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➤ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

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

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2009 , and ending 12-31-2009

B Check if applicable ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF ENERGY AND OUR FUTURE		D Employer identification number 26-1233189
		Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) PO Box 270762		E Telephone number (303) 942-6209
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Fort Collins, CO 805270762		F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual
Other (specify) ☐

H Check ☒ if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ \$ 7,328

Part I **Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (See the instructions for Part I)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	6,447
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	801
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	0
	4	Investment income	4	80
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here 		
	a	Gross revenue (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	0
	b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	0
	c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	0
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0
	b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	0
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0	
8	Other revenue (describe  _____)	8	0	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8 	9	7,328	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	3
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	0
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	0
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	20,623
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	0
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	0
	16	Other expenses (describe  _____)	16	8,059
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 	17	28,685
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-21,357
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	89,403
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20 	21	68,046

Part II Balance Sheets—If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II)

(See the instructions for Part II)		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	89,403	22 68,046
23	Land and buildings	0	23 0
24	Other assets (describe _____)	0	24 0
25	Total assets	89,403	25 68,046
26	Total liabilities (describe _____)	0	26 0
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21) .	89,403	27 68,046

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III)		Expenses (Required for section 501 (c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)	
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? The purpose and mission of the Institute for the Study of Energy and Our Future includes the advancement of education and science through research, study, and analysis of global and domestic energy supply, production, and capacity, research and analysis regarding the functions and operations of energy markets and governmental regulation, and raising awareness and facilitating of civil, evidence-based discussion of energy issues The primary means by which the Institute fulfills its mission is through the publication of an on-line periodical called The Oil Drum Relevant articles are posted on the The Oil Drum daily and members of the public comment and discuss the articles and current events			
Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title			
28 We publish The Oil Drum, an on-line, daily periodical devoted to energy news, research, and discussion A digest of relevant news items, called the DrumBeat, is published every morning, and one to three articles of original research or commentary are added during the day In 2009, The Oil Drum featured over 1,000 articles and over 100,000 community comments and was viewed by an average of 15,000 visitors a day (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐		28a	14,003
29 Our staff travel to conferences to gain and impart knowledge of energy issues In 2009, we partially funded the travel of five staff members to the annual meeting of U S chapter of the Association for the Study of Peak Oil and Gas in Denver, CO (Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐		29a	4,756
30 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐		30a	
31 Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐		31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)		32	18,759

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (See the instructions for Part IV)				
(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Kyle Saunders PO Box 270762 Fort Collins,CO 805270762	President 20	0	0	0
Nathan Hagens PO Box 270762 Fort Collins,CO 805270762	Vice-President 20	0	0	0
David Goldberg PO Box 270762 Fort Collins,CO 805270762	Secretary/Treasurer 20	0	0	0

Part VOther Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33	No
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34	No
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033 (e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b	
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶	37a	0
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	No
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return? . . .	38a	No
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved .	38b	
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ 0 , section 4912 ▶ 0 , section 4955 ▶ 0		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it 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	40b	No
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 . . . ▶ 0		
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ CO		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ Zakhem Atherton LLC Telephone no ▶ (303) 228-1200 700 17th St 20th Floor Located at ▶ Denver, CO ZIP + 4 ▶ 80202		
b	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)? 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.	42b	No
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶	42c	No
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ▶ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	44	No
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	45	No

Part VI

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.
All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

46	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	Yes	No
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		No
48	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		No
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		No
49b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?		

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				

50(f) Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

51(d) Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

Please Sign Here	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		2010-04-26 Date	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	David Goldberg Deputy Director Type or print name and title			
	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed ☐	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4			EIN
				Phone no
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☐ Yes ☐ No				

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF ENERGY AND OUR FUTURE

Employer identification number
26-1233189

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

1

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A church, convention of churches, or association of churches **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2

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A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E)

3

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A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4

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A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state

5

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An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)

6

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A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

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An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

8

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A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

9

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An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)

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An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See**section 509(a)(4).**

11

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An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h

a

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Type I

b

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Type II

c

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Type III - Functionally integrated

d

☐

Type III - Other

e

☐

By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)

f

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If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box

g

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Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i)

a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?

(ii)

a family member of a person described in (i) above?

(iii)

a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

h

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Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets						
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	
13 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	
15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	
16a 33 1/3% support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b 33 1/3% support test—2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
18 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions		

Part IIISupport Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")			106,680	0	6,447	113,127
2Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose			0	0	0	0
3Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513			0	0	0	0
4Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf			0	0	0	0
5The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge			0	0	0	0
6Total. Add lines 1 through 5	0	0	106,680	0	6,447	113,127
7aAmounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons			0	0	0	0
bAmounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year			100,000	0	0	100,000
cAdd lines 7a and 7b	0	0	100,000	0	0	100,000
8Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						13,127

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9Amounts from line 6	0	0	106,680	0	6,447	113,127
10aGross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources			1,128	2,606	80	3,814
bUnrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975			9,734	0		9,734
cAdd lines 10a and 10b	0	0	10,862	2,606	80	13,548
11Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on			0	0	0	0
12Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)			0	0	0	0
13Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12.)	0	0	117,542	2,606	6,527	126,675
14First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here	☒					

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	
16Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	
18Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a33 1/3% support tests—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	☒	
b33 1/3% support tests—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	☒	
20Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions	☒	

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions

TY 2009 General Explanation Attachment

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
F99Z_P05_S00_L35	Form 990-EZ, Part V, Line 35	We had \$801 of business income. This was not reported on Form 990-T because it is below the threshold of \$1000 required for filing Form 990-T.

TY 2009 Other Expenses Schedule**Name:** INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF ENERGY AND OUR FUTURE**EIN:** 26-1233189**Software ID:** 09000073**Software Version:** v1.00

Description	Amount
IRS 1023 filing fee	750
2007 taxes	2,278
Travel	4,756
Fundraising expenses	212
Voicemail	50
Advertising	13