


Form 990



Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-0047

2011

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2011 and ending 12-31-2011

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

RIO GRANDE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite

PO BOX 1509

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

BRACKETTVILLE, TX 78832

F Name and address of principal officer

DANIEL G LAWS

PO BOX 1509

BRACKETTVILLE, TX 78832

D Employer identification number

74-1062291

E Telephone number

(830) 563-2444

G Gross receipts \$ 45,356,427

I Tax-exempt status

☐ 501(c)(3)

☒ 501(c) ( 12 )

(insert no )

☐ 4947(a)(1) or

☐ 527

J Website: WWW RGEC COM

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation

☐ Trust

☐ Association

☐ Other

L Year of formation 1945

M State of legal domicile TX

Part I	Summary																																			
Activities & Governance	<div>1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities</div> <div>TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY TO RURAL AREAS</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div>2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets</div> <div>3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) . . . . .</div> <div>4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) . . . . .</div> <div>5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a) . . . . .</div> <div>6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) . . . . .</div> <div>7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 . . . . .</div> <div>7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 . . . . .</div>																																			
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Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) . . . . .																																			
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) . . . . .																																			
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d ) . . . . .																																			
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)																																			
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .																																			
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3 ) . . . . .																																			
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) . . . . .																																			
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)																																			
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) . . . . .																																			
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶0																																			
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	18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)																																			
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 . . . . .																																			

Part II

Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

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Signature of officer

2012-11-01

Date

DANIEL G LAWS GENERAL MANAGER

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature

LAURIE HANSON

Date

2012-11-01

Check if self-employed

☐

Preparer's taxpayer identification number (see instructions)

P00851848

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4

EIDE BAILLY LLP

200 EAST 10TH STREET PO BOX 5125

SIOUX FALLS, SD 571175125

EIN

▶ 45-0250958

Phone no

▶ (605) 339-1999

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) . . . . . ☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Form 990 (2011)

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

1

Briefly describe the organization's mission

NONE

2

Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

YesNo

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3

Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

YesNo

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a

(Code ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

PROVIDED ELECTRIC SERVICE TO APPROXIMATELY 6,008 MEMBERS AND 12,539 METERS

4b

(Code ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4c

(Code ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e

Total program service expenses \$

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A . . . . .	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors(see instructions)? . . . .	2	No
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I . . . . .	3	No
4 <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .	4	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III . . . . .	5	No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10	No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes,' then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.	11a	Yes
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.	11b	No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.	11e	Yes
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.	11f	Yes
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	12a	Yes
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? . . . . .	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I . . . . .	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II and IV . . . . .	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III and IV . . . . .	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II . . . . .	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III . . . . .	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H . . . . .	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers that operated one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements . . . . .	20b	

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II . . . .</i>	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III . . . . .</i>	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J . . . . .</i>	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25 . . . . .</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . .	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . .	24d		
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .</i>	25a		
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .</i>	25b		
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II . . . . .</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III . . . . .</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I . . . . .</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II . . . . .</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I . . . . .</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1 . . . . .</i>	34		No
35a	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the filing organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .</i>	35b		No
36	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .</i>	36		
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI . . . . .</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O . . . . .	38	Yes	

<div>Part V</div> <div>Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance</div>			
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V <input type="checkbox"/>			
		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable. .	1a	96
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1b	0
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return. .	2a	180
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?  Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	2b	Yes
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	Yes
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	3b	Yes
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account or securities account)?	4a	No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		8	
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10b	
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	11a	66,800,204
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).	11b	392,174
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b	
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. All 501(c)(29) organizations must list in Schedule O each state in which they are licensed to issue qualified health plans, the amount of reserves required by each state, and the amount of reserves the organization allocated to each state.	13a	
b	Enter the aggregate amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.	13b	
c	Enter the aggregate amount of reserves on hand.	13c	
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		14a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	14b	

Part VI

**Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.  
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI ☒

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year . . . . .		
1a	13		
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent . . . . .	1b	13
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? . . . . .	2	No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? . . . . .	3	No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . . . .	4	Yes
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . .	5	No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . .	6	Yes
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? . . . . .	7a	Yes
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? . . . . .	7b	Yes
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following . . . . .		
a	The governing body? . . . . .	8a	Yes
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . .	8b	No
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O . . . . .	9	No

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? . . . . .	10a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? . . . . .	10b	
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? . . . . .	11a	Yes
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990 . . . . .		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 . . . . .	12a	Yes
b	Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? . . . . .	12b	Yes
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done . . . . .	12c	No
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . .	13	No
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . .	14	Yes
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? . . . . .		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official . . . . .	15a	Yes
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization . . . . .	15b	No
	If "Yes," to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions) . . . . .		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? . . . . .	16a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? . . . . .	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶ _____
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table.
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ▶ SHAWN E STANLEY HWY 90 SH131 BRACKETTVILLE, TX 78832 (830) 563-2444

Part VII

Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organizations compensated any current or former officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) STEPHEN HAYNES PRESIDENT	4.00	X		X				5,750	0	0
(2) MARK DAUGHERTY VICE PRESIDENT	4.00	X		X				6,500	0	0
(3) MARGARITA NELSON SECRETARY	4.00	X		X				5,000	0	0
(4) ROWDY HOLMSLEY TREASURER	4.00	X		X				7,000	0	0
(5) FRANK ARCHULETA DIRECTOR	4.00	X						6,750	0	0
(6) HENRY MILLS III DIRECTOR	4.00	X						6,000	0	0
(7) LOWELL WOODWARD DIRECTOR	4.00	X						750	0	0
(8) KIMBALL MILLER DIRECTOR	4.00	X						6,000	0	0
(9) JAMES EVRAGE DIRECTOR	4.00	X						6,750	0	0
(10) PRISCILLA PARSONS DIRECTOR	4.00	X						7,500	0	0
(11) JIMMY BALLEW DIRECTOR	4.00	X						7,000	0	0
(12) WILLIAM WHITE DIRECTOR	4.00	X						7,250	0	0
(13) CINDY WHITEHEAD DIRECTOR	4.00	X						7,000	0	0
(14) DONALD HERSCHAP DECEASED DIRECTOR	4.00	X						2,000	0	0
(15) DANIEL G LAWS GENERAL MANAGER/CEO	46.00			X				149,561	0	77,119

## Part VII

<b>1b</b>	<b>Sub-Total . . . . .</b>			
<b>c</b>	<b>Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A . . . . .</b>			
<b>d</b>	<b>Total (add lines 1b and 1c) . . . . .</b>	230,811	0	77,119

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed in Item 1) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization. ▶1

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> . . . . .	3	No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> . . . . .	4	Yes
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i> . . . . .	5	No

## Section B. Independent Contractors

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
TRI-STATE ELECTRIC LTD 530 VALLEY CHILE ROAD VINTON, TX 79821	CONTRACTOR	2,337,257
URBAN ELECTRICAL SERVICES INC PO BOX 219 CARRIZO SPRINGS, TX 78834	CONTRACTOR	1,474,503
CHEBO'S ELECTRIC PO BOX 4670 ANTHONY, TX 88021	CONTRACTOR	1,154,569
LLANO UTILITY SERVICES INC 3501 FM 2181 SUITE 245 CORINTH, TX 76210	CONTRACTOR	1,016,165
SOLAR ELECTRIC CO INC PO BOX 2741 LAS CRUCES, NM 88004	CONTRACTOR	439,968
<b>2</b> Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization <b>8</b>		



Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a					
	b	Membership dues . . . . .	1b					
	c	Fundraising events . . . . .	1c					
	d	Related organizations . . . .	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f					
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .						
Program Service Revenue			Business Code					
	2a	SALE OF POWER	221000	34,169,715	34,169,715			
	b	OTHER INCOME	221000	10,522,037	10,521,950	87		
	c	INTERNET SALES	517000	190,084		190,084		
	d	PATRONAGE CAPITAL	517000	174,957	174,957			
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .		45,056,793				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) . . . . .		44,432			44,432	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . .						
	5	Royalties . . . . .						
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
			157,658					
			11,917					
			145,741					
	b	Less rental expenses						
	c	Rental income or (loss)						
	d	Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .		145,741			145,741	
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses						
	c	Gain or (loss)						
	d	Net gain or (loss) . . . . .						
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .	a					
	b	Less direct expenses . . . . .	b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . .						
9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	a						
b	Less direct expenses . . . . .	b						
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . .							
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances .	a	97,544					
b	Less cost of goods sold . . . . .	b	85,514					
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . .		12,030	12,030				
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11a								
b								
c								
d	All other revenue . . . . .							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .							
12	Total revenue. See Instructions . . . . .		45,258,996	44,878,652	190,171	190,173		

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns  
All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D)  
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members	7,534,871			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	253,817			
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	6,597,071			
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	1,640,501			
9	Other employee benefits				
10	Payroll taxes	540,883			
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting				
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other				
12	Advertising and promotion				
13	Office expenses				
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy				
17	Travel				
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20	Interest	1,873,605			
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	3,492,435			
23	Insurance				
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O )				
a	COST OF POWER	19,083,973			
b	DISTRIBUTION-OPERATIONS	3,628,033			
c	ADMIN & GENERAL	3,078,204			
d	DISTRIBUTION-MAINTENANC	1,716,721			
e					
f	All other expenses	-4,181,118			
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	45,258,996			
26	Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X

Balance Sheet

					(A)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .				1	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .			1,684,129	2	1,920,624
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .				3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net . . . . .			7,707,963	4	9,558,386
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .				5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .				6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .				7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use . . . . .			2,511,954	8	4,313,614
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .			1,362,939	9	3,384,173
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment, cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D . . . . .	10a	120,115,667	71,833,839	10c	73,456,693
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation . . . . .	10b	46,658,974			
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .				11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .				12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .			1,665,921	13	1,710,880
	14	Intangible assets . . . . .				14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .			9,364	15	9,237
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .			86,776,109	16	94,353,607
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .			3,081,254	17	4,382,042
	18	Grants payable . . . . .				18	
	19	Deferred revenue . . . . .				19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .				20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .				21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .				22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .			41,876,212	23	38,595,540
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .			5,851,747	24	2,984,572
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .			3,122,488	25	8,470,389
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .			53,931,701	26	54,432,543
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets . . . . .				27	
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .				28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .				29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.						
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .			29,235	30	30,040
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .			0	31	0
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .			32,815,173	32	39,891,024
	33	Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .			32,844,408	33	39,921,064
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .			86,776,109	34	94,353,607

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	45,258,996
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	45,258,996
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	0
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	32,844,408
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	7,076,656
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	39,921,064

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	Yes	
c	If "Yes," to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O		No
d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separated basis		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

SCHEDULE D  
(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No 1545-0047

2011

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b  
Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

Name of the organization  
RIO GRANDE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

Employer identification number  
74-1062291

Part I

Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Part II

Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)  
☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure) ☐ Preservation of an historically importantly land area  
☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure  
☐ Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a–2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3

Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a

☐ Public exhibition

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

b

☐ Scholarly research

e

☐ Other

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current Year	(b)Prior Year	(c)Two Years Back	(d)Three Years Back	(e)Four Years Back
1a	Beginning of year balance . . . . .				
b	Contributions . . . . .				
c	Investment earnings or losses . . . . .				
d	Grants or scholarships . . . . .				
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .				
f	Administrative expenses . . . . .				
g	End of year balance . . . . .				

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶

b

Permanent endowment ▶

c

Term endowment ▶

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i)

unrelated organizations . . . . .

(ii)

related organizations . . . . .

b

If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? . . . . .

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

4

Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land . . . . .		242,667		242,667
b Buildings . . . . .		12,861,870	4,959,371	7,902,499
c Leasehold improvements . . . . .				
d Equipment . . . . .		103,785,634	41,699,603	62,086,031
e Other . . . . .		3,225,496		3,225,496
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . . .				73,456,693



Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements		
1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	145,258,996
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	245,258,996
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	30
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5
6	Investment expenses	6
7	Prior period adjustments	7
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	87,076,656
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	97,076,656
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	107,076,656

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return		
1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .	145,093,380
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12	
a	Net unrealized gains on investments . . . . .2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV) . . . . .2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d . . . . .2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1 . . . . .3	345,093,380
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:	
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV) . . . . .4b165,616	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b . . . . .4c	165,616
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 ) . . . . .5	545,258,996

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return		
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .	137,558,509
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	
a	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .2a	
b	Prior year adjustments . . . . .2b	
c	Other losses . . . . .2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV) . . . . .2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d . . . . .2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1 . . . . .3	337,558,509
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:	
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV) . . . . .4b7,700,487	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b . . . . .4c	7,700,487
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 ) . . . . .5	545,258,996

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
DESCRIPTION OF UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS UNDER FIN 48	PART X	THE COOPERATIVE EVALUATED ITS INCOME TAX POSITIONS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. MANAGEMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT THERE ARE NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS AT DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010 THAT MEET THE CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THE COOPERATIVE WOULD RECOGNIZE FUTURE ACCRUED INTEREST AND PENALTIES RELATED TO UNRECOGNIZED TAX BENEFITS IN INCOME TAX EXPENSE IF INCURRED. GENERALLY, THE COOPERATIVE IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FEDERAL OR STATE TAX EXAMINATIONS BY TAX AUTHORITIES FOR YEARS BEFORE 2008.
PART XI, LINE 8 - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		CAPITAL CREDIT RETIREMENTS -459,021. MEMBERSHIPS ISSUED 806. ALLOCATION OF 2011 MARGINS TO MEMBERS IN 2012 7,534,871. TOTAL TO SCHEDULE D, PART XI, LINE 8 7,076,656.
PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		EXPENSES NETTED TO REVENUE FOR GAAP 165,616.
PART XIII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		EXPENSES NETTED TO REVENUE FOR GAAP 165,616. ALLOCATION OF 2011 MARGINS TO MEMBERS IN 2012 7,534,871.



Schedule J  
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Employer identification number  
74-1062291

Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

		Yes	No
1a	Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items		
	<div><div><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)</div></div>		
b	If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b	Yes
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2	Yes
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply		
	<div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</div></div>		
4	During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization		
a	Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	4a	No
b	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b	No
c	Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?	4c	No
	If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III		
	Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.		
5	For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of		
a	The organization?	5a	
b	Any related organization?	5b	
	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III		
6	For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of		
a	The organization?	6a	
b	Any related organization?	6b	
	If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III		
7	For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	7	
8	Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs section 53 4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	8	
9	If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53 4958-6(c)?	9	

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

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**Part III**   **Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	PART I, LINE 1A	THE GM/CEO IS REQUIRED, AS PART OF HIS COMPENSATION PACKAGE, TO LIVE IN A HOUSE OWNED BY THE COOPERATIVE AS STATED IN A BOARD RESOLUTION. A RENTAL VALUE OF THE HOME IS REPORTED ON THE GM/CEO'S W-2 FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

SCHEDULE O

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or to provide any additional information.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 4	IN SEPTEMBER 2011 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVISED THE BY-LAW THAT STATED DIRECTORS MAY SERVE UP TO THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE, THREE (3) YEAR TERMS TO NOW STATE DIRECTORS CAN SERVE UP TO FOUR (4) CONSECUTIVE, THREE (3) YEAR TERMS
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE ORGANIZATION HAS TWO TYPES OF MEMBERS, EACH HAVE THE SAME VOTING RIGHTS 1 - BUNDLED ELECTRIC ENERGY SERVICE 2 - UNBUNDLED DISTRIBUTION SERVICE UNDER CONTRACT (MILITARY BASE)
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	EACH MEMBER HAS ONE VOTE FOR EACH OPEN DISTRICT BOARD POSITION
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	DISPOSITION OF ALL OR SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE COOPERATIVE'S PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE MEMBERS
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8B	THERE ARE NO COMMITTEES WITHIN THE COOPERATIVE THAT HAVE BROAD AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	A COPY OF THE FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER AFTER THE REVIEW, A COPY OF THE FORM 990 IS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD MEMBERS THE 990 IS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD MEMBERS AT THE BOARD MEETING PRIOR TO ITS FILING, IF SO REQUESTED BY ANY BOARD MEMBER
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12	THE POLICY STATES THE PERSON MUST COME FORTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY THE DIRECTORS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AN AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY DURING TIME OF ELECTION OR RE-ELECTION STATING SUCH CONFLICT EACH EMPLOYEE IS ALSO ASKED TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION IN THEIR APPLICATION
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A	EACH DIRECTOR COMPLETES AN APPROVED EVALUATION AND SUBMITS IT TO THE GM/CEO REVIEW COMMITTEE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS THE COMMITTEE THEN DEVELOPS A COMPOSITE OF ALL EVALUATION FORMS TO PRESENT TO THE GM/CEO REGIONAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL DATA IS USED TO ASSIST THE BOARD IN DETERMINING THE GM/CEO SALARY THIS PROCESS WAS UNDERTAKEN IN 2011
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THESE DOCUMENTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 5	CAPITAL CREDIT RETIREMENTS -459,021 MEMBERSHIPS ISSUED 806 ALLOCATION OF 2011 MARGINS TO MEMBERS IN 2012 7,534,871 TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 5 7,076,656
	FORM 990, PART VII, COLUMN F, OTHER COMPENSATION	INCLUDED IN OTHER COMPENSATION IS THE ESTIMATED CURRENT YEAR INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE ACTUARIAL VALUE OF THE DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER THE CURRENT YEAR INCREASE OR DECREASE DOES NOT REPRESENT CURRENT YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PLAN RATHER, IT IS AN ESTIMATE OF THE INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE ACTUARIAL VALUE OF THE PLAN AS CALCULATED BY THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR
	FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 24E STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	THE LABOR, PENSION AND PAYROLL TAXES REPORTED ON LINES 6-10 ARE INCLUDED IN DISTRIBUTION EXPENSE, ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL EXPENSE AND CUSTOMER EXPENSE THEREFORE, LABOR, PENSION AND PAYROLL TAXES ARE SHOWN AS A REDUCTION TO OTHER EXPENSES ON LINE 24E
	FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 4, BENEFITS PAID TO OR FOR MEMBERS	THE COOPERATIVE HAS INTERPRETED THE INSTRUCTIONS TO PART IX, LINE 4, TO MEAN PATRONAGE CAPITAL ALLOCATED FOR THE YEAR, RATHER THAN PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIRED THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE BY-LAWS OF THE COOPERATIVE

**Additional Data**

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