

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 private foundations)

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Inspection

A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

Doing business as

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

4301 WILSON BLVD FIN8-110

Room/suite

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

ARLINGTON, VA 22203

F Name and address of principal officer: JIM MATHESON

SAME AS C ABOVE

D Employer identification number

53-0116145

E Telephone number

(703) 907-5960

G Gross receipts \$ 190,886,207.

H(a) Is this a group return

for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ NoH(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status: ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)(6) (Insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ NRECA.COOP

K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation: 1942

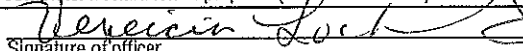
M State of legal domicile: DC

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION DEDICATED TO REPRESENTING THE NATIONAL INTEREST OF COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC		
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	47
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	47
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)	5	844
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	7,576,877.
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	1,162,140.	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	2,222,312.	5,545,986.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	160,322,292.	162,355,669.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	178,981.	281,286.
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	16,070,592.	15,356,520.
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	178,794,177.	183,539,461.
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	0.	0.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	113,950,529.	123,756,111.
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶	0.	0.
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	66,981,440.	64,068,558.
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	180,931,969.	187,824,669.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-2,137,792.	-4,285,208.
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	187,608,149.	195,222,962.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	98,478,236.	106,245,414.

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 Date 11-14-18

VENECIA LOCKHART, SR. VP, FINANCE
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer: Print/Type preparer's name Preparer's signature Date Check if self-employed PTIN

Preparer Use Only: Firm's name Firm's EIN Phone no.

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

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1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

NRECA'S PURPOSE IS TO ENGAGE IN THE COMPILATION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND THE FURNISHING OF OTHER SERVICES TO RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES AND OTHERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE COORDINATION, ADVANCEMENT, AND DEVELOPMENT OF

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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 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 \$)
REGULATORY, LEGAL, AND LEGISLATIVE: NRECA PROVIDES SUPPORT SERVICES TO MEMBERS RELATED TO COMPLIANCE, LEGAL, AND REGULATORY ISSUES. IN ADDITION, NRECA EDUCATES AND ADVOCATES TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THEIR STAFFS, FEDERAL AGENCIES, AND THE ADMINISTRATION ON POLICY ISSUES IMPACTING NRECA VOTING MEMBERS AND THE 42 MILLION CONSUMERS-MEMBERS SERVED BY NRECA VOTING MEMBERS, AND KEEPS OUR MEMBERSHIP INVOLVED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
CONSULTING, TRAINING, AND CONFERENCES: NRECA PROVIDES MEMBERS WITH ESSENTIAL INDUSTRY SPECIFIC TRAINING AS WELL AS DIRECTOR, MANAGER, AND EMPLOYEE TRAINING; CONSULTING RELATED TO THE ORGANIZATION AND PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS, AND INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES; AND CONFERENCES AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, PROMOTING COLLABORATION AND NETWORKING.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
MULTIPLE EMPLOYER BENEFIT PLAN ADMINISTRATION: NRECA PROVIDES PLAN ADMINISTRATION SERVICES ON A COST REIMBURSABLE BASIS TO THREE MULTIPLE EMPLOYER BENEFIT PROGRAMS IN WHICH MOST NRECA MEMBERS CAN PARTICIPATE. THEY CONSIST OF TWO RETIREMENT PROGRAMS, THE NRECA RETIREMENT SECURITY PLAN, WHICH IS DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN AND IS EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX UNDER IRS SECTION 401(A), AND THE NRECA 401(K) PENSION PLAN, WHICH IS A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLAN AND IS EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX UNDER IRS SECTION 501. THESE TWO PLANS SERVE MORE THAN 60,000 ACTIVE AND RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF MOST NRECA MEMBERS. THE THIRD PLAN IS THE NRECA GROUP BENEFIT PROGRAM, WHICH PROVIDES MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION, DISABILITY, LIFE, TRAVEL, AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE TO MOST NRECA MEMBERS. THIS PLAN IS EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX UNDER IRS SECTION 501(C)(9).

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

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

4e Total program service expenses

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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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>		X
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ?		X
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>		X
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>		
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>	X	
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, 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>	X	
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>		X
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>	X	
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>	X	
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>		X
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>	X	
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
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>	X	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>		X
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 and XII is optional</i>	X	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
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, Parts I and IV</i>		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	X	
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? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
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?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
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 direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	X	
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	X	
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	X	
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	X	
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19?	X	

Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	378		
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	0		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?			
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	844		
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)		X	
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X	
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O		X	
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, securities account, or other financial account)?			X
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?			X
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			X
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?			
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 as charitable contributions?			X
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?			
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?			
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?			
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?			
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year			
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?			
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?			
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12			
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities			
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:			
a Gross income from members or shareholders			
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)			
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year			
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. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans			
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand			
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?			X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O			

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line 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 47			
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.			
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent 1b 47			
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		X	
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			X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? 4			X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? 5			X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? 6		X	
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		X	
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		X	
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:			
a The governing body? 8a		X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? 8b		X	
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			X

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			X
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	X		
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.			
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 12a		X	
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? 12b		X	
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		X	
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? 13		X	
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 14		X	
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		X	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization 15b		X	
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			X
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 **VA**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☒ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

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 during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: **▶**
VENECIA LOCKHART - (703) 907-5960
4301 WILSON BLVD FIN8-110, ARLINGTON, VA 22203-1860

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line 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. 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, and 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 organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(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) PHIL CARSON PRESIDENT	21.00 1.00	X		X				99,250.	0.	0.
(2) CURTIS WYNN VICE PRESIDENT	13.00 1.00	X		X				76,650.	0.	0.
(3) CHRIS CHRISTENSEN SECRETARY-TREASURER	11.00 1.00	X		X				70,725.	0.	0.
(4) ANTHONY ANDERSON DIRECTOR	4.00	X						23,050.	0.	0.
(5) LAWRENCE BECKER DIRECTOR	10.00 1.00	X						18,775.	0.	0.
(6) BARRY BERSTEIN DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) MARK BROWN DIRECTOR	0.80 0.20	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) BRYAN CASE DIRECTOR	3.00	X						11,650.	0.	0.
(9) KENNETH COLBURN DIRECTOR	11.00	X						31,050.	0.	0.
(10) MEL COLEMAN DIRECTOR	7.60 0.40	X						49,750.	0.	0.
(11) MICHELLE DAVIA DIRECTOR	2.00	X						10,950.	0.	0.
(12) MARION DINGER DIRECTOR	25.00	X						20,900.	0.	0.
(13) KEVIN DODDRIDGE DIRECTOR	2.00	X						23,550.	0.	0.
(14) DANIEL DYER DIRECTOR	4.00	X						19,000.	0.	0.
(15) ROY FRIEDERSDORF DIRECTOR	5.60 0.40	X						24,000.	0.	0.
(16) SANDRA GREEN DIRECTOR	4.60 0.40	X						24,950.	0.	0.
(17) SCOTT HALLOWELL DIRECTOR	5.00	X						24,725.	0.	0.

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(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(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			
(18) CHRISTOPHER HAMON DIRECTOR	9.60 0.40	X						27,800.	0.	0.
(19) WILLIAM HART DIRECTOR	10.00	X						37,400.	0.	0.
(20) MARK HOFER DIRECTOR	7.60 0.40	X						20,950.	0.	0.
(21) DAVID IHA DIRECTOR	3.00 1.00	X						29,000.	0.	0.
(22) LYNN JACOBSON DIRECTOR	6.60 0.40	X						10,514.	0.	19,000.
(23) KERRY KELTON DIRECTOR	6.60 0.40	X						25,950.	0.	0.
(24) MEERA KOHLER DIRECTOR	6.60 0.40	X						25,950.	0.	0.
(25) THOMAS MADSEN DIRECTOR	5.00	X						0.	0.	18,300.
(26) JOSEPH MARTIN DIRECTOR	5.00	X						20,900.	0.	0.
1b Sub-total								727,439.	0.	37,300.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								9,375,602.	0.	2,689,959.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								10,103,041.	0.	2,727,259.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **393**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3	X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	4	X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	5	X

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
DANIELLE CORBIN 114 MARBELLA DR, MURRELLS INLET, SC 29576	MAGAZINE ADVERTISING SALES	531,982.
ASGK PUBLIC STRATEGIES LLC, 222 W MERCH MART PLZ, STE 2400, CHICAGO, IL 60654	CONSULTING SERVICES	444,283.
HUNTON AND WILLIAMS LLP, 951 EAST BYRD STREET PLAZA EAST T, RICHMOND, VA 23219	LEGAL SERVICES	382,265.
ZOVAYA CORPORATION, 9900 GREENBELT RD STE E 244, LANHAM, MD 20706	SOFTWARE CONSULTING SERVICES	316,036.
INCAPSULATE LLC, 1620 L ST NW 3RD FLOOR STE D, WASHINGTON, DC 20036	SOFTWARE CONSULTING SERVICES	298,493.

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 **30**

SEE PART VII, SECTION A CONTINUATION SHEETS

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(27) THOMAS MCQUISTON DIRECTOR	6.60 0.40	X						22,600.	0.	0.
(28) GALEN MILLS DIRECTOR	5.00	X						3,550.	0.	29,450.
(29) JESSICA NELSON DIRECTOR	7.00	X						24,000.	0.	0.
(30) WILLIAM NOEL DIRECTOR	3.60 0.40	X						16,900.	0.	0.
(31) CURTIS NOLAN DIRECTOR	7.00 1.00	X						28,300.	0.	0.
(32) RANDY PAPENHAUSEN DIRECTOR	7.00	X						22,125.	0.	0.
(33) JEFFREY PETERSON DIRECTOR	3.60 0.40	X						22,100.	0.	0.
(34) GARY POTTER DIRECTOR	4.00	X						23,300.	0.	0.
(35) TOM PURKEY DIRECTOR	6.00	X						22,100.	0.	0.
(36) REUBEN RITTHALER DIRECTOR	3.60 0.40	X						18,300.	0.	0.
(37) LANNY RODGERS DIRECTOR	6.00	X						11,250.	0.	18,950.
(38) KEITH ROSS DIRECTOR	6.00	X						24,850.	0.	0.
(39) RONALD SCHWARTAU DIRECTOR	7.00 1.00	X						17,000.	0.	24,650.
(40) CAROL SHARP DIRECTOR	5.00	X						22,100.	0.	0.
(41) CHARLES SHORT DIRECTOR	5.60 0.40	X						30,900.	0.	0.
(42) KELLEY SMITH DIRECTOR	7.00	X						26,250.	0.	0.
(43) TIMOTHY SMITH DIRECTOR	5.60 0.40	X						0.	0.	0.
(44) DAVID SPRADLIN DIRECTOR	5.60 0.40	X						25,250.	0.	0.
(45) STEVEN WALTER DIRECTOR	8.00 1.00	X						34,300.	0.	0.
(46) GREG WHITE DIRECTOR	6.00	X						28,050.	0.	0.
Total to Part VII, Section A, line 1c										

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(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(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			
(47) MICHAEL WILLIAMS DIRECTOR	4.60 0.40	X						22,800.	0.	0.
(48) BRYAN WOLFE DIRECTOR	11.60 0.40	X						25,850.	0.	0.
(49) JEFFREY CONNOR CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER	47.80 1.20			X				493,154.	0.	95,672.
(50) VENERICIA LOCKHART ASST TREAS; SR. VP, FINANC	41.80 1.20			X				364,283.	0.	248,379.
(51) JIM MATHESON CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	51.00 1.00			X				1,254,290.	0.	157,724.
(52) PETER BAXTER SR. VP, INSURANCE & FINANC	59.00				X			619,939.	0.	226,499.
(53) KIRK JOHNSON SR. VP, GOVERNMENT RELATIO	56.00				X			375,508.	0.	122,138.
(54) MARTIN LOWERY EXEC. VP, MEMBER & ASSOC.	40.00				X			641,646.	0.	108,089.
(55) MARY MCCLAUERY COO, TOUCHSTONE ENERGY	48.00				X			118,727.	0.	76,071.
(56) RICHARD MEYER SR. VP, GENERAL COUNSEL	45.00				X			390,327.	0.	136,487.
(57) LYNN MOORE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOUCHSTONE ENERGY	59.00				X			189,451.	0.	51,510.
(58) MARY PAT PARIS VP, ADMINISTRATION	43.00				X			238,176.	0.	84,546.
(59) SCOTT PETERSON SR. VP, COMMUNICATIONS	44.00				X			280,815.	0.	34,128.
(60) MICHELLE RINN SR. VP, HUMAN RESOURCES	45.00				X			283,776.	0.	102,924.
(61) DANIELLE SIEVERLING CHIEF RISK AND COMPLIANCE	56.00				X			328,478.	0.	95,209.
(62) JIM SPIERS VP, BUSINESS AND TECH. STR	40.00				X			342,126.	0.	100,685.
(63) TOM STANGROOM SR. VP & CIO	49.00				X			443,515.	0.	210,098.
(64) TRACEY STEINER SR. VP, EDUCATION & TRAINI	50.00				X			293,139.	0.	183,051.
(65) MARK MAUS VP, ACTUARIAL SERVICES	64.00					X		283,048.	0.	87,175.
(66) STEVE SANKER VP, IF&S RELATIONSHIP MGT.	62.00					X		361,780.	0.	116,655.
Total to Part VII, Section A, line 1c										

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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a	Federated campaigns	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b				
	c	Fundraising events	1c				
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	5,545,986.			
	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		5,545,986.			
Program Service Revenue	2 a	REIMBURSED COSTS	Business Code 524292	109,395,930.	109,395,930.		
	b	MEMBERSHIP DUES	900099	31,848,346.	31,848,346.		
	c	TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	541900	9,827,105.	6,402,999.	3,424,106.	
	d	ADVERTISING INCOME	511120	2,115,708.		2,115,708.	
	e	SUBSCRIPTION INCOME	511120	1,090,769.	1,090,769.		
	f	All other program service revenue	900099	8,077,811.	6,753,061.	1,324,750.	
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		162,355,669.			
	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		281,286.	281,286.		
4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
5	Royalties		751,763.	39,450.	712,313.		
Other Revenue	6 a	Gross rents	(i) Real 12,890,075.				
	b	Less: rental expenses	7,346,746.				
	c	Rental income or (loss)	5,543,329.				
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		5,543,329.	5,543,329.		
	7 a	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)					
	8 a	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					
	9 a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a				
	b	Less: direct expenses	b				
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
	10 a	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			
11 a	MEETINGS & CONFERENCES	541900	9,061,428.	9,061,428.			
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		9,061,428.				
12	Total revenue. See instructions.		183,539,461.	170,416,598.	7,576,877.	0.	

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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).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line 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 domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	8,595,132.			
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	73,887,183.			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	25,227,184.			
9 Other employee benefits	10,235,611.			
10 Payroll taxes	5,811,001.			
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	152,778.			
b Legal	1,053,836.			
c Accounting	113,265.			
d Lobbying	423,299.			
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	12,609,829.			
12 Advertising and promotion	391,423.			
13 Office expenses	3,492,132.			
14 Information technology	1,483,830.			
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	2,372,093.			
17 Travel	6,016,820.			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	6,130,167.			
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	6,204,785.			
23 Insurance	505,639.			
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	3,817,857.			
b CONTRACTED PERSONNEL	2,394,663.			
c ELECTRONIC SUBSCRIPTION	2,321,745.			
d UBIT	514,925.			
e All other expenses	14,069,472.			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	187,824,669.			
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

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Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing		1	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	16,863,976.	2	11,343,136.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	35,027,613.	4	48,458,149.
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	39,673.	8	26,242.
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	5,520,917.	9	5,437,858.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 156,157,880.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 67,158,123.	10c	88,999,757.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	16,120,992.	11	8,105,096.
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11	13,334,179.	12	19,090,319.
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	12,490,470.	15	13,762,405.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	187,608,149.	16	195,222,962.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	19,795,839.	17	15,381,745.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	44,559,734.	19	55,521,003.
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	355,630.	21	703,617.
	22 Loans and other 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		23	
	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	33,767,033.	25	34,639,049.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	98,478,236.	26	106,245,414.
	Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), 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 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		0.	30	0.
31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		0.	31	0.
32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		89,129,913.	32	88,977,548.
33 Total net assets or fund balances		89,129,913.	33	88,977,548.
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		187,608,149.	34	195,222,962.

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☒

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	183,539,461.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	187,824,669.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-4,285,208.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	89,129,913.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	4,132,843.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	88,977,548.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line 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? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	X
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2b	X
c	If "Yes" to line 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.	2c	X
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? _____	3a	X
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 _____	3b	X

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SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
▶ **Complete if the organization is described below. ▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**

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If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization **NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION** Employer identification number **53-0116145**

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.

2 Political campaign activity expenditures \$ _____

3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities _____

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 \$ _____

2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 \$ _____

3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities \$ _____

2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities \$ _____

3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b \$ _____

4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-

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Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
d Other exempt purpose expenditures														
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)														
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.														
<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width:35%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width:65%;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </table>	If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:													
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.													
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.													
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.													
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.													
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-														
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-														
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.
See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes," response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

For each "Yes," response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)? ..			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities?			
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

		Yes	No
1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	X
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	X
3	Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?	3	X

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No," OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	31,838,296.
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a	Current year	2a	2,755,000.
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	2,755,000.
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	4,138,978.
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	-1,383,978.

Part IV	Supplemental Information
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Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of 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 can 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" on 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 education) ☐ Preservation of a historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 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 Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax 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?

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, 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 section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

9 In Part XIII, 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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), 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 XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), 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) Revenue included on 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 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

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

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, 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 XIII.
- 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" on 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 XIII and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII ☒

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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 Net investment earnings, gains, and 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 current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment %
- b Permanent endowment %
- c Temporarily restricted endowment %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|--|--------|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) related organizations | 3a(ii) | |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | |
- 4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. 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		11,916,966.		11,916,966.
b Buildings		89,131,576.	34,067,849.	55,063,727.
c Leasehold improvements		19,191,382.	8,176,008.	11,015,374.
d Equipment		35,917,956.	24,914,266.	11,003,690.
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				88,999,757.

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Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests	18,263,012.	COST
(3) Other		
(A) CAPITAL TERM CERTIFICATES	827,307.	COST
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)	19,090,319.	

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.)		

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) PATRONAGE CAPITAL CERTIFICATES	554,905.
(2) DEFERRED COMPENSATION FUND (EMPLOYEES)	12,260,041.
(3) TENANT ESCROW	607,761.
(4) EMPLOYEE AND EXECUTIVE OPTION PURCHASE PLAN	339,698.
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.)	13,762,405.

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) POST RETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER	
(3) THAN PENSIONS	17,760,537.
(4) DEF COMP FUND (EMPLOYEES)	12,260,041.
(5) EMPLOYEE & EXEC OPT PLAN	338,661.
(6) COOPERATIVE RESEARCH NETWORK FUND	4,158,379.
(7) OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS	121,431.
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)	34,639,049.

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☒

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Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	229,253,441.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	45,713,980.	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	45,713,980.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	183,539,461.
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 XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	183,539,461.

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	229,705,806.
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 XIII.)	2d	41,881,137.	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	41,881,137.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	187,824,669.
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 XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	187,824,669.

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

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, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART IV, LINE 2B:

SECURITY DEPOSITS/ESCROW AMOUNTS ARE HELD FOR BUILDING TENANTS

PART X, LINE 2:

NRECA ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF FASB INTERPRETATION NO. 48, ACCOUNTING FOR
UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES, DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007.
FOR THE PERIOD FROM NRECA'S INCEPTION TO DECEMBER 31, 2017, NO
UNRECOGNIZED TAX PROVISION OR BENEFIT EXISTS.

PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

REV FROM SUBS NOT INCLUDED IN FORM 990 LESS TENANT EXPENSES

ON PART VII, 6B

45,713,980.

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

EXP FROM SUBS NOT INCLUDED IN 990 PLUS TENANT EXP PART

VIII, LINE 6B 41,881,137.

**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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

☐ First-class or charter travel

☒ Travel for companions

☒ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments

☐ Discretionary spending account

☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use

☐ Payments for business use of personal residence

☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees

☐ Personal services (such as, maid, chauffeur, chef)

b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

☒ Compensation committee

☒ Independent compensation consultant

☐ Form 990 of other organizations

☒ Written employment contract

☒ Compensation survey or study

☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee

4 During the year, did any person listed on 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?

b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?

c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed on 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?

b Any related organization?

If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

Yes No

1b

X

2

X

4a

X

4b

X

4c

X

5a

5b

6a

6b

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For each individual whose compensation must be reported on 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 aren't listed on Form 990, Part VII.

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation				(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation					
(1) JEFFREY CONNOR CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER	(i) 484,336. (ii) 0.	200.	8,618.		60,237.	35,435.	588,826.	0.
(2) VENEZIA LOCKHART ASST TREAS; SR. VP, FINANC	(i) 349,039. (ii) 0.	7,700.	7,544.		216,400.	31,979.	612,662.	0.
(3) JIM MATHESON CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	(i) 1,123,067. (ii) 0.	113,500.	17,723.		124,267.	33,457.	1,412,014.	0.
(4) PETER BAXTER SR. VP, INSURANCE & FINANC	(i) 502,247. (ii) 0.	100,200.	17,492.		192,166.	34,333.	846,438.	0.
(5) KIRK JOHNSON SR. VP, GOVERNMENT RELATIO	(i) 360,532. (ii) 0.	7,700.	7,276.		94,298.	27,840.	497,646.	0.
(6) MARTIN LOWERY EXEC. VP, MEMBER & ASSOC.	(i) 525,831. (ii) 0.	200.	115,615.		82,829.	25,260.	749,735.	0.
(7) MARY MCCLARY COO, TOUCHSTONE ENERGY	(i) 117,203. (ii) 0.	0.	1,524.		69,623.	6,448.	194,798.	0.
(8) RICHARD MEYER SR. VP, GENERAL COUNSEL	(i) 344,813. (ii) 0.	200.	45,314.		99,670.	36,817.	526,814.	0.
(9) LYNN MOORE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOUCHSTONE ENERGY	(i) 168,402. (ii) 0.	20,200.	849.		43,930.	7,580.	240,961.	0.
(10) MARY PAT PARIS VP, ADMINISTRATION	(i) 235,762. (ii) 0.	200.	2,214.		69,512.	15,034.	322,722.	0.
(11) SCOTT PETERSON SR. VP, COMMUNICATIONS	(i) 277,864. (ii) 0.	200.	2,751.		13,500.	20,628.	314,943.	0.
(12) MICHELLE RINN SR. VP, HUMAN RESOURCES	(i) 282,108. (ii) 0.	200.	1,468.		69,669.	33,255.	386,700.	0.
(13) DANIELLE SIEVERLING CHIEF RISK AND COMPLIANCE	(i) 303,518. (ii) 0.	18,200.	6,760.		88,569.	6,640.	423,687.	0.
(14) JIM SPIERS VP, BUSINESS AND TECH. STR	(i) 319,782. (ii) 0.	200.	22,144.		74,058.	26,627.	442,811.	0.
(15) TOM STANGROOM SR. VP & CIO	(i) 408,324. (ii) 0.	20,200.	14,991.		175,799.	34,299.	653,613.	0.
(16) TRACEY STEINER SR. VP, EDUCATION & TRAINI	(i) 289,146. (ii) 0.	200.	3,793.		153,693.	29,358.	476,190.	0.

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For each individual whose compensation must be reported on 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 aren't 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, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

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Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

PART I, LINE 1A:

TRAVEL FOR COMPANIONS - ACCORDING TO NRECA BOARD POLICY, THE SPOUSES OF THE
PRESIDENT AND CEO CAN ACCOMPANY THEM ON A TRIP WHEREVER THERE WILL BE
OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS FOR WHICH SPOUSES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTENDING.

TAX INDEMNIFICATION AND GROSS UP PAYMENTS: NRECA GROSSES UP PAYMENTS MADE
TO STAFF UNDER THE EXECUTIVE 401(K) BONUS PLAN AND ON ELIGIBLE RELOCATION
EXPENSES.

PART I, LINES 4B-C:

PART I, LINE 4B: THE FOLLOWING CURRENT AND FORMER EMPLOYEES RECEIVED
PAYMENTS FROM AN EXECUTIVE NONQUALIFIED RETIREMENT PLAN. THESE AMOUNTS ARE
INCLUDED AND REPORTED IN PART II, COLUMN B(III): MARTIN LOWERY (\$67,595);
RICHARD MEYER (\$30,821); STEVE SANKER (\$12,998); JIM SPIERS (\$10,006)

PART I, LINE 4C: THE FOLLOWING FORMER EMPLOYEES RECEIVED PAYMENTS ON AN
EQUITY-BASED COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT. THESE AMOUNTS ARE INCLUDED AND
REPORTED IN PART II, COLUMN B(III): GLENN ENGLISH (\$114,997) AND PATRICK
GIOFFRE (\$150,720).

SCHEDULE L
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Transactions With Interested Persons

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1 (a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
			Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

Total ▶ \$

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance

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Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
COOPERATING ENERGY SERVICE	FOR PROFIT SUBSIDIA	307,401.	ADMINISTRAT		X
RE ADVISERS CORPORATION AN	FOR PROFIT SUBSIDIA	8,690,834.	ROYALTY PAY		X
COOPERATIVE BENEFIT ADMINI	FOR PROFIT SUBSIDIA	14,215,690.	ADMINISTRAT		X
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE LIFE	FOR PROFIT SUBSIDIA	27,032.	ADMINISTRAT		X
NRECA UNITED	FOR PROFIT SUBSIDIA	130,872.	EXPENSE REI		X
COOPERATIVE INSURANCE SERV	FOR PROFIT SUBSIDIA	0.	ADMINISTRAT		X
ARKANSAS ELECTRIC COOPERAT	FOR PROFIT MEMBER O	809,461.	VARIOUS SER		X
BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPE	FOR PROFIT MEMBER O	941,807.	VARIOUS SER		X
KAMO POWER	FOR PROFIT MEMBER O	385,495.	VARIOUS SER		X
SHO-ME POWER	FOR PROFIT MEMBER O	251,343.	VARIOUS SER		X

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

SCH L, PART IV, BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING INTERESTED PERSONS:

(A) NAME OF PERSON: COOPERATING ENERGY SERVICES

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

FOR PROFIT SUBSIDIARY-2 OFCS AND 1 KEY EE SERVE AS OFCS AND DIRS

(C) AMOUNT OF TRANSACTION \$ 307,401.

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT

(E) SHARING OF ORGANIZATION REVENUES? = NO

(A) NAME OF INTERESTED PERSON:

RE ADVISERS CORPORATION AND RE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

FOR PROFIT SUBSIDIARY- 2 KEY EES SERVE AS OFCS AND DIRS

(C) AMOUNT OF TRANSACTION \$ 8,690,834.

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: ROYALTY PAYMENTS AND ADMISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT

(E) SHARING OF ORGANIZATION REVENUES? = NO

(A) NAME OF PERSON: COOPERATIVE BENEFIT ADMINISTRATORS

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

FOR PROFIT SUBSIDIARY-1 OFFICER AND 1 KEY EMPLOYEE SERVE AS DIRECTORS

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Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

(C) AMOUNT OF TRANSACTION \$ 14,215,690.

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT

(E) SHARING OF ORGANIZATION REVENUES? = NO

(A) NAME OF PERSON: ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE LIFE INSURANCE

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

FOR PROFIT SUBSIDIARY-1 OFFICER SERVES AS A DIRECTOR

(C) AMOUNT OF TRANSACTION \$ 27,032.

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT

(E) SHARING OF ORGANIZATION REVENUES? = NO

(A) NAME OF PERSON: NRECA UNITED

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

FOR PROFIT SUBSIDIARY-2 OFFICERS AND 1 KEY EE SERVE AS OFCS AND DIRS

(C) AMOUNT OF TRANSACTION \$ 130,872.

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

(E) SHARING OF ORGANIZATION REVENUES? = NO

(A) NAME OF PERSON: COOPERATIVE INSURANCE SERVICES

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

FOR PROFIT SUBSIDIARY-1 OFFICER SERVES AS A DIRECTOR

(C) AMOUNT OF TRANSACTION \$ -0-

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT

(E) SHARING OF ORGANIZATION REVENUES? = NO

(A) NAME OF PERSON: ARKANSAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

FOR PROFIT MEMBER OF NRECA WITH SHARED DIRECTOR MEL COLEMAN

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Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

(C) AMOUNT OF TRANSACTION \$ 809,461.

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: VARIOUS SERVICES PROVIDED TO MEMBER

(E) SHARING OF ORGANIZATION REVENUES? = NO

(A) NAME OF PERSON: BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

FOR PROFIT MEMBER OF NRECA WITH SHARED DIRECTOR REUBEN RITTHALER

(C) AMOUNT OF TRANSACTION \$ 941,807.

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: VARIOUS SERVICES PROVIDED TO MEMBER

(E) SHARING OF ORGANIZATION REVENUES? = NO

(A) NAME OF PERSON: KAMO POWER

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

FOR PROFIT MEMBER OF NRECA WITH SHARED DIRECTOR TIMOTHY SMITH

(C) AMOUNT OF TRANSACTION \$ 385,495.

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: VARIOUS SERVICES PROVIDED TO MEMBER

(E) SHARING OF ORGANIZATION REVENUES? = NO

(A) NAME OF PERSON: SHO-ME POWER

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

FOR PROFIT MEMBER OF NRECA WITH SHARED DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER HAMON

(C) AMOUNT OF TRANSACTION \$ 251,343.

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: VARIOUS SERVICES PROVIDED TO MEMBER

(E) SHARING OF ORGANIZATION REVENUES? = NO

(A) NAME OF PERSON: WESTERN FARMERS EC

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

FOR PROFIT MEMBERSHIP WITH SHARED DIRECTOR TIMOTHY SMITH

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Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

(C) AMOUNT OF TRANSACTION \$ 646,163.

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: VARIOUS SERVICES PROVIDED TO MEMBER

(E) SHARING OF ORGANIZATION REVENUES? = NO

SCHEDULE L, PART IV RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION

(A) COOPERATING ENERGY SERVICES

(B) 2 OFFICERS (JEFFREY CONNOR AND VENEICIA LOCKHART) AND 1 KEY
EMPLOYEE (MARTIN LOWERY) SERVE AS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.

(A) RE ADVISERS CORPORATION AND RE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

(B) 2 KEY EMPLOYEES (DANIELLE SIEVERLING AND MARTIN LOWERY) SERVE AS
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

(A) COOPERATIVE BENEFIT ADMINISTRATORS

(B) 1 OFFICER (VENEICIA LOCKHART) AND 1 KEY EMPLOYEE (PETER BAXTER)
SERVE AS DIRECTORS.

(A) ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(B) 1 OFFICER (VENEICIA LOCKHART) SERVES AS A DIRECTOR.

(A) NRECA UNITED

(B) 2 OFFICERS (JEFFREY CONNOR AND VENEICIA LOCKHART) AND 1 KEY
EMPLOYEE (MARTIN LOWERY) SERVE AS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.

(A) COOPERATIVE INSURANCE SERVICES

(B) 1 OFFICER (VENEICIA LOCKHART) SERVES AS A DIRECTOR.

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

UTILITIES AND THE CONSUMERS THEY SERVE. NRECA HAS MORE THAN 900 VOTING
MEMBERS, A MAJORITY OF WHICH ARE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES THAT SERVE 42
MILLION CONSUMERS IN 47 STATES.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ITS TERRITORIES
AND POSSESSIONS, FOR THE PRIMARY AND MUTUAL BENEFIT OF THE MEMBERS OF
THE ASSOCIATION AND THEIR CONSUMER MEMBERS. NRECA'S MISSION IS TO
PROMOTE, SUPPORT AND PROTECT THE COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS INTERESTS OF
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2:

BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS EXIST BETWEEN SOME NRECA OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES
WHO ALSO SERVE AS DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS OF THE FOLLOWING NRECA SUBSIDIARIES
AND AFFILIATED ENTITIES: NRECA UNITED; COOPERATING ENERGY SERVICES; RE
ADVISERS CORPORATION; RE INVESTMENT CORPORATION; COOPERATIVE BENEFIT
ADMINISTRATORS; ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY; AND
COOPERATIVE INSURANCE SERVICES. REFER TO SCHEDULE L, PART V FOR IDENTIFIED
PERSONS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6:

ALL NRECA VOTING MEMBERS MUST BE ENTITIES WHOSE OPERATIONS ARE CONSISTENT,
AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE
ALLIANCE COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES AND THE OBJECTIVES OF NRECA AND FALL INTO
ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE CATEGORIES: (1) DISTRIBUTION (ELECTRIC

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DISTRIBUTION COOPERATIVES OR NONPROFIT ASSOCIATIONS, NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS, PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS, OR GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS OR AUTHORITIES LOCATED IN A STATE, TERRITORY, POSSESSION OR COMMONWEALTH OF THE U.S. AND PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN FURNISHING ELECTRICITY AT RETAIL TO THEIR CONSUMERS); (2) GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION (COOPERATIVES OR NONPROFIT ASSOCIATIONS, NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS, OR PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS LOCATED IN A STATE, TERRITORY, POSSESSION OR COMMONWEALTH OF THE U.S. AND PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN THE MARKETING, GENERATION AND/OR TRANSMISSION OF WHOLESALE BULK ELECTRICITY FOR SALE TO OTHERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESALE); AND (3) SERVICE MEMBERS (ORGANIZATIONS NOT ACTUALLY ENGAGED IN THE MARKETING, GENERATION, TRANSMISSION OR DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY, BUT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF WHOSE VOTING MEMBERS CONSIST OF NRECA DISTRIBUTION, OR GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION VOTING MEMBERS).

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A:

THE NRECA BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS COMPOSED OF 47 PERSONS, ONE FROM EACH STATE WHERE THERE IS AN OPERATING ELECTRIC SYSTEM WITH MEMBERSHIP IN NRECA. DIRECTORS, EACH OF WHOM MUST BE A MEMBER, DIRECTOR, OFFICER, OR EMPLOYEE OF AN NRECA MEMBER SYSTEM, ARE ELECTED EVERY TWO YEARS BY THE MEMBER SYSTEMS IN EACH STATE. THEIR TERMS RUN FROM THE CLOSE OF EACH NRECA ANNUAL MEETING (USUALLY HELD IN MARCH) TO THE CLOSE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING TWO YEARS HENCE. THE NRECA PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND SECRETARY TREASURER ARE ELECTED EVERY TWO YEARS BY THE BOARD FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS ALSO SELECTED BY THE BOARD.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B:

NRECA VOTING MEMBERS ARE DESCRIBED IN THE SCHEDULE O, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6 DESCRIPTION. THE FOLLOWING GOVERNANCE DECISIONS REQUIRE THE APPROVAL

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OF NRECA VOTING MEMBERS: (1) ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AMENDMENTS; (2) BYLAW ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, OR REPEAL, WHICH INCLUDES CHANGES TO THE METHODS OF CALCULATING THE DUES OF DISTRIBUTION MEMBERS, OF GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION MEMBERS, AND OF STATEWIDE MEMBERS; (3) EXPULSION OF NRECA MEMBERS; (4) REMOVAL OF A NRECA DIRECTOR IS SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF NRECA VOTING MEMBER LOCATED IN THE STATE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR WAS ELECTED; (5) A SALE, LEASE, EXCHANGE, OR CERTAIN DISPOSITIONS OF ASSETS LEAVING THE ASSOCIATION WITHOUT A SIGNIFICANT CONTINUING BUSINESS ACTIVITY; (6) MERGER; (7) DOMESTICATION IN A FOREIGN JURISDICTION; AND (8) DISSOLUTION. EACH NRECA VOTING MEMBER HAS ONE VOTE.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE ACCOUNTING AND SENIOR VP OF FINANCE REVIEW THE FORM 990 AND SUPPORTING WORK PAPERS IN DETAIL. THE FORM 990 IS THEN PROVIDED TO THE NRECA BOARD OF DIRECTORS THROUGH THEIR ELECTRONIC BOARD PORTAL FOR THEIR REVIEW AND COMMENTS IN ADVANCE OF THE RETURN BEING FILED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

EACH KEY EMPLOYEE IS SUBJECT TO A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND REQUIRED TO ANNUALLY COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE FORM TO THE SENIOR VP OF FINANCE WHO, WITH ASSISTANCE AS NEEDED FROM HUMAN RESOURCES AND/OR THE GENERAL COUNSEL, INVESTIGATES POTENTIAL OR ACTUAL CONFLICTS. THE CEO, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, HAS FINAL AUTHORITY FOR DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT A CONFLICT HAS OCCURRED. IF THE CEO IS IMPLICATED, THE BOARD'S ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE IS THE FINAL AUTHORITY. IN ADDITION TO THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE FORM, EACH KEY EMPLOYEE ANNUALLY SUBMITS A FORM 990 QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE SENIOR VP OF FINANCE. EACH DIRECTOR IS REQUIRED TO ANNUALLY COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE FORM. DIRECTOR FORMS DISCLOSING ANY MATERIAL FACT KNOWN TO THE DIRECTOR REGARDING ANY POTENTIAL OR ACTUAL VIOLATION OF THE POLICY ARE SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL, NRECA PRESIDENT, NRECA VICE PRESIDENT, AND NRECA SECRETARY-TREASURER. UPON REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OR ANY FIVE DIRECTORS, THE BOARD DETERMINES WHETHER A DIRECTOR COMPLIES WITH THE POLICY. IN MAKING THIS DETERMINATION, THE BOARD NOTIFIES THE DIRECTOR, A COMMITTEE IS CREATED AND APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION, THE DIRECTOR MAY COMMENT, AND THE DIRECTOR MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE ABSENT DURING CONSIDERATION. IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT A DIRECTOR FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE POLICY, THEN, UNLESS THE BOARD DETERMINES OTHERWISE FOR GOOD CAUSE, OR THE DIRECTOR COMPLIES WITH THE POLICY WITHIN 30 DAYS, THE DIRECTOR IS DISQUALIFIED AND NO LONGER A DIRECTOR. IN ADDITION TO THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE FORM, EACH DIRECTOR ANNUALLY COMPLETES AND SUBMITS A FORM 990 QUESTIONNAIRE.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:

LINE 15A (CEO COMPENSATION): THE CEO EVALUATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD CONCERNING FORMAT AND METHODS TO PROPERLY EVALUATE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CEO. AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT (E.G., QUATT ASSOCIATES) REVIEWS INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION STUDIES ANNUALLY TO VERIFY THE CEO'S COMPENSATION IS WITHIN A COMPETITIVE RANGE FOR THE CEOS OF COMPARABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND PROVIDES THIS INFORMATION TO THE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE REVIEWS COMPETITIVE SALARY SURVEY DATA PROVIDED BY THE OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS AND DEVELOPS A COMPENSATION RECOMMENDATION THAT IS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD. THE BOARD REVIEWS AND APPROVES THE CEO'S COMPENSATION ANNUALLY.

LINE 15B (OTHER OFFICERS/KEY EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION): NRECA'S HUMAN

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RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HAS A MARKET PAY TOOL THAT USES CURRENT PAY DATA FROM PURCHASED COMPENSATION STUDIES TO ANALYZE SALARIES FOR POSITIONS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION. NRECA HAS WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING ITS SALARY INCREASE PROCESS. THE SALARY INCREASE PROCESS IS INTENDED TO ENABLE MANAGERS TO MAKE RATIONAL DECISIONS CONCERNING SALARY ACTIONS WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION'S BUDGETING CONSTRAINTS. HOWEVER, IT DOES NOT GUARANTEE AN INCREASE TO ANY EMPLOYEE. THE SALARY PROCESS IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING STEPS: (1) APPROVAL OF NRECA'S SALARY BUDGET BY THE NRECA BOARD OF DIRECTORS; (2) COMPLETION OF WRITTEN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARIES FOR EACH EMPLOYEE BY HIS/HER MANAGER; (3) RECOMMENDATION OF SALARY INCREASES OR LUMP SUM AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES BASED UPON PERFORMANCE/CONTRIBUTION; (4) ANALYSIS, REVIEW, AND APPROVAL OF SALARY INCREASE RECOMMENDATIONS BY HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER; AND (5) COMMUNICATION OF SALARY INCREASE DECISIONS TO STAFF.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

THE NRECA ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, BYLAWS AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO NRECA VOTING MEMBERS ON THE MEMBER-ONLY SECTION OF COOPERATIVE.COM, WHICH IS A WEBSITE FOR NRECA MEMBERS AND AFFILIATED ENTITIES. NRECA NOTIFIES VOTING MEMBERS WHEN THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR HAVE BEEN POSTED ON COOPERATIVE.COM. NRECA DISTRIBUTES A COPY OF ITS ANNUAL REPORT TO EACH NRECA VOTING MEMBER AND MAKES THE ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON ELECTRIC.COOP. NRECA WILL ALSO PROVIDE COPIES OF ITS FORM 990 TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9, CHANGES IN NET ASSETS:

NET INCOME OF SUBSIDIARIES	4,132,843.
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FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C:

THIS PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR YEAR BUT IN 2016 THE BOARD
ADOPTED POLICY AMENDMENTS TO CLARIFY AUDIT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR NRECA
AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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Name of the organization	NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

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Part II

Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
NRECA INTERNATIONAL - 52-1387851	INTERNATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIFICATION	VIRGINIA	501(C)(3)	170(B)(1)(A)	NRECA	X	
4301 WILSON BLVD ARLINGTON, VA 22203	BOLIVIAN RURAL ELECTRIFICATION	BOLIVIA		N/A	NRECA	X	
4301 WILSON BLVD ARLINGTON, VA 22203	WOOD POLE TESTING	VIRGINIA	501(C)(6)		NRECA	X	
NRECA WOOD QUALITY CONTROL INC - 52-1446650	AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS	VIRGINIA	501(C)(3)	509 (A) (3) TYPE I	NRECA	X	
4301 WILSON BLVD ARLINGTON, VA 22203							
GLENN ENGLISH NAT'L LEADERSHIP COOP FND - 46-1424031, 4301 WILSON BLVD, ARLINGTON, VA 22203							

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Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

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Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
COOPERATIVE INSURANCE SERVICES - 52-1076274									
4301 WILSON BLVD									
ARLINGTON, VA 22203	INSURANCE AGENT	VA	NRECA UNITED INC	C CORP	43,157.	764,474.	100.00%	X	
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE LIFE INSURANCE CO -	LIFE &								
86-0262046, 4301 WILSON BLVD, ARLINGTON, VA	HOSPITALIZATION								
22203	INSURANCE	VA	NRECA	C CORP	74,675.	2,086,274.	100.00%	X	
COOPERATIVE BENEFIT ADMINISTRATORS -									
52-1327041, 4301 WILSON BLVD, ARLINGTON, VA									
22203	CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR	VA	NRECA UNITED INC	C CORP	14,332,818.	5,036,378.	100.00%	X	
COOPERATING ENERGY SERVICES - 52-1490710									
4301 WILSON BLVD									
ARLINGTON, VA 22203	SOFTWARE INTEGRATION DEVELOPMENT	VA	NRECA UNITED INC	C CORP	293,681.	158,059.	100.00%	X	
RE INVESTMENT CORPORATION - 52-1679315									
4301 WILSON BLVD									
ARLINGTON, VA 22203	INVESTMENT BROKER	VA	NRECA UNITED INC	C CORP	0.	115,356.	100.00%	X	

Part IV Continuation of Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust

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Part V Transactions With Related Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note: Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity

b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)

c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)

d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)

e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

f Dividends from related organization(s)

g Sale of assets to related organization(s)

h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)

l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)

m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)

n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)

s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) NRECA INTERNATIONAL	L	1,514,941.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS
(2) NRECA INTERNATIONAL	N	114,847.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS
(3) NRECA INTERNATIONAL	Q	6,856,469.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS
(4) NRECA WOOD QUALITY CONTROL INC	L	144,172.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS
(5) NRECA WOOD QUALITY CONTROL INC	O	504,966.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS
(6) NRECA WOOD QUALITY CONTROL INC	Q	1,517,147.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS

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Part V Continuation of Transactions With Related Organizations (Schedule R (Form 990), Part V, line 2)

(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type (a-r)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(7) COOPERATIVE BENEFIT ADMINISTRATORS	L	4,518,991.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS
(8) COOPERATIVE BENEFIT ADMINISTRATORS	N	650,050.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS
(9) COOPERATIVE BENEFIT ADMINISTRATORS	O	8,263,843.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS
(10) COOPERATIVE BENEFIT ADMINISTRATORS	Q	782,806.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS
(11) COOPERATING ENERGY SERVICES	L	127,656.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS
(12) COOPERATING ENERGY SERVICES	O	179,745.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS
(13) RE INVESTMENT CORPORATION	L	626,947.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS
(14) RE INVESTMENT CORPORATION	Q	2,356,703.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS
(15) RE ADVISERS CORPORATION	A	712,313.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS
(16) RE ADVISERS CORPORATION	L	2,379,292.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS
(17) RE ADVISERS CORPORATION	N	390,229.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS
(18) RE ADVISERS CORPORATION	Q	2,225,350.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS
(19) GLENN ENGLISH FOUNDATION	Q	39,055.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS
(20) NRECA UNITED INC	Q	130,872.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS
(21) ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE LIFE INSURANCE CO	Q	27,032.	ACCOUNTING RECORDS
(22)			
(23)			
(24)			

Part VI **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

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Part VII Supplemental Information.

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. See instructions.

PART IV, IDENTIFICATION OF RELATED ORGANIZATIONS TAXABLE AS CORP OR TRUST:

NAME OF RELATED ORGANIZATION:

ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE LIFE INSURANCE CO

DIRECT CONTROLLING ENTITY: NRECA

NAME OF RELATED ORGANIZATION:

COOPERATIVE BENEFIT ADMINISTRATORS

DIRECT CONTROLLING ENTITY: NRECA UNITED INC

NAME OF RELATED ORGANIZATION:

COOPERATING ENERGY SERVICES

DIRECT CONTROLLING ENTITY: NRECA UNITED INC

NAME OF RELATED ORGANIZATION:

RE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

DIRECT CONTROLLING ENTITY: NRECA UNITED INC

NAME OF RELATED ORGANIZATION:

RE ADVISERS CORPORATION

DIRECT CONTROLLING ENTITY: RE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

NAME OF RELATED ORGANIZATION:

NRECA UNITED INC

DIRECT CONTROLLING ENTITY: ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE LIFE INSURANCE CO