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Form 990  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)	OMB No 1545-0047
		2009
	Open to Public Inspection	

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 DAKOTA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION		D Employer identification number 41-0212180
		Doing Business As		E Telephone number (651) 463-7134
		Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$ 173,478,885
		4300 220TH STREET W		
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 FARMINGTON, MN 550249583		
F Name and address of principal officer Lou Ann Weflen 4300 220TH STREET W FARMINGTON, MN 550249583			H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
			H(b) Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)	
			H(c) Group exemption number ▶	
I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c) (12) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527				
J Website: ▶ www.dakotaelectric.com				
K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶			L Year of formation 1939	M State of legal domicile MN

Part I	Summary
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Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities Eletric Distribution Coop		
	2	Check this box ☐ 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	12
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	12
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	231
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	95,874
	b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	-6,374
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	165,015,894	173,104,984
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	96,990	27,745
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	115,827	-24,489
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	165,228,711	173,108,240
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	35,000	124,399
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	19,415,471	20,082,305
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶0		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	140,547,689	146,751,312
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	159,998,160	166,958,016
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	5,230,551	6,150,224
			Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	244,980,208	251,967,095
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	150,079,369	151,335,914
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	94,900,839	100,631,181

Part II	Signature Block
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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				
	*****		2010-06-25		
	Signature of officer		Date		
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ▶ LISA CHAFFEE CPA		Date 2010-06-25	Check if self-employed ▶ ☐	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ EIDE BAILLY LLP 4310 17TH AVE S PO BOX 2545 FARGO, ND 581082545				EIN ▶
					Phone no ▶ (701) 239-8500

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1

Briefly describe the organization's mission

We are a member-owned, member-focused electric distribution cooperative, striving to exceed our members' energy expectations in a changing world

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

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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

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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 \$ 166,958,016 including grants of \$ 124,399) (Revenue \$ 172,984,621)

Provide electric and related services and products for approximately 101,000 member/customers

4b

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

4c

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

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

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

4e

Total program service expenses \$ 166,958,016

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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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1	No				
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	2	No				
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No				
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4					
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	5					
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 	6	No				
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	No				
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8	No				
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 	9	No				
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10	No				
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. 	11	Yes				
	• 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 statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII 	12	No				
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <table><tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td></tr><tr><td> 12A</td><td>Yes</td></tr></table>	Yes	No	 12A	Yes		
Yes	No						
 12A	Yes						
	If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional 						
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No				
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No				
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I	14b	No				
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II	15	No				
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III	16	No				
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I	17	No				
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No				
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No				
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20	No				

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable	1a80		
	b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?			1c	Yes
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a231		
	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 this return (see instructions)			
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		3a	Yes
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O			3b	Yes
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		4a	No
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				
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		5a	No
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			5b	No
c If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?			5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		6a	No
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?			6b	
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).				
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?			7a	
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?			7b	
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?			7c	
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year			7d	
e Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			7e	
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			7f	
g For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			7g	
h For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?			7h	
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?			8	
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.				
a Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			9a	
b Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			9b	
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter				
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12			10a	
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities			10b	
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter				
a Gross income from members or shareholders			11a	158,231,556
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)			11b	1,085,771
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			12a	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year			12b	

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body . . .	1a	12	
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent . . .	1b	12	
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	Yes	
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? . . .	3		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? . . .	5		No
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6	Yes	
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a	Yes	
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? . . .	7b	Yes	
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b		No
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9		No

Section B. Policies

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

			Yes	No
10a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a		No
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?	10b		
11	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11	Yes	
11A	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990			
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a		No
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b		
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c		
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes	
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14		No
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?			
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b		No
	If "Yes" to line a or b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions)			
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a		No
b	If "Yes," 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?	16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you 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 Additional Data Table.
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ▶ Carla Henke 4300 220th St W Farmington, MN 55024 (651) 463-7134

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

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

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

☐ Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current or former officer, director, trustee or key employee

(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			
James Sheldon Chair	9 20	X		X				26,598	0	0
William Holton Vice Chair	15 00	X		X				20,460	0	0
Paul Trapp Secretary	5 70	X		X				20,460	0	0
Kenneth Danner Treasurer	14 50	X		X				20,460	0	0
Carl Potter Director	7 40	X						20,460	0	0
Clay Van De Bogart Director	8 70	X						20,460	0	0
Janet Lekson Director	12 10	X						20,460	0	0
Judy Kimmes Director	7 60	X						20,460	0	0
Margaret Schreiner Director	13 90	X						20,460	0	0
Gerald Pittman Director	12 00	X						20,460	0	0
Ray Nicolai Director	5 60	X						20,460	0	0
Ronald Swagger Director	21 30	X						20,460	0	0
Greg Miller President/CEO	44 00			X				251,023	0	82,931
Craig Turner Engineering Services Man	41 00					X		105,865	0	46,773
Dirk Rotty VP - Utility Services	41 00				X			163,489	0	37,831
Douglas Larson VP - Regulatory Services	45 00					X		148,709	0	53,584
Jeff Willaby Technician Electrician-C	42 00					X		111,039	0	19,715

Part VII

1b Total	1,756,339	0	567,028
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2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed in Item 1) who received or accrued more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization. 11

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

2	Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ▶8	
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Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c					
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f					
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f						
Program Service Revenue			Business Code					
	2a	ELECTRIC	221,000	173,009,110	173,009,110			
	b	VEHICLE REPAIR SERVICE	811,000	62,854		62,854		
	c	DISPATCHING SERVICES	561,439	30,663		30,663		
	d	ELECTRIC SURGE SUPPRES	453,310	2,127		2,127		
	e	LONG DISTANCE & PHONE	517,000	230		230		
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		173,104,984				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		110,633			110,633	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . .						
	5	Royalties						
	6a	(i) Real		(ii) Personal				
	b	Less rental expenses						
	c	Rental income or (loss)						
	d	Net rental income or (loss)						
	7a	(i) Securities		(ii) Other				
				99,470				
				182,358				
				-82,888				
	d	Net gain or (loss)		-82,888			-82,888	
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18		a				
		b Less direct expenses		b				
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . .						
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19		a				
b Less direct expenses		b						
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . .							
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		a	163,798				
				188,287				
	b Less cost of goods sold		b					
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . .			-24,489	-24,489			
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11a								
b								
c								
d	All other revenue							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d							
12	Total revenue. See Instructions			173,108,240	172,984,621	95,874	27,745	

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	124,399			
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	1,428,860			
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	12,314,450			
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	2,575,299			
9	Other employee benefits	2,728,537			
10	Payroll taxes	1,035,159			
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal	65,873			
c	Accounting	40,378			
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other	2,267,671			
12	Advertising and promotion	2,174,940			
13	Office expenses	1,854,400			
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	157,299			
17	Travel	136,320			
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20	Interest	6,068,327			
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	8,026,268			
23	Insurance	490,881			
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 Purchased Power	118,516,938			
b	Property & Other Taxes	3,054,534			
c	External Contract Labor	1,865,301			
d	Distribution Plant Main	1,063,069			
e	Bad Debt Expense	750,021			
f	All other expenses	219,092			
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	166,958,016			
26	Joint costs. Check here ☐ 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				

Part X

Balance Sheet

					(A)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			987,048	1	674,504
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			569,061	2	721,009
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net				3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net			16,515,727	4	18,016,319
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L				5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L				6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			17,550	7	2,660
	8	Inventories for sale or use			4,497,653	8	4,164,622
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			6,507,989	9	742,211
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment, cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	243,227,645			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b	87,034,444	151,596,453	10c	156,193,201
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities				11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11			7,623,546	12	8,633,419
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11			50,354,213	13	56,334,652
	14	Intangible assets				14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11			6,310,968	15	6,484,498
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			244,980,208	16	251,967,095
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			29,724,495	17	31,342,937
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue			2,500,585	19	2,122,885
	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			100,153,046	23	103,324,982
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			14,403,334	24	10,000,000
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D			3,297,909	25	4,545,110
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			150,079,369	26	151,335,914
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ 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 ☒ 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			94,900,839	32	100,631,181
	33	Total net assets or fund balances			94,900,839	33	100,631,181
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			244,980,208	34	251,967,095

Part XI **Financial Statements and Reporting**

	Yes	No
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? . . .		No
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	Yes	
c If "Yes," to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both ☐ Separate basis ☒ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separated basis		
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits . . .		

SCHEDULE D

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

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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?	
	☐ Yes ☐ 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	
	☐ Yes ☐ No	

Part II

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

1	Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)											
	☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure)	☐ Preservation of an historically importantly land area										
	☐ Protection of natural habitat	☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure										
	☐ Preservation of open space											
2	Complete lines 2a–2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year											
		<table><tr><td></td><td>Held at the End of the Year</td></tr><tr><td>2a</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>2b</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>2c</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>2d</td><td></td></tr></table>		Held at the End of the Year	2a		2b		2c		2d	
	Held at the End of the Year											
2a												
2b												
2c												
2d												
a	Total number of conservation easements											
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements											
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)											
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06											
3	Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ▶ _____											
4	Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____											
5	Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?											
	☐ Yes ☐ No											
6	Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____											
7	Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ _____											
8	Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?											
	☐ Yes ☐ No											
9	In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements											

Part III

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

1a	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items	
b	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items	
	(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$ _____
	(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$ _____
2	If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items	
a	Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$ _____
b	Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$ _____

Part III

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

3

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

a

☐

Public exhibition

b

☐

Scholarly research

c

☐

Preservation for future generations

d

☐

Loan or exchange programs

e

☐

Other

4

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

5

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

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

1a

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

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

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 the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

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

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ %

b

Permanent endowment ▶ %

c

Term endowment ▶ %

3a

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

(i)

unrelated organizations

(ii)

related organizations

b

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

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

4

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

Part VI

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		2,728,919		2,728,919
b Buildings		7,045,522	2,543,700	4,501,822
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		229,485,132	84,490,744	144,994,388
e Other		3,968,072		3,968,072
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				156,193,201

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)	1	173,108,240
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	166,958,016
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	6,150,224
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	-419,882
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	-419,882
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	5,730,342

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	173,191,128
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	173,191,128
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	-82,888
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	173,108,240

Part XIII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	167,040,907
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities2a		
b	Prior year adjustments2b		
c	Other losses2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	82,891
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	166,958,016
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	166,958,016

Part XIV

Supplemental Information

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

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part X	Description of Uncertain Tax Positions Under FIN 48	Dakota Electric exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code and the State of Minnesota MES provides for deferred taxes on temporary differences arising from assets and liabilities whose basis is different for financial reporting and income tax purposes. Dakota Electric has adopted the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification Topic ASC 740-10 (previously Financial Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes), on January 1, 2009. The implementation of this standard had no impact on the financial statements. As both the date of adoption, and as of December 31, 2009, the unrecognized tax benefit accrual was zero. Dakota Electric will recognize future accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense if such penalties and interest are incurred. Under normal circumstances, Dakota Electric is no longer subject to federal or state tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2006. MES and its subsidiaries are no longer subject to federal or state tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2007. Dakota Electric and subsidiaries undergo an annual analysis of various tax positions, assessing the likelihood of those positions being upheld upon examination with relevant tax authorities, as defined by ASC 740-10.
Part XI, Line 8 - Other Adjustments		Members Offline Capital Credit Retirement -345465 Estate & Senior Capital Credit Retirement -237477 Gain on Capital Credit Retirement 252830 Equity in Earnings of Subsidiary 878847 General Capital Credit Retirement -968617
Part XII, Line 4b - Other Adjustments		Loss on Sale of Assets -82888
Part XIII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments		Loss on Sale of Assets 82888 Rounding 3

Schedule I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
DAKOTA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990

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Part I

General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1

Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

☒ Yes ☐ No
- 2

Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed ☐

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC Code section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
City of Lakeville20195 Holyoke Av Lakeville, MN 55044	416005304	Government	5,000				Economic Development
City of Burnsville100 Civic Center Parkway Burnsville, MN 55337	416008848	Government	5,000				Economic Development
City of Eagan3830 Pilot Knob Rd Eagan, MN 55122	410847612	Government	5,000				Economic Development
City of Farmington430 Third St Farmington, MN 55024	416005151	Government	5,000				Economic Development
City of Apple Valley2875 145th St W Rosemount, MN 550684997	416005501	Government	5,000				Economic Development
City of Apple Valley7100 147th St W Apple Valley, MN 55124	410882559	Government	5,000				Economic Development
City of Hastings101 4th St E Hastings, MN 55033	416005220	Government	5,000				Economic Development
Progress Plus5782 Blackshire Pa Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077	411739557	Government	5,000				Economic Development
Community Action Council501 East Hwy 13 Ste 13 Burnsville, MN 55337	410987708	501(c)(3)	10,000				Community Support
DCTC Foundation1300 East 145th St Rosemount, MN 55068	411488605	501(c)(3)	12,600				Community Support

2

Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations

8

3

Enter total number of other organizations

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

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Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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

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

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

Name of the organization
DAKOTA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number

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Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

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

Part II **Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use Schedule J-1 if additional space needed.

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

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
Greg Miller	(i) (ii)	214,285	25,550	11,188	59,430	23,501	333,954	
Craig Turner	(i) (ii)	104,348		1,517	23,611	23,163	152,639	
Dirk Rotty	(i) (ii)	143,234	11,500	8,755	27,997	9,835	201,321	
Douglas Larson	(i) (ii)	135,875	4,500	8,334	32,423	21,161	202,293	
Lou Ann Weflen	(i) (ii)	156,278	16,250	10,009	52,941	21,681	257,159	
Michael Briggs	(i) (ii)	112,967	300	1,823	39,898	8,286	163,274	
Michael Fosse	(i) (ii)	137,453	12,500	11,886	39,565	26,161	227,565	
Randall Poulson	(i) (ii)	138,743	11,500	10,439	75,817	20,580	257,079	

Part III

Supplemental Information

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

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	Part I, Line 1a	Health club dues are available to all employees of DEA and are included in the W-2s of the employees.
Supplemental Information	Part III	Schedule J, Part II, Column C, Deferred Compensation. Included in deferred compensation is the current year estimated increase in the actuarial value of the defined benefit plan for the following employees: Dirk Rotty \$20,195, Randall Poulson \$68,015, Mike Fosse \$31,498, Lou Ann Weflen \$43,969, Greg Miller \$47,032, Mike Briggs \$34,156, Doug Larson \$24,804, and Craig Turner \$17,874. These amounts do not represent any current year contributions to the plan. They are estimates of the increase in the actuarial value of the plans received from the NRECA.

Schedule L
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Transactions with Interested Persons

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

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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 ▶ \$			
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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 of grant or type 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
Great River Energy	BOD Overlap	118,516,938	Board directors Carl Potter and Clay Van De Bogart serve on both board of directors Dakota Electric Association purchases its wholesale power from Great River Energy		No

SCHEDULE O
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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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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 2		Janet Lekson, Gerald F Pittman Jr , and James Sheldon have a business relationship Kenneth Danner, Janet Lekson and Ronald Sw agger have a business relationship Judy Kimmes and Gerald F Pittman Jr have a business relationship
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 6		The organization has members, all of which are in the same class with the same voting rights
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7a		There are four districts and each district has 3 board members - all members vote on all four districts
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7b		Members have the power to remove any director or officer if their actions cause substantial harm to the interests of the organization Members also have the right to alter, amend or repeal the bylaws if approved by majority of votes cast
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 8b		The cooperative does not have an executive committee with the authority to act on behalf of the full board of directors
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11		The board of directors were provided a copy of the Form 990 for their review at the May 27, 2010 board meeting
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15a		The full board serves as the compensation committee The board often uses a consultant or a salary survey or comparison of wages from other comparable sized electric cooperatives The wages data may come from 990s of cooperatives of similar size or from the NRECA compensation survey Following year end, the board of directors deliberates as to whether or not safety, distribution, reliability and other factors were met If these factors were met the board will award all or a portion of the "market pay" that had been withheld The compensation approval process of the President/CEO last took place in April 2007 The HR Department uses comparison wage data from surveys for all positions to determine appropriate market compensation, but the board does not vote on the compensation of other positions
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		The financial statements are available to the public on the website or upon request

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VII, Column F, Other Compensation	Other Compensation	Included in other compensation is the current year estimated increase in the actuarial value of the defined benefit plan for the following employees Greg Miller \$47,032, Craig Turner \$17,874, Dirk Rotty \$20,195, Doug Larson \$24,804, Lou Ann Weflen \$43,969, Mike Briggs \$34,156, Mike Fosse \$31,498, and Randall Poulson \$68,015 These amounts do not represent any current year contributions to the plan They are estimates of the increase in the actuarial value of the plans received from the NRECA

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.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproporionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?	
							Yes	No		Yes	No

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
Midwest Energy Services Inc 4300 220th Street West Farmington, MN550249583 41-1757574	Parent Company of Energy Alternatives & Consulting Engineers Group	MN	N/A	C	95,612	6,549,852	100 000 %
Energy Alternatives Inc 4300 220th Street West Farmington, MN550249583 41-1938868	Electric Generation	MN	MIDWEST ENERGY SERVICES INC	C	3,865,086	19,704,099	100 000 %
Consulting Engineers Group Inc 4300 220th Street West Farmington, MN550249583 41-1919396	Engineering Services	MN	MIDWEST ENERGY SERVICES INC	C	1,295,436	2,224,575	100 000 %

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Part V

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

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

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 (iv) rent from a controlled entity

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

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

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

e Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)

f Sale of assets to other organization(s)

g Purchase of assets from other organization(s)

h Exchange of assets

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

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

k Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)

l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)

m Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets

n Sharing of paid employees

o Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses

p Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses

q Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)

r Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)

Yes

No

1a

1b

1c

1d

1e

1f

1g

1h

1i

1j

1k

1l

1m

1n

1o

1p

1q

1r

No

No

No

Yes

No

No

No

No

Yes

No

No

No

No

Yes

No

Yes

No

No

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 other organization	(b) Transaction type(a-r)	(c) Amount involved
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

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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.

[illegible]

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 41-0212180
Name: DAKOTA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

Form 990, Part VIII - Statement of Revenue - 2a - 2g Program Service Revenue -

	Business Code	(A) Total Revenue	(B) Related or Exempt Function Revenue	(C) Unrelated Business Revenue	(D) Revenue Excluded from Tax under IRC 512, 513, or 514
ELECTRIC	221,000	173,009,110	173,009,110		
VEHICLE REPAIR SERVICE	811,000	62,854		62,854	
DISPATCHING SERVICES	561,439	30,663		30,663	
ELECTRIC SURGE SUPPRES	453,310	2,127		2,127	
LONG DISTANCE & PHONE	517,000	230		230	

Form 990, Part IX - Statement of Functional Expenses - 24a - 24e Other Expenses

<i>Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
Cost of Purchased Power	118,516,938			
Property & Other Taxes	3,054,534			
External Contract Labor	1,865,301			
Distribution Plant Main	1,063,069			
Bad Debt Expense	750,021			