

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

CHEROKEE COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

Doing Business As

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

PO BOX 257

Room/suite

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

RUSK, TX 757850257

F Name and address of principal officer

GREG JONES
PO BOX 257
RUSK, TX 757850257

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates?

☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all affiliates included?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status

☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (12) ◀(insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website:

▶ N/A

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation

1939

M State of legal domicile

TX

Part I

Summary

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| Activities & Governance | <div>1</div> | Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC ENERGY TO RURAL AREAS AT COST ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS |
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| | <div>2</div> | Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets |
| | <div>3</div> | Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) |
| | <div>3</div> | 7 |
| Revenue | <div>4</div> | Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) |
| | <div>4</div> | 7 |
| | <div>5</div> | Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a) |
| | <div>5</div> | 72 |
| | <div>6</div> | Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) |
| | <div>6</div> | 0 |
| | <div>7a</div> | Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 |
| Expenses | <div>7a</div> | 0 |
| | <div>7b</div> | 0 |
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| Net Assets or Fund Balances | <div>8</div> | Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) |
| | <div>8</div> | 0 |
| | <div>9</div> | Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) |
| | <div>9</div> | 38,261,476 |
| | <div>10</div> | Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) |
| | <div>10</div> | 59,941 |
| | <div>11</div> | Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) |
| Signature Block | <div>11</div> | 66,475 |
| | <div>12</div> | Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) |
| | <div>12</div> | 38,387,892 |
| | <div>13</div> | Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3) |
| | <div>13</div> | 0 |
| | <div>14</div> | Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) |
| | <div>14</div> | 0 |
| Expenses | <div>15</div> | Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10) |
| | <div>15</div> | 1,402,907 |
| | <div>16a</div> | Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) |
| | <div>16a</div> | 0 |
| | <div>b</div> | Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶0 |
| | <div>17</div> | Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e) |
| | <div>17</div> | 33,924,252 |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | <div>18</div> | Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) |
| | <div>18</div> | 35,327,159 |
| | <div>19</div> | Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 |
| | <div>19</div> | 3,060,733 |
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| Net Assets or Fund Balances | <div>20</div> | Total assets (Part X, line 16) |
| | <div>20</div> | 76,218,632 |
| | <div>21</div> | Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) |
| | <div>21</div> | 43,172,112 |
| | <div>22</div> | Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20 |
| | <div>22</div> | 33,046,520 |
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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

Signature of officer

2012-11-09

Date

GREG JONES GENERAL MANAGER

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature

▶ RONNIE HERRINGTON CPA

Date

2012-10-05

Check if self-employed ▶ ☐

Preparer's taxpayer identification number (see instructions)

P00028527

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

▶ GOFF & HERRINGTON PC
2833 TED TROUT DRIVE SUITE D
LUFKIN, TX 75904

EIN ▶ 27-3625988

Phone no ▶ (936) 875-3317

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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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

TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC ENERGY TO RURAL AREAS AT COST ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS

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 \$)

SALE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO APPROXIMATELY 14,500 MEMBERS IN 4 COUNTIES MEMBERS WERE PROVIDED POWER, ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS, THROUGH APPROXIMATELY 18,750 CONNECTED 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 |
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| 1 | Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> | 1 | No |
| 2 | Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i> | 3 | No |
| 4 | Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i> | 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> | 5 | |
| 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>  | 7 | No |
| 8 | Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>  | 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>  | 9 | No |
| 10 | Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>  | 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i>  | 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i>  | 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i>  | 11c | Yes |
| 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i>  | 11d | No |
| e | Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>  | 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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>  | 11f | No |
| 12a | Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i>  | 12a | Yes |
| b | Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i>  | 12b | No |
| 13 | Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> | 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</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 ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II and IV</i> | 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 ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III and IV</i> | 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> | 18 | No |
| 19 | Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> | 19 | No |
| 20a | Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> | 20a | No |
| b | If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? Note. All Form 990 filers that operated one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements | 20b | |

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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| 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 | Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. 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 | Section 501(c)(3) organizations. 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? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O | 38 | Yes | |

| Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 | 25 | | | |
| 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 | 72 | | | |
| 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 | | | | No |
| b | If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O | | | 3b | | | | |
| 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 | | | | No |
| 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 | | | | No |
| 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 | 38,382,249 | | | |
| b | Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them) | | | 11b | 1,478,031 | | | |
| 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

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| | | Yes | No |
| 1a | Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year | | |
| 1a | 7 | | |
| b | Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent | 1b | 7 |
| 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 | No |
| 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 | Yes |
| 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.)

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| | | 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 | Yes |
| 13 | Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? | 13 | Yes |
| 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 | Yes |
| | 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

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| 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 ▶ KENNETH HICKS PO BOX 257 RUSK, TX 757850257 (903) 683-2248 |

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) JACK CHEEK DIRECTOR/PRESIDENT | 6.00 | X | | X | | | | 3,935 | 0 | 0 |
| (2) WES BARRON DIRECTOR/V P | 3.00 | X | | X | | | | 20,205 | 0 | 0 |
| (3) BR DARBY JR DIRECTOR/SECT/TREAS | 3.50 | X | | X | | | | 3,930 | 0 | 0 |
| (4) KYLE GRIFFITH DIRECTOR | 3.50 | X | | | | | | 20,571 | 0 | 0 |
| (5) DB LANGFORD DIRECTOR | 2.00 | X | | | | | | 4,624 | 0 | 0 |
| (6) JIM TARRANT JR DIRECTOR | 2.00 | X | | | | | | 20,505 | 0 | 0 |
| (7) KEITH YOUNGBLOOD DIRECTOR | 5.50 | X | | | | | | 5,347 | 0 | 0 |
| (8) GREG JONES GENERAL MANAGER | 50.00 | | | X | | | | 134,149 | 0 | 77,054 |
| (9) KENNETH HICKS ACCOUNTING MANAGER | 40.00 | | | X | | | | 67,026 | 0 | 28,441 |
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Part VII

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|-----------|--|----------|---------|---|---------|
| 1b | Sub-Total | ▼ | | | |
| c | Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A | ▼ | | | |
| d | Total (add lines 1b and 1c) | ▼ | 280,292 | 0 | 105,495 |

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 former 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 |
|---|---|---------------------|
| HARRIS LINE SERVICE CO INC PO BOX 7165 LONGVIEW, TX 75607 | RIGHT-OF-WAY CLEARING | 1,582,690 |
| POWER ENGINEERS INC 3940 GLENBROOK DRIVE HAILEY, ID 83333 | CONSULTING ENGINEERS | 379,897 |
| EAST TEXAS UTILITY SERVICE INC PO BOX 1673 JACKSONVILLE, TX 75766 | ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION & TRANSMISSION C | 350,198 |
| THEDFORD CONSTRUCTION CO INC 5117 STEEL ROAD TYLER, TX 757033041 | ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION & TRANSMISSION C | 203,423 |
| XPEDIENT MAIL 2900 FINFEATHER ROAD BRYAN, TX 77801 | PRINTING AND MAILING | 117,907 |

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ►5

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 | ELECTRICTY ENERGY | 221000 | 38,382,249 | 38,382,249 | | | |
| | b | PATRONAGE CAPITAL - G& | 221000 | 1,264,642 | 1,264,642 | | | |
| | c | PATRONAGE CAPITAL - CF | 221000 | 184,281 | 184,281 | | | |
| | d | | | | | | | |
| | e | | | | | | | |
| | f | All other program service revenue | | | | | | |
| | g | Total. Add lines 2a-2f | | 39,831,172 | | | | |
| Other Revenue | 3 | Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) | | 143,149 | | | 143,149 | |
| | 4 | Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . | | | | | | |
| | 5 | Royalties | | | | | | |
| | 6a | Gross rents | (i) Real | (ii) Personal | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | b | Less rental expenses | | | | | | |
| | c | Rental income or (loss) | | | | | | |
| | d | Net rental income or (loss) | | | | | | |
| | 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 | | | | | | |
| b | Less cost of goods sold | b | | | | | | |
| c | Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | | Business Code | | | | | | |
| 11a | POLE RENTAL | 221000 | 70,240 | | | 70,240 | | |
| b | | | | | | | | |
| c | | | | | | | | |
| d | All other revenue | | | | | | | |
| e | Total. Add lines 11a-11d | | 70,240 | | | | | |
| 12 | Total revenue. See Instructions | | 40,044,561 | 39,831,172 | 0 | 213,389 | | |

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 | 605,526 | | | |
| 5 | Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees | 280,292 | | | |
| 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 | 1,029,792 | | | |
| 8 | Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions) | 94,309 | | | |
| 9 | Other employee benefits | | | | |
| 10 | Payroll taxes | | | | |
| 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 | 117,522 | | | |
| 12 | Advertising and promotion | 5,807 | | | |
| 13 | Office expenses | 286,467 | | | |
| 14 | Information technology | | | | |
| 15 | Royalties | | | | |
| 16 | Occupancy | 123,527 | | | |
| 17 | Travel | | | | |
| 18 | Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials | | | | |
| 19 | Conferences, conventions, and meetings | 14,395 | | | |
| 20 | Interest | 1,694,549 | | | |
| 21 | Payments to affiliates | | | | |
| 22 | Depreciation, depletion, and amortization | 2,468,233 | | | |
| 23 | Insurance | 73,837 | | | |
| 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 PURCHASED POWER | 24,037,930 | | | |
| b | DISTRIBUTION - MAINTENA | 3,094,463 | | | |
| c | DISTRIBUTION - OPERATIO | 1,598,301 | | | |
| d | ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENE | 1,015,277 | | | |
| e | | | | | |
| f | All other expenses | 1,205,458 | | | |
| 25 | Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f | 37,745,685 | | | |
| 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 | | | 6,777,738 | 1 | 5,628,968 |
| | 2 | Savings and temporary cash investments | | | 479,950 | 2 | 508,490 |
| | 3 | Pledges and grants receivable, net | | | | 3 | |
| | 4 | Accounts receivable, net | | | 4,130,163 | 4 | 4,539,319 |
| | 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 | | | 623,899 | 8 | 799,679 |
| | 9 | Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | | | 168,847 | 9 | 362,400 |
| | 10a | Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D | 10a | 85,763,773 | | | |
| | b | Less: accumulated depreciation | 10b | 29,456,652 | 55,269,686 | 10c | 56,307,121 |
| | 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 | | | 8,761,666 | 13 | 9,763,690 |
| | 14 | Intangible assets | | | | 14 | |
| | 15 | Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 | | | 6,683 | 15 | 6,683 |
| | 16 | Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) | | | 76,218,632 | 16 | 77,916,350 |
| Liabilities | 17 | Accounts payable and accrued expenses | | | 4,159,134 | 17 | 4,679,941 |
| | 18 | Grants payable | | | | 18 | |
| | 19 | Deferred revenue | | | 3,649,796 | 19 | 3,944,420 |
| | 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 | | | 34,591,245 | 23 | 33,173,053 |
| | 24 | Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties | | | | 24 | |
| | 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 | | | 771,937 | 25 | 745,000 |
| | 26 | Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 | | | 43,172,112 | 26 | 42,542,414 |
| 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 | | | 479,950 | 30 | 508,491 |
| | 31 | Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund | | | 0 | 31 | 0 |
| | 32 | Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds | | | 32,566,570 | 32 | 34,865,445 |
| | 33 | Total net assets or fund balances | | | 33,046,520 | 33 | 35,373,936 |
| | 34 | Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | | | 76,218,632 | 34 | 77,916,350 |

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 | 40,044,561 |
| 2 | Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 37,745,685 |
| 3 | Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | 2,298,876 |
| 4 | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) | 4 | 33,046,520 |
| 5 | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) | 5 | 28,540 |
| 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 | 35,373,936 |

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 | Yes | |
| 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

► 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.

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Name of the organization

CHEROKEE COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number

75-0184514

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

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

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 | | | | |

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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 | | |

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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 | | | | |
| b Buildings | | | | |
| c Leasehold improvements | | | | |
| d Equipment | | | | |
| e Other | | 85,763,773 | 29,456,652 | 56,307,121 |
| Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶ | | | | 56,307,121 |

| 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) | 140,044,561 |
| 2 | Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 237,745,685 |
| 3 | Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 32,298,876 |
| 4 | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | |
| 5 | Donated services and use of facilities | |
| 6 | Investment expenses | |
| 7 | Prior period adjustments | |
| 8 | Other (Describe in Part XIV) | 28,540 |
| 9 | Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8 | 28,540 |
| 10 | Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9 | 2,327,416 |

| Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return | | |
|---|---|-------------|
| 1 | Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements | 140,044,561 |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12 | |
| a | Net unrealized gains on investments2a | |
| b | Donated services and use of facilities2b | |
| c | Recoveries of prior year grants2c | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIV)2d | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d2e | 0 |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 13 | 40,044,561 |
| 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 7b4a | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIV)4b | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b4c | 0 |
| 5 | Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)5 | 40,044,561 |

| Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return | | |
|--|--|-------------|
| 1 | Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements | 137,140,159 |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25 | |
| a | Donated services and use of facilities2a | |
| b | Prior year adjustments2b | |
| c | Other losses2c | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIV)2d | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d2e | 0 |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 13 | 37,140,159 |
| 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 7b4a | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIV)4b605,526 | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b4c | 605,526 |
| 5 | Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)5 | 37,745,685 |

| 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 |
| PART XI, LINE 8 - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS | | INCREASE IN SCHOLARSHIP AND ECONOMIC DEV FUNDS 28,540 |
| | | PART XIII, LINE 4(B) - PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIRED - THE COOPERATIVE PAID \$605,526 TO ITS MEMBERS IN 2011 RETIRED PATRONAGE IS NOT AN EXPENSE FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT PURPOSES, HOWEVER, IT IS REPORTED ON LINE 4 OF FORM 990, PART IX "STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES" AS REQUIRED BY IRS INSTRUCTIONS |

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

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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Name of the organization

CHEROKEE COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number

75-0184514

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 type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</div></div> <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</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 | |
| 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 | |
| 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 type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</div></div> <div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</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.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, columns (D) and (E) for that individual.

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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 |
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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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| Name of the organization CHEROKEE COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION | Employer identification number 75-0184514 |
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| Identifier | Return Reference | Explanation |
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| | FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6 | THE COOPERATIVE HAS ONE CLASS OF MEMBERS EACH MEMBER HAS THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE ELECTRICITY, TO VOTE, AND TO RECEIVE PATRONAGE CAPITAL |

| Identifier | Return Reference | Explanation |
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| | FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A | THE MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE FOR DIRECTORS OR ANY OTHER MATTER NOTED ON THE BALLOT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP. AN APPOINTED NOMINATING COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF 1 MEMBER FROM EACH DIRECTOR DISTRICT SELECTS 1 NOMINEE FROM EACH APPROPRIATE DISTRICT. A MEMBER MAY ALSO BE NOMINATED BY PETITION WITH A MINIMUM OF FIFTY (50) SIGNATURES OF MEMBERS FROM THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT. DIRECTORS ARE THEN ELECTED BY MAIL BALLOT. TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE CONSTITUTES A QOURUM FOR THE MAIL BALLOT ELECTION. THE ELECTED DIRECTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GOVERNING THE COOPERATIVE. |

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| | FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B | SEE ABOVE |

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| | FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11 | THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DETERMINES WHETHER THE FORM 990 WILL BE REVIEWED BY ALL DIRECTORS, AN EXISTING COMMITTEE, OR A SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOR SUCH PURPOSE PRIOR TO FILING. ONCE THE RETURN IS COMPLETED, IT IS PROVIDED TO THE DIRECTORS OR THE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING. EMPLOYEES OF THE COOPERATIVE RESPONSIBLE FOR FILING ARE AVAILABLE TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS OR PROVIDE BACKGROUND AS NEEDED. ONCE THE DIRECTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING THE FORM 990 ARE SATISFIED IT IS COMPLETE, THE RETURN IS FILED. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE RETURN IS MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL DIRECTORS FOR THEIR REVIEW. |

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| | FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C | EACH DIRECTOR, OFFICER, AND KEY EMPLOYEE OF THE COOPERATIVE IS COVERED UNDER THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS INTERPRETS AND ENFORCES THE POLICY THE COOPERATIVE'S LEGAL COUNSEL ANNUALLY REVIEWS THE POLICY WITH ALL OFFICIALS THE MINUTES OF ALL BOARD MEETINGS RECORD ALL DISCLOSURES, VOTES, AUTHORIZATIONS, AND OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER THE POLICY EACH OFFICIAL ANNUALLY COMPLETES AND SIGNS THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE FORM AND DELIVERS THE COMPLETED AND SIGNED FORM TO THE PRESIDENT OR GENERAL MANAGER IF AN OFFICIAL DISCOVERS ANY INFORMATION OR FACT THAT COULD IMPACT ANOTHER OFFICIALS COMPLIANCE WITH THE POLICY , THEN THE OFFICIAL MUST DISCLOSE THE INFORMATION OR FACT TO THE PRESIDENT OR GENERAL MANAGER |

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| | FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15 | THE COMPENSATION OF THE GENERAL MANAGER IS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND IS REVIEWED ANNUALLY SURVEYS OF AREA COOPERATIVES AND NATIONAL COMPENSATION SURVEYS ARE USED IN DETERMINING COMPENSATION THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMPARES THE COMPENSATION PACKAGES WITH OTHER COOPERATIVES OF COMPARABLE SIZE FOR GENERAL MANAGERS AND EXECUTIVES WITH COMPARABLE RESPONSIBILITIES AND ASSESSES THE PERFORMANCE OF THE COOPERATIVE AND THE GENERAL MANAGER THROUGH THE YEAR THE SALARIES OF ALL OTHER COOPERATIVE EMPLOYEES ARE SET BY THE GENERAL MANAGER USING COMPARABLE INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYEES WITH SIMILAR RESPONSIBILITIES IN COOPERATIVES OF SIMILAR SIZE |

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| | FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19 | THE COOPERATIVE'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC BY SUBMITTING A WRITTEN REQUEST ON A MEMBER INFORMATION REQUEST FORM TO THE GENERAL MANAGER. IF THE REQUEST MEETS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN THE COOPERATIVE'S POLICY, THE MEMBER WILL BE FURNISHED THE INFORMATION REQUESTED. |

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| CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES | FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 5 | INCREASE IN SCHOLARSHIP AND ECONOMIC DEV FUNDS 28,540 TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 5 28,540 |

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