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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)

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

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A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning

and ending

B Check if applicable	C Name of organization AUTOMATIC EXTENSION APPLIED FOR		D Employer identification number
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	NORTH DAKOTA PETROLEUM COUNCIL, INC Doing Business As PO BOX 1395 BISMARCK, ND 58502		45-0454738
See Specific Instructions.	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	E Telephone number 701-223-6380
	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4		G Gross receipts \$ 577,349.
	F Name and address of principal officer: RON NESS PO BOX 1395, BISMARCK, ND 58502		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(6) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
J Website: ► NDOIL.ORG			If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)
K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ►	L Year of formation 1952		M State of legal domicile ND

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: PROMOTE AND ENHANCE THE DISCOVERY, DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, TRANSPORTATION, REFINING,		
	2 Check this box ► <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3 29	
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 29	
	5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5 5	
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 90	
	7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a 1,568.	
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b 0.		

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Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 30,500.	Current Year 25,500.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	753,693.	527,678.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	22,716.	19,847.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	14,344.	4,324.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	821,253.	577,349.
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	40,000.	
	14 Benefits paid to other members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	277,138.	269,164.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	16b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► <input type="checkbox"/> 10/13/10	383,847.	275,464.
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	700,985.	544,628.
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	120,268.	32,721.
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12			
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Beginning of Current Year 575,277.	End of Year 811,448.	
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	137,643.	319,950.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	437,634.	491,498.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer RON NESS, PRESIDENT	Date 8/10/10
	Type or print name and title	Date 8/10/10

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ► <i>Patrick J. Brown</i>	Date 08/05/10	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ► P.O. BOX 1297 BISMARCK, ND 58502-1297	EIN ►		Phone no ► 701-223-1717

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

 Yes No

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SEE SCHEDULE O FOR ORGANIZATION MISSION STATEMENT CONTINUATION

10/13/10

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: SEE SCHEDULE O FOR CONTINUATION
THE NORTH DAKOTA PETROLEUM COUNCIL'S MISSION IS TO PROMOTE AND ENHANCE THE DISCOVERY, DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, TRANSPORTATION, REFINING, CONSERVATION, AND MARKETING OF OIL AND GAS IN NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION; TO PROMOTE OPPORTUNITIES FOR

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

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

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$) Including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
**SPONSORS THE ND PETROLEUM COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING, HOLDS SEMINARS, AND
PROVIDES AN EDUCATIONAL BOOTH AT ND STATE FAIR**

4b (Code: _____) (Expenses \$ _____) including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)?
If "Yes," complete Schedule A

2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?

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

4 **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

5 **Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations.** Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III

6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I

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

8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III

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

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

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

- 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.

12A Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year?
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

14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?

- 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

15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II

16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III

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

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

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

20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H

	Yes	No
1		X
2	X	
3		X
4		
5	X	
6		X
7		X
8		X
9		X
10		X
11		X
12		X
12A	X	
13		X
14a		X
14b		X
15		X
16		X
17		X
18		X
19		X
20		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	X
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	X
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No", go to line 25	24a	X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26	X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27	X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties, (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):	28a	X
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b	X
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	X
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 direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	29	X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30	X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	31	X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	32	X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	33	X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	34	X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1	35	X
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36	
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	37	X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	38	
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	X

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable

1a	0
1b	0

1c

2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return

2a	5
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2b 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?

3b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O

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)?

4b 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?

5b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?

5c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?

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?

6b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?

7 **Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).**

7a 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?

7b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?

7c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?

7d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year

7e Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?

7f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?

7g For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?

7h For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?

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?

9 **Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.**

9a Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?

9b Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?

10 **Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter:

10a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12

10b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities

11 **Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter:

11a Gross income from members or shareholders

11b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)

12a **Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?

12b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year

	Yes	No
1a	0	
1b	0	
1c		
2b	X	
3a	X	
3b	X	
4a		X
5a		X
5b		X
5c		
6a		X
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8		
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10a		
10b		
11a		
11b		
12a		
12b		

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body	29	
1b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent	29	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	5	X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6	X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a	X
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b	X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	8a	X
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	X
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9	X

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ►	NONE
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request	
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.	
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ►	RON NESS - 701-223-6380
	PO BOX 1395, BISMARCK, ND 58502	

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. 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, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

• List all of the organization's **former** directors or trustees that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
RICK ROSS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.
JIM ARTHAUD BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
LAWRENCE BENDER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
WAYNE BIBERDORF BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
KATHY NESET BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
DICK BROSCHAT BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
SCOTT REID BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
LARRY DOKKEN BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
DAVID SCHAFER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
JEFF HERMAN SECRETARY/TREASURER	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.
MIKE MOELLER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
RYAN KOPSENG BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
KEN LUFF BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
BOB MAU PAST CHAIRMAN	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
LYNN MOSER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
COLLIS CHANDLER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
CRAIG SMITH VICE-CHAIRMAN	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(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			
JOHN BERGER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
RYAN LEININGER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
NATHAN CONWAY BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
ALLEN BOETTCHER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
WAYNE BAILEY BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
DON KESSEL BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
PERRY PEARCE BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
ERIC PERCY BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
RON NESS PRESIDENT	40.00	X	X	X			136,180.	0.	17,167.
ERIC DILLE BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
1b Total						►	188,998.	0.	17,167.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization ► 1

3 Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person

	Yes	No
3		X
4	X	
5		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. **NONE**

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

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 ► 0

SEE SCHEDULE J-2 FOR PART VII, SECTION A CONTINUATION

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Part VIII Statement of Revenue		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts					
1 a Federated campaigns	1a				
b Membership dues	1b				
c Fundraising events	1c				
d Related organizations	1d				
e Government grants (contributions)	1e	25,500.			
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		25,500.			
Program Service Revenue					
2 a DUES	Business Code				
b SPONSORSHIP & REG FEES	900099	434,775.	434,775.		
c	900099	92,903.	92,903.		
d					
e					
f All other program service revenue					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		527,678.			
Other Revenue					
3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		19,847.			19,847.
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
5 Royalties					
6 a Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
b Less: rental expenses					
c Rental income or (loss)					
d Net rental income or (loss)					
7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
c Gain or (loss)					
d Net gain or (loss)					
8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a				
b Less: direct expenses	b				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a				
b Less: direct expenses	b				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a				
b Less: cost of goods sold	b				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code			
11 a OTHER INCOME	900099	4,324.		1,568.	2,756.
b					
c					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		4,324.			
12 Total revenue. See instructions		577,349.	527,678.	1,568.	22,603.

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	136,180.			
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	72,773.			
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	45,386.			
10 Payroll taxes	14,825.			
11 Fees for services (non-employees):	4,352.			
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion	71,155.			
13 Office expenses	20,054.			
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	22,109.			
17 Travel	29,366.			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance				
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 <u>ANNUAL MEETING</u>	44,863.			
b <u>EDUCATION PROGRAMS</u>	34,664.			
c <u>WILLISTON BASIN PETRO E</u>	19,253.			
d <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	15,174.			
e <u>DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>	4,498.			
f All other expenses	9,976.			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	544,628.			
26 Joint costs. Check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	575,277.	1	133,290.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	542,458.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	135,700.
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b		10c
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	575,277.	16	811,448.
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	137,643.	19	319,950.
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	137,643.	26	319,950.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets		27	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	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	437,634.	32	491,498.
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	437,634.	33	491,498.
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	575,277.	34	811,448.

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	2a	X
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	X
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	2c	
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.		
d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	3b	

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Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).A Check ► if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group.B Check ► if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

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

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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

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

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

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

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

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	434,775.
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	40,087.
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	40,087.
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	45,651.
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	<5,564. >

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; and Part II-B, line 1i. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Compensation Information**For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest
Compensated Employees

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,

Part IV, line 23.

► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

NORTH DAKOTA PETROLEUM COUNCIL, INCEmployer identification number
45-0454738**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

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

<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments	<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)

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

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

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

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

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

a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

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

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

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

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

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

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

a The organization?

b Any related organization?

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

7 For 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

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

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

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

LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

Schedule J (Form 990) 2009

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

(1) 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).

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

SCHEDULE J-2
(Form 990)

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Continuation Sheet for Form 990

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NORTH DAKOTA PETROLEUM COUNCIL, INC 45-0454738

Part I Continuation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

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(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			
ROB JOHNSON BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
TERRY KOVACEVICH BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
LISA WINN BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
MARSHA REIMNITZ OFFICE MANAGER	40.00		X				46,858.	0.	5,960.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

CONSERVATION AND MARKETING OF OIL & GAS IN NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA,
AND THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION.

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

OPEN DISCUSSION, LAWFUL INTERCHANGE OF INFORMATION, AND EDUCATION
CONCERNING THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY; TO MONITOR AND INFLUENCE LEGISLATE
AND REGULATORY ACTIVITIES ON THE STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL, AND TO
ACCUMULATE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PETROLEUM
INDUSTRY TO FOSTER THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC AND INDUSTRY.

**FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6: MEMBERS ARE ELECTED TO SERVE THE ND
PETROLEUM COUNCIL.**

**FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A: ALL MEMBERS VOTE ON THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS AND CHANGES TO BY-LAWS.**

**FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B: THE BOARD MEMBERS VOTE ON CHANGES
TO THE BY-LAWS.**

**FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE
PRESIDENT REVIEW A COPY OF THE FINAL 990.**

**FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD CHAIR
MONITOR ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS AND ANNUALLY ALL BOARD MEMBERS ARE TO
DISCLOSE ANY POTENTIAL OR ACTUAL CONFLICTS TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR**

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
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HIS REVIEW.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15: THE PRESIDENT'S COMPENSATION IS DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AFTER A REVIEW BY THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD. ALL OTHER STAFF COMPENSATION IS DETERMINED BY THE PRESIDENT AFTER A REVIEW AND SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE NOT MADE PUBLIC.

Application for Extension of Time To File an
Exempt Organization Return

► File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I and check this box ►
- If you are filing for an Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form).

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed)

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only ►

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns

Electronic Filing (e-file). Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3 month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on e-file for Charities & Nonprofits

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Name of Exempt Organization NORTH DAKOTA PETROLEUM COUNCIL, INC	Employer identification number 45-0454738
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P O. box, see instructions PO BOX 1395	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions BISMARCK, ND 58502	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870

RON NESS

- The books are in the care of ► PO BOX 1395 - BISMARCK, ND 58502

Telephone No ► 701-223-6380 FAX No ►

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ►
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) If this is for the whole group, check this box ► If it is for part of the group, check this box ► and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6-months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until AUGUST 15, 2010, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for ► calendar year 2009 or ► tax year beginning and ending

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions	3a	\$ <input type="text"/>
b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit	3b	\$ <input type="text"/>
c Balance Due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System) See instructions	3c	\$ <input type="text"/> N/A

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions

5/10/10 R
5/10/10 A