

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2009

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

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

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2009, and ending ,

B Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Termination
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

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C Big Bend Electric Cooperative, Inc.
P.O. Box 348
Ritzville, WA 99169

D Employer Identification Number

91-0145523

E Telephone number

(509) 659-1700

G Gross receipts \$ 24,536,952.

F Name and address of principal officer

Same As C Above

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ NoH(b) Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If 'No,' attach a list (see instructions)I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c) (12) (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: www.bb.ec.org

H(c) Group exemption number

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

L Year of Formation 1939

M State of legal domicile WA

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities.	Sale of Electric Energy	
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	9
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	9
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	46
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0.	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)		
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	23,374,538.	24,002,414.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3a and 3b)	595,804.	405,198.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	295,523.	129,340.
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	24,265,865.	24,536,952.
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), line 13)		
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	252,604.	4,837,147.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	16b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	20,150,707.	17,527,066.
	18	Total expenses - Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	20,403,311.	22,364,213.
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	3,862,554.	2,172,739.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Year 53,391,076.	End of Year 53,884,091.
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	9,415,394.	9,687,342.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	43,975,682.	44,196,749.

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.

Signature of officer

Date 4-22-2010

James A. Johnson
Type or print name and title

Manager

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature

Micheal A. DeCoria
Micheal A. DeCoria

Date 4-15-10

Check if self-employed ☒

Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)

536-60-9776

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

DECORIA MAICHEL AND TEAGUE PS
7307 N DIVISION ST
SPOKANE, WA 99208-6545

EIN 91-1900424

Phone no (509) 535-3503

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

Sale of Electric Energy

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

4a (Code: ☐) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ (Revenue \$)SUPPLY OF ELECTRIC ENERGY TO RURAL CUSTOMERS IN SPARSELY POPULATED AREAS4b (Code: ☐) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ (Revenue \$)4c (Code: ☐) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

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

4e Total program service expenses ▶

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule A		X
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?		X
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I.		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II.		
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III		
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part I.		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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III.		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11 Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions 'Yes'? If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable	X	
• Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings and equipment in Part X, line 10? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VI		
• Did the organization report an amount for investments— other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VII		
• Did the organization report an amount for investments— program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VIII		
• Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IX.		
• Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X		
• 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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X		
12 Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statement for the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	X	
12A Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statement for the tax year? If 'Yes,' completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional	Yes	No
		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E		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, and program service activities outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part I		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part II		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part III.		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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part 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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules—(continued)

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

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1 a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable. 1 a 25		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable. 1 b 0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? 1 c X	X	
2 a	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. 2 a 46		
2 b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? 2 b X	X	
Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return. (see instructions)			
3 a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return? 3 a		X
b	If 'Yes' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule Q 3 b		
4 a	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)? 4 a		X
b	If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5 a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? 5 a		X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? 5 b		X
c	If 'Yes,' to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction? 5 c		
6 a	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? 6 a		X
b	If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not deductible? 6 b		
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? 7 a		
b	If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? 7 b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? 7 c		
d	If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year 7 d		
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? 7 e		
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? 7 f		
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? 7 g		
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required? 7 h		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year? 8		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? 9 a		
b	Did the organization make any distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? 9 b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 10 a		
b	Gross Receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities 10 b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from other members or shareholders 11 a 24,056,329.		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them) 11 b 405,198.		
12 a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? 12 a		
b	If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year 12 b		

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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.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

	Yes	No
1 a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body. 1 a 9		
b Enter the number of voting members that are independent 1 b 9		
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?		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?		X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6 Does the organization have members or stockholders? <i>See Schedule O</i>	X	
7 a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? <i>See Schedule O</i>	X	
b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9 Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? <i>If 'Yes,' provide the names and addresses in Schedule O</i>		X

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

	Yes	No
10 a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
11 Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
11 A Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. <i>See Schedule O</i>		
12 a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? <i>If 'No,' go to line 13</i>	X	
b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? <i>If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this is done See Schedule O</i>	X	
13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	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 <i>See Schedule O</i>	X	
b Other officers of key employees of the organization		X
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions)		
16 a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosures

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶ WA

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

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. *See Schedule O*

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization:
 ▶ James A. Johnson P.O. Box 348 Ritzville WA 99169 (509) 659-1700

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

1 a 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. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- 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. See instructions for definition of 'key employees.'
- 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 the organization did not compensate any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(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			
Dennis Swinger, Sr. President	6	X		X				8,577.	0.	0.
Robert Clinesmith Vice President	6	X		X				8,277.	0.	0.
Daniel Hille Treasurer	6	X		X				9,227.	0.	0.
Curtis Dahl Secretary	6	X		X				8,777.	0.	0.
Daniel Bauermeister Director	6	X						8,727.	0.	0.
Melvin Kagele Director	6	X						8,077.	0.	0.
Ken Story Director	6	X						7,978.	0.	0.
Lyle Holt Director	6	X						7,978.	0.	0.
James Person Director	6	X						1,200.	0.	0.
James A. Johnson General Manager	50			X				149,822.	0.	52,864.
Thomas Ramirez	50					X		109,312.	0.	29,402.
Samuel Somes	50					X		108,580.	0.	31,179.
Nicholas Cooper	50					X		107,646.	0.	29,402.
Justin Babler	50					X		106,699.	0.	29,402.
Seth Craft	50					X		106,501.	0.	29,402.

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, GRANTS AND OTHER SIMILAR AMOUNTS	1 a Federated campaigns	1 a				
	b Membership dues	1 b				
	c Fundraising events	1 c				
	d Related organizations	1 d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1 e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above . . .	1 f				
	g Noncash contribns included in lns 1a-1f: \$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f					
PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE	Business Code					
	2 a Electricity Sales		24,002,414.	24,002,414.		
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue . .					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		24,002,414.			
OTHER REVENUE	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		405,198.			405,198.
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6 a Gross Rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal				
	b Less: rental expenses					
	c Rental income or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
	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 Other non-operating rev		75,425.	75,425.			
b Pole rental		53,915.			53,915.	
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		129,340.				
12 Total revenue. See instructions		24,536,952.	24,077,839.	0.	459,113.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	271,504.			
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B))	0.			
7 Other salaries and wages	2,732,773.			
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	528,804.			
9 Other employee benefits	1,072,315.			
10 Payroll taxes	231,751.			
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	56,235.			
c Accounting	9,750.			
d Lobbying				
e Prof fundraising svcs. See Part IV, ln 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion	3,032.			
13 Office expenses	58,751.			
14 Information technology	95,475.			
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	97,326.			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	1,962,567.			
23 Insurance	94,811.			
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a Cost of power	13,103,737.			
b Admin and general	2,490,507.			
c Distribution - maintenance	1,543,231.			
d Distribution - operations	1,257,878.			
e Tax	1,160,768.			
f All other expenses	-4,407,002.			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	22,364,213.			
26 Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

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Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
ASSETS	1 Cash — non-interest-bearing		1
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	8,347,049.	2 6,927,771.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3
	4 Accounts receivable, net	3,643,549.	4 3,528,789.
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	107,187.	7 88,003.
	8 Inventories for sale or use	1,707,529.	8 1,902,314.
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	107,763.	9 822,829.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 62,612,661.	
	b Less: accumulated depreciation...	10b 30,067,029.	10c 32,545,632.
	11 Investments — publicly-traded securities		11
	12 Investments — other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12
	13 Investments — program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13
	14 Intangible assets		14
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11.	8,065,341.	15 8,068,753.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	53,391,076.	16 53,884,091.	
LIABILITIES	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,182,049.	17 3,862,897.
	18 Grants payable		18
	19 Deferred revenue	342,880.	19 339,729.
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties.		23
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties.		24
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D	4,890,465.	25 5,484,716.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	9,415,394.	26 9,687,342.
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29 and lines 33 and 34.		
	27 Unrestricted net assets		27
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.		
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund	897.	31 897.
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	43,974,785.	32 44,195,852.
	33 Total net assets or fund balances.	43,975,682.	33 44,196,749.
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.	53,391,076.	34 53,884,091.

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Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990. ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ 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?

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

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

d If 'Yes' to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both:

☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?

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

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

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**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

- ▶ **Complete if the organization answered 'Yes,' to Form 990,
Part IV, lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions**

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Name of the organization

Big Bend Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Employer identification number

91-0145523

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

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

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 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 8/17/06 ...	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 easement it holds? .. ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 Using the organization's 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
☐ b Scholarly research
☐ c Preservation for future generations
☐ d Loan or exchange programs
☐ e Other _____

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

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian, or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:

c Beginning balance

d Additions during the year

e Distributions during the year

f Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIV

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

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
f					
g					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment %

b Permanent endowment %

c Term endowment %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

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

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

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

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

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated Depreciation	(d) Book Value
1a Land		262,515.		262,515.
b Buildings		1,810,863.	1,213,324.	597,539.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		4,250,332.	2,523,561.	1,726,771.
e Other		56,288,951.	26,330,144.	29,958,807.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				32,545,632.

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Part VII Investments—Other Securities See Form 990, Part X, line 12. N/A

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other -----		

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990 Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related (See Form 990, Part X, line 13) N/A

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, Col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

Part IX Other Assets (See Form 990, Part X, line 15)

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Investments in associated organizations	8,068,753.
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B), line 15) ▶	8,068,753.

Part X Other Liabilities (See Form 990, Part X, line 25)

(a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
Federal Income Taxes	
Deferred credits	284,339.
Postretirement benefits	5,200,377.
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25) ▶	5,484,716.

2. FIN 48 Footnote. In Part XIV, 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.

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	24,536,952.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	22,364,213.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	2,172,739.
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	
6	Investment expenses	
7	Prior period adjustments	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV) .. See Part XIV	-1,951,672.
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 through 8	-1,951,672.
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	221,067.

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	24,536,952.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	24,536,952.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investments expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	24,536,952.

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	22,364,213.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	22,364,213.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investments expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	22,364,213.

Part XIV Supplemental Information

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

Part XIV	Supplemental Information <i>(continued)</i>
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SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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2009

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

- ▶ **Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990.** ▶ **See separate instructions.**

Name of the organization

Big Bend Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Employer identification number

91-0145523

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

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

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., 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 officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization

a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?

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. **Part III**

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

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

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

If 'Yes' to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III

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

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

If 'Yes' to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III

7 For person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If 'Yes,' describe in Part III

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

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

	Yes	No
1b		
2		
4a		X
4b	X	
4c		X
5a		
5b		
6a		
6b		
7		
8		
9		

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2009

Part III **Supplemental Information**

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

Part I, Line 4 - Received Severance, Supplemental NQ Retirement, Equity-Based Compensation

James A. Johnson participated in a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan, with contributions totaling

\$16,500.

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Part III		Supplemental Information		

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

Compensation from Unrelated Organizations

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SCHEDULE L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.**
► **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.**

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Name of the organization

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Employer identification number

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) 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) Description of transaction	(c) Corrected?	
			Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on 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, Part IV, line 26 or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a.

(a) Name of interested person and purpose	(b) Loan to or from the organization?		(c) Original principal amount	(d) Balance due	(e) In default?		(f) Approved by board or committee?		(g) Written agreement?	
	To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Total ► \$										

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefitting 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 and type of assistance

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
James A. Johnson	Director of organi	349,512.	Purchases of materials		X
Dennis Swinger, Sr.	Board President	259,486.	Purchase of electric power		X

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Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990

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

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Form 990, Part VI, Line 6 - Explanation of Classes of Members or Shareholder

Individuals and businesses who receive electric service from the cooperative.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 7a - How Members or Shareholders Elect Governing Body

Each year, the Board of Directors appoints a nominating committee. The nominating committee meets and nominates a slate of candidates to run for election to the Board. Nominations by petition are also accepted for candidates to run for election to the Board. The candidates are placed on a ballot and members of the organization vote at an annual meeting to elect members of the Board. Voting is allowed in person at the meeting or by mail-in ballot.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 11 - Form 990 Review Process

After the Form 990 has been prepared by the independent accountants, the General Manager reviews the Form with accounting staff for accuracy and completeness. Once the General Manager believes the Form is complete and accurate, he submits the Form to the Board for their review and approval. Upon receiving their approval, the General Manager signs the Form and files it.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Explanation of Monitoring and Enforcement of Conflicts

There are two conflict of interest policies - one for employees and one for the Board of Directors. The Manager ensures the enforcement of the employee conflict of interest policy, and the Board President ensures the enforcement of the Board of Directors conflict of interest policy. The Manager or President reviews any potential conflicts of interest, at least annually, and discusses them with the Board in order to determine the appropriate course of action, if necessary, in accordance with the policy.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Review & Approval Process for CEO, Exec. Dir., or Top Mgtment

The Board of Directors reviews the General Manager's current compensation and, to the extent possible, compares it to the compensation of General Managers of other

Name of the organization

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Employer identification number

91-0145523

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Review & Approval Process for CEO, Exec. Dir., or Top Mgtment (continued)

comparably-sized electric cooperatives within the region. Additionally, the Board reviews the General Manager's compensation relative to the compensation of other executive-level positions within the geographical area as a measure of reasonableness. After consideration of these factors, along with the performance of the individual under review, the Board approves the General Manager's compensation package.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Other Organization Documents Publicly Available

The organization responds to member inquiries for information, but generally does not provide printed policies or financial information, in accordance with Board policy. Some documents are available on the organization's website. For those documents not on the organization's website, the public can utilize the "Contact Us" option on the website to request information.

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Other Changes In Net Assets Or Fund Balances

Education fund.	\$ 56,851.
Other comprehensive loss	-260,828.
Retirement of capital credits.	-1,747,695.
Total	<u>\$ -1,951,672.</u>