Gain	1/1/2021	15.00	34,523,042	12.00	3,884,723
16. Actuarial Gain	1/1/2022	15.00	54,336,812	13.00	5,790,464
17. Actuarial Gain	1/1/2024	15.00	35,728,346	15.00	3,470,462
Total Credits			\$ 272,685,707		\$ 44,543,291
Net Charge			\$ 151,209,374		\$ 19,604,592

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SECTION VI – EXPECTED BENEFIT PAYMENTS

Plan Year	Expected Annual Benefit Payments
2024 *	\$ 126,024,819
2025	82,346,201
2026	81,586,556
2027	80,535,687
2028	79,523,872
2029	78,141,172
2030	76,594,237
2031	74,815,857
2032	73,365,300
2033	71,187,758

* *The 2024 Expected Benefit Payment includes \$40,731,309 in VCP Payments.*

Expected Annual Benefit Payments are payable mid-year and do not include additional benefit accruals, new hires or expected administrative expenses.

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APPENDIX A – MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Distribution of Active Members By Age and Service as of January 1, 2024												
Counts By Age/Service												
Age	Service										Total	
	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 & up		
Under 25	4	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
25 to 29	2	40	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
30 to 34	6	42	36	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91
35 to 39	10	37	39	17	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	112
40 to 44	8	51	40	26	11	7	1	0	0	0	0	144
45 to 49	35	183	45	24	25	20	5	0	0	0	0	337
50 to 54	3	30	44	25	31	27	14	7	1	0	0	182
55 to 59	5	39	42	18	31	21	23	8	8	8	4	199
60 to 64	2	26	33	27	24	27	10	12	13	17	17	191
65 to 69	1	8	19	10	15	13	9	2	6	17	17	100
70 & up	1	5	5	9	7	5	5	0	1	4	4	42
Total	77	472	321	163	153	120	67	29	29	42	42	1,473

Average Age = 49.8

Average Service = 10.9

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Age Distribution of Inactive Participants								
Participants Entitled to Future Benefits as of January 1, 2024								
	Terminated Vested		Terminal Disability with Deferred Benefits		Surviving Spouses and Beneficiaries with Deferred Benefits		Total	
Age	Number	Average Monthly Benefit*	Number	Average Monthly Benefit*	Number	Average Monthly Benefit*	Number	Average Monthly Benefit*
Under 30	26	\$ 61	0	\$ 0	11	N/A	37	\$ 168
30-34	117	86	0	0	6	N/A	123	96
35-39	193	124	0	0	4	N/A	197	128
40-44	373	196	0	0	8	N/A	381	199
45-49	546	323	0	0	14	N/A	560	321
50-54	891	381	2	N/A	22	228	915	377
55-59	1,357	422	4	N/A	34	195	1,395	415
60-64	1,854	448	17	N/A	53	214	1,924	439
65 & Over	1,005	258	38	120	45	232	1,088	252
Total	6,362	\$ 359	61	\$ 106	197	\$ 239	6,620	\$ 354

* Averages are not shown for groups with less than 20 participants.

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Age Distribution of Inactive Participants									
Pensioners and Beneficiaries Receiving Benefits as of January 1, 2024									
Disability Retirements			Normal, Early Deferred Vested, & QDRO Retirements			Surviving Spouses and Beneficiaries Receiving Benefits			Total
Age	Number	Average Monthly Benefit*	Number	Average Monthly Benefit*	Number	Average Monthly Benefit*	Number	Average Monthly Benefit*	
Under 55	1	N/A	0	\$ 0	70	\$ 351	71	\$ 362	
55-59	4	N/A	2	N/A	21	394	27	415	
60-64	20	\$ 618	118	\$ 838	75	383	213	657	
65-69	109	479	1,301	661	205	363	1,615	611	
70-74	144	500	1,833	551	250	380	2,227	529	
75-79	145	491	2,162	546	471	395	2,778	518	
80 & Over	230	419	4,847	449	2,177	305	7,254	405	
Total	653	\$ 470	10,263	\$ 519	3,269	\$ 330	14,185	\$ 473	

* Averages are not shown for groups with less than 20 participants.

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APPENDIX B – SUMMARY OF MAJOR PLAN PROVISIONS

This summary of plan provisions provides an overview of the major provisions of the pension plan used in the actuarial valuation. It is not intended to replace the more precise language of the Plan document, and if there is any difference between the description of the plan herein and the actual text of the plan document, the Plan document will govern.

1. Plan Year

January 1 through December 31

2. Pension Credit Year

January 1 through December 31

3. Normal Pension

Age Requirement: 65

Service Requirement: 10 years of service, or 5 years of service including one hour of service on January 1, 1989 or later.

Amount: 1.7% of all monies contributed to the Plan prior to January 1, 1977, 1% of all monies contributed to the Plan from January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1983, 1.3% of all monies contributed to the plan from January 1, 1984 to June 30, 1985, 1.7% of all monies contributed to the Plan from July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1987, 3.0% of all monies contributed to the Plan from July 1, 1987 to December 31, 1992, 3.0% of all monies credited to the Participant's account from January 1, 1993 to June 30, 1998, 3.25% of all monies credited to the Participant's account from July 1, 1998 to December 31, 2002, 2.50% of all monies credited to the Participant's account from January 1, 2003 to April 30, 2009 and 1.00% of all monies credited to the Participants' account on or after May 1, 2009.

Plus 1% of the average monthly contributions per year of past service from January 1, 1968 to December 31, 1976.

In addition, all benefits accrued through December 31, 1997 are increased by 12% and all benefits accrued through December 31, 1998 are increased by 10%.

4. Early Retirement

Age Requirement: 62

Service Requirement: 20 years of service (5 years of service for disabled participants)

Amount: Normal benefit accrued, reduced as follows:

Commencement Age	Reduction Factor
64	.9016
63	.8146
62	.7375

5. Vesting

Age Requirement: None

Service Requirement: 10 years of service, or 5 years of service including one hour of service on January 1, 1989 or later.

Normal Retirement Age: 65

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6. Terminal Disability Lump Sum Benefit

Age Requirement: None

Service Requirement: Participants who are vested, have been awarded a Social Security Disability Pension with a date of entitlement prior to May 1, 2009, and provided two written statements from physicians stating that the disability will lead to the Participant's death within one year of application.

Amount: A lump-sum equal to the greater of 36 times the monthly Normal Pension Benefit or 100% of employer contributions. If the Participant is still alive at his Normal Retirement Age, he will receive a monthly pension equal to his Normal Pension Benefit minus the actuarial equivalent of the lump sum received.

7. Pre-Retirement Death Benefit

Age Requirement: None

Service Requirement: Participants who are vested and have had at least \$250 of contributions made on their behalf.

Amount: Beneficiaries of married employees who die prior to retirement will receive a benefit under Option B on the date that the participant would have been eligible for a pension benefit. Beneficiaries of unmarried participants receive 100% of employer contributions payable in 60 equal monthly installments commencing at the participant's earliest retirement age.

8. Post-Retirement Death Benefit

Husband and Wife: If married, pension benefits are paid in the form of a 50% joint and survivor annuity (Option B), unless this form is rejected by employee and spouse. If not rejected, the benefit amount otherwise payable is reduced to reflect the joint and survivor coverage. If Option B has been rejected by employee and spouse or is not applicable, benefits are payable for the life of the employee without reduction, or in any other available optional form elected by the employee in an actuarially equivalent amount.

9. Optional Forms of Pension

- Life only
- 100% joint and survivor (Option A)
- 50% joint and survivor (Option B)
- Life with 10-year certain (Option C)
- 75% joint and survivor (Option D)

10. Participation

The earlier of the first day of the month following the month:

- i) during which the total employer contributions exceed \$250, provided contributions were made during each of twelve or more calendar months, or
- ii) during which the employee worked 1,000 hours during any 12-month consecutive period.

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11. Benefit Credit

Years of Past Service: The number of months prior to the employee's Applicable Effective Date provided such period of employment began prior to January 1, 1967, divided by 12.

Years of Future Service: In the fiscal year in which the Applicable Effective Date falls, an employee will be credited with the number of months between the Applicable Effective Date and the end of the fiscal year. Thereafter, a year of future service shall be granted at the rate of one year for each fiscal year during which employer contributions are made on his behalf or the Participant completed 1,000 hours of service.

12. Vesting Credit

The number of years of past service credit plus future service credit as outlined above.

13. Contribution Rate

Varies by employer based on rate per hour, shift, or percent of salary.

14. Changes in Plan Provisions since Last Valuation

None

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APPENDIX C – ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND MEHODS

A. Actuarial Assumptions

1. Valuation Date

January 1, 2024

2. Investment Return (or Discount Rate)

6.00% for funding and ASC 960 disclosure purposes

3.29% for determining RPA '94 current liability

All investment returns are net of investment expenses.

3. Mortality

Funding

Healthy Lives: RP-2014 Healthy Blue Collar Mortality Table, with full generational projection using Scale MP-2016.

Disabled Lives: RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, with full generational projection using Scale MP-2016.

In accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 35, we have considered the effect of mortality improvement prior to and subsequent to the measurement date in developing this assumption.

Terminated Vested participants over age 85 (as of the valuation date) are assumed to have died without a surviving spouse or will not collect a benefit from this Plan and are excluded from the valuation.

RPA '94 Current Liability

IRS 2024 Static Mortality Table.

4. Rates of Turnover

Terminations of employment for reasons other than death, disability or retirement are assumed to be in accordance with annual rates as shown below for illustrative ages.

Age	Rate (%)
20	11.91
25	11.59
30	10.83
35	9.41
40	7.73
45	5.96
50	3.84
55	1.41
60	0.14

Turnover rates do not apply on or after early retirement.

5. Rates of Disability

Illustrative rates of disablement are shown below:

Age	Rate (%)
20	0.08
25	0.08
30	0.08
35	0.09
40	0.14
45	0.27
50	0.60
55	1.28
60	2.61

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6. Rates of Retirement

Age*	Rate (%)
62	30
63-64	15
65-66	30
67-68	25
69-70	20
71	75
72	100

**If eligible*

7. Rates of Retirement for Inactive Vested Participants

Age*	Rate (%)
62	50
63-64	25
65	55
66	25
67-71	10
72	100

**If eligible*

8. Late Retirement Adjustments

Benefits for terminated vested participants who are assumed to commence receipt of benefits after attaining normal retirement age are increased 1% per month beyond normal retirement age. In addition, terminated vested participants over their Mandatory Retirement Date (MRD) are assumed to receive a retroactive lump sum with interest for missed payments from MRD through their expected date of retirement.

Benefits for active participants over Normal Retirement Age were adjusted to reflect suspension of benefits notices sent to all applicable participants September 2022. After September 2022, benefits were assumed to only increase with future accruals since our understanding is that the notice will be sent to all applicable participants timely in the future.

9. Annuitants

Annuitant records that have been reported as not being in pay status for the last 3 years are not included for valuation purposes.

10. Definition of Active

Employees for whom contributions were made for 50 or more shifts, excluding those who have retired as of the valuation date and those who worked for an employer that withdrew prior to the valuation date.

11. Future Benefit Accrual

Same as experienced during the plan year preceding the valuation date.

12. Family Composition

65% assumed married with the male spouse three years older than his wife.

13. Form of Benefit

65% of the active married population is assumed to elect the 100% joint and survivor form of payment. The remaining population is assumed to elect the life form of payment.

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14. Unknown Data for Participants

Same as those exhibited by participants with similar known characteristics. If not specified, participants are assumed to be male.

15. Administrative Expenses

\$2,827,000, payable mid-year, for the year beginning January 1, 2024 (or \$ 2,745,825 payable at the beginning of the year).

For financial disclosure under FASB ASC 960 the present value of future administrative expenses is assumed to be 3.82% of Accrued Liability. This assumes the expense assumption increases 2.5% per year.

16. Other Assumptions

A one-time expected benefit payment was included for 2024 to reflect the accumulation of missed late retirement payments for participants identified in the 2023 Voluntary Correction Program filing.

17. Changes in Assumptions since Last Valuation

- The RPA '94 current liability interest rate was changed from 2.55% to 3.29% to comply with appropriate guidance and remains within the required corridor as prescribed by the IRS, in accordance with §412(l)(7)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- The mortality table used to determine RPA '94 current liability is the static mortality table as described under Regulation 1.430(h)(3)-1(a)(3). The 2023 table was updated to 2024 in accordance with FR Doc. 2023-23267.

- The annual administrative expense assumption was increased from \$2,758,000 to \$2,827,000.
- For financial disclosure under FASB Topic ASC 960, the future administrative expense assumption was increased from 3.64% of the Present Value of Accrued Benefits to 3.82%.

18. Justification of Assumptions

Economic

In accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 27, the justification for 6.00% discount rate is based on the Trustees risk preference, the Plan's current asset allocation, and the investment managers capital market outlook.

Demographic

In accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 35, the demographic assumptions used in this report were most recently reviewed in conjunction with the Plan's SFA application. We annually check the assumptions against the sources of liability gains and losses resulting from recent valuations which are not producing significant deviations from actual plan experience. As such, the demographic assumptions continue to be reasonable and represent our best estimate.

For purposes of calculating current liability per IRC §431(c)(6)-1, the static mortality table as described under Regulation §1.430(h)(3)-1(a)(3) was used.

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B. Actuarial Methods

Funding Method: Unit Credit Cost Method

The funding method for the valuation of liabilities used for this valuation is the Unit Credit method. This is one of a family of valuation methods known as accrued benefits methods. The chief characteristic of an accrued benefits method is that the funding pattern follows the pattern of benefit accrual.

Under the Unit Credit Funding Method, the normal cost for each participant is the present value of the benefit expected to be earned in the upcoming plan year. The Actuarial Liability, Accrued Liability, Present Value of Accrued Benefits, and the Present Value of Accumulated Benefits are the present value of each participant’s current accrued benefit as of the valuation date.

One of the significant effects of this funding method is that, depending on the demographics of the population, the Unit Credit method tends to produce lower costs in the early years. There is a possibility that as the population ages, the annual cost could increase over time.

Asset Valuation Method

The Actuarial Value of Assets is equal to the Market Value of Assets.

Changes in Method since Last Valuation

None

Modeling Disclosures

In accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 56 (Modeling), the following disclosures are made regarding ProVal:

Cheiron utilizes ProVal, an actuarial valuation software leased from Winklevoss Technologies (WinTech) to calculate liabilities, normal costs and project benefit payments. We have relied on WinTech as the developer of ProVal. We have reviewed ProVal as it relates to the Plan and have used ProVal in accordance with its original intended purpose. We have not identified any material inconsistencies in the output of ProVal that would affect the contents of this actuarial valuation report.