

**2017 PETITION FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR**  
**Part A – Petition By Members**  
**To The Credentials And Election Committee of Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc.**



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 Type or Print Full Name of Member Being Nominated for Director ("Nominee")

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 Type or Print Name of the Director District in which the Nominee resides

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:** *The timely completion and delivery of the **mandatory** Parts of this Petition for Nomination (collectively "Petition") to the Credentials And Election Committee ("C&E Committee") or its designee at the headquarters office of Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Choptank"), in Denton, Maryland, at least 120 days before the date of the next Choptank Annual Meeting of Members (the "Next Annual Member Meeting") are necessary for the name of the Nominee to be placed on the ballot for election as a director of Choptank ("Director") at the Next Annual Member Meeting. See the Choptank bylaws ("Bylaws"), Section 4.05 (Nominations). The terms defined in these General Instructions and in the Instructions to the Parts (A, B, C & D) of this Petition apply throughout this Petition. **See the instructions to each Part of this Petition to determine whether it is mandatory or optional for you.** This Petition form has been approved by the Choptank Board of Directors ("Board") pursuant to the Bylaw 4.05, a.*

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PART A:** *As specified in Bylaw 4.05, a, the Nominee must provide the information described below and the valid signatures of at least fifteen (15) other members of Choptank in good standing as of the Record date for the ("Members"), in order to become a candidate for election as a Director. **Part A is mandatory for all Nominees.** As membership will be verified, it is recommended to get the signatures of more than fifteen (15) Members. Each Member who signs this Part A must also print his/her name, Choptank billing address, and telephone number, and should provide his/her Choptank account number.<sup>1</sup>*

**PURSUANT TO** Bylaw 4.05, a, I, the undersigned Nominee, hereby submit to the C&E Committee this Petition for my nomination as a candidate for election as a Director of Choptank from the \_\_\_\_\_ Director District at the Next Annual Member Meeting:

Name of Director District

Nominee's full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Choptank Member No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Name Last Name Suffix (Jr., III, etc.), if any

Principal Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Home & Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address, Town, State & Zip Code

Nominee's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

<sup>1</sup> A Member who signs this Petition is not required to provide his Choptank account number. However, by providing his account number he will assist everyone involved by making it easier for the C&E Committee in verifying that he is a Member of Choptank and that his signature should be counted toward the satisfying the minimum number of Member signatures required to make this nomination.

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 Type or Print Name of the Director District in which the Nominee resides

**PURSUANT TO** Bylaw 4.05, a, for the election to be held in conjunction with the Next Annual Member Meeting, we, the undersigned Members of Choptank, by this Petition, place in nomination as a candidate<sup>2</sup> for election as a Directors of Choptank from the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Director District in which Nominee resides

Director District of Choptank, the name of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type or Print Full Name (First, Middle & Last) of Nominee

Printed Member Name	Member Billing Address	Member Telephone No.	Account Number	Date of Signature	Original Member Signature

2 To be a candidate for Director of Choptank, and to continue to serve as a director of Choptank, one must meet all of the requirements as contained in the Bylaws; this Petition must be received by the C&E Committee at the headquarters office of Choptank, in Denton, MD, within the time required by the Bylaws; and this Petition must contain at least the minimum required number of valid and verifiable signatures of members in good standing of Choptank, as provided in Bylaws. The Bylaws are published on the Choptank website at:  
<http://choptankelectric.coopwebbuilder2.com/sites/choptankelectric/files/images/April%202014%20CEC%20Bylaws%20Amended%20Sec%20chngs%20in%20blk%20w%20JJB%20sign.pdf>







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**Part B – Nominee’s Certificate As To Minimum Qualifications And Conflicts Of Interest**  
**To The Credentials And Election Committee of Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PART B:** *The minimum qualifications to be a candidate for Director, and to continue to serve as a Director if elected, (“Minimum Qualifications”) are specified in Bylaws 4.03, a, 3), and 4.04, and are addressed in Bylaw 4.05, a. The answers to the questions in this Part B of the Petition are intended to determine whether the Nominee meets the Minimum Qualifications. **Part B is mandatory for all Nominees who are not incumbent Directors running for re-election.***

**PURSUANT TO** Section 4.05 (Nominations), Subsection a, of the Bylaws of Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc.“, I, the undersigned Nominee, hereby submit to the C&E Committee this Petition for my nomination as a candidate for election as a Director of Choptank, and represent as follows:

1. Additional names and contact information of Nominee:

Other names by which you have been known: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal residence, mailing address (if different from street address given in Part A):

\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I consent to receive communications from the C&E Committee via the above email address.

2. I, the Nominee, have read and am familiar with the contents of the following Sections of the Bylaws of Choptank, last amended on April 22, 2014, (hereafter the “Bylaws”): § 2.01 (Membership); § 2.02 (Joint Membership); § 2.09 (Duties Of Members); § 3.14, a, 2) (defining “Close Relative”); § 4.03 (Composition), a, 3) (defining “principal residence”); § 4.04 (Qualifications); § 4.05 (Nominations) and § 5.09 (Conflict Of Interest Transaction); and with the contents of Board Policy No. 108 (Board Of Directors - Conflicts Of Interest), last amended on March 24, 2016; each of which Bylaws and Board Policy was enclosed with this Petition when I received it.

3. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief I, the Nominee, do not have any conflict of interest or any appearance of a conflict of interest with Choptank, as defined by Board Policy No. 108, except as hereafter described: *(Answer “None” if true, or describe all actual or appearances of conflicts of interest with Choptank, as applicable; attach additional pages if more space is needed to answer, attaching such additional page(s) as necessary to complete your answer):*

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR QUESTIONS 4 THROUGH 23:** *The Nominee shall answer each of the following questions as of the scheduled date of the Next Annual Member Meeting, which is the date as of which his/her qualifications for office will be determined by the C&E Committee. Place a mark in the appropriate box for “Yes” or “No” next to the following question nos. 4 through 23 to answer those questions, and provide the additional information requested in question no. 11.*

Question

4. As of the date on which you are signing and submitting this Petition, and as of the scheduled date of the election, has your principal residence, at which you have actually lived (resided) as your principal residence, been located within the service territory of Choptank and within the Director District for which you are seeking to be elected as a Director for more than 182 days during the preceding 365 days?
5. Are you a registered voter of the county where the Director District in which you are seeking to be a candidate is located?
6. Are you a Member, or a member of a Joint Membership, of Choptank, as defined by Sections 2.01 or 2.02 of the Bylaws?
7. Is your Membership in Choptank in Good Standing, as defined by Section 2.09 of the Bylaws?
8. Are you at this time receiving electricity and/or delivery of electricity supplied by Choptank at your principal residence, as defined in Section 4.03 a, 3) of the Bylaws?
9. Are you now, or will you be as of the scheduled date of the election for Director, at least eighteen (18) years of age?
10. Are you without all conditions that would impair your capacity to enter into legally binding contracts?
11. Are you a graduate from an accredited high school or have you earned a high school equivalency diploma from an accredited educational institution? If “yes”, please state the name and address of the school or institution that issued you the diploma or certificate, and the date thereof, in the following space:

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Yes	No





Question

meetings of the Board of Directors of Choptank (the “Board”), as described in Bylaw Section 4.04, b, 7)? Each month every Director is provided with information from management prior to each Board meeting, and it normally takes several hours in advance of the meeting date for each Director to individually to review that information at home and prepare to participate in the Board meeting. The Board meetings are now normally been scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on the third or fourth Tuesday of each month, and normally last into the afternoon? The annual meeting has normally been held on a Tuesday evening in April. In addition, educational multi-day meetings are held by a regional and a national electric association which normally require out-of-state travel several times a year, with reasonable travel expenses paid by Choptank.

Yes	No

**NOTICE:** It is the responsibility of the Nominee to meet all minimum requirements to be a Director as of the date he/she is elected, and continue to meet all minimum requirements to be a Director for the duration of his/her term as a Director. In the event any representation in this Part B shall cease to be true and correct before the Next Annual Member Meeting he/she shall immediately notify the C&E Committee in writing. In the event any representation in this Part B shall cease to be true and correct after he/she is elected as a Director, he/she shall immediately notify the Board of Directors in writing.

Enclosures: Bylaws 2.01; 2.02; 2.09; 3.14, a, 2); 4.03, a, 3); 4.04, 4.05 and 5.9; and Board Policy No. 108

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**Part C –Nominee’s Disclosures And Additional Qualifications**  
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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PART C:** *Completion and submission of this Part C is optional for all Nominees.* Part C seeks information about the Nominee beyond the Minimum Qualifications addressed in Part B of this Petition, which may be of assistance to Members in deciding who is most qualified to serve as a Director.

1. **Recent Business And Professional Experience.** On the following blank pages (add more pages if needed) list your business experience during the past five years. Include all business experience, principal occupation and employment. If you are a farmer, list your farm name (if any), farm location, acreage tilled and type of operation.
2. **Other Relevant Business And Professional Experience.** On the following blank pages (add more pages if needed) describe your business and professional experiences that are relevant to serving on the board of directors an electric utility cooperative.
3. **Experience As A Director.** On the following blank pages (add more pages if needed) describe your past and current experience as a director of any organization (including Choptank if you are a past or incumbent Choptank director). Include all positions held on those boards as an officer and/or committee chair, committee assignments. In response to question 4, c, below, describe any training you have received to serve as a director.
4. **Education And Training.** On the following blank pages (add more pages if needed) describe your education and training beyond high school, including: community or junior college, college, and advanced degrees; professional licenses; and training courses taken by you from industry trade associations, professional associations, or others that are relevant in the electric utility business, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Each degree earned by you, including the name of the degree, the major course of study, name of the educational institution which awarded the degree, and the year in which the degree was awarded;
  - b. Each professional license held by you, including the name off the license, the date it was issued, and the issuing agency; and
  - c. Each educational or training course taken by you from a professional or industry trade association or other organization that is relevant in the electric utility business, such as, but not limited to, accounting, banking, electricity, engineering, finance, investments, law, management, personnel, or real estate appraisal.
5. **On the following blank pages** (add more pages if needed) describe any other of your significant experiences and accomplishments not described above that are relevant to or reflect your qualifications to serve as a Director of Choptank.

6. **On the following blank pages** (add more pages if needed) describe your civic activities and personal interests.
7. **On the following blank pages** (add more pages if needed) describe why you want to serve on the board of directors of Choptank.





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**Part D – Certifications, Acknowledgments Consents And Agreements**  
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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PART D: Part D is mandatory for all Nominees.**

I, the undersigned Nominee, hereby submit this Petition (**which in all cases includes Parts A and D, includes Part B if the Nominee is not an incumbent Director, and may include Part C at the Nominee’s option**) to the C&E Committee for nomination as a candidate for election to the Board of Directors of Choptank at the Next Annual Member Meeting. I hereby represent to the C&E Committee and to Choptank that all of the matters and facts set forth in this Petition are complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I hereby agree as follows:

1. In the event of any change in circumstances before the Next Annual Member Meeting such that any response and/or representation by me in this Petition is rendered incomplete, untrue and incorrect to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, then I must immediately report such change to the C&E Committee in writing.
2. The C&E Committee and/or Choptank, without liability to me, **may publish this Petition without making any changes in the contents thereof**, and may in good faith cause and/or conduct any investigation and act on the results of any such investigation to determine: (a) whether the persons who signed Part A of this Petition are qualified to do so according to the Bylaws; (b) whether I meet the Minimum Qualifications to be a Director of Choptank; and/or (c) whether the representations made in this Petition are complete, true and correct; and
3. In their sole discretion the C&E Committee and/or Choptank, without liability to me, may in good faith use the information provided by me in this Petition to prepare and publish to the Members of Choptank, including in Choptank’s publication titled “Live Wire” and/or on Choptank’s website, a biography of me in order to give the voting Members information about the candidates who are running to be elected as a Director, **provided that I first have had the opportunity to review my biography as prepared by the C&E Committee and/or Choptank, and have thereafter given the C&E Committee and/or Choptank my written approval of my biography as written.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Nominee’s Signature