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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

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

NORTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

Doing Business As

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

PO BOX 2707

Room/suite

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

WOODWARD, OK 73802

F Name and address of principal officer

TYSON LITTAU

PO BOX 2707

WOODWARD, OK 73802

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

D Employer identification number

73-0375825

E Telephone number

(580) 256-7425

G Gross receipts \$ 25,682,333

I Tax-exempt status

☒ 501(c) (12) ☐ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website:

WWW NWECON COOP

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Year of formation

1940

M State of legal domicile

OK

Part I Summary					
Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC POWER TO RURAL AREAS AT COST ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS			
	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 9		
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 7		
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5 59		
Revenue	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 0		
	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a 0		
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b 0		
	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year		
			Current Year		
			0		
			28,503,451		
			25,459,695		
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)			
Expenses	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	-197,035		
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	130,407		
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,009,647		
	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	14,575		
			778,139		
			3,225,742		
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)			
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0		
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)			
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)			
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	26,408,417		
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	21,100,275		
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	27,186,556		
			24,326,017		
			2,129,507		
			1,278,660		
Signature Block	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	Beginning of Current Year		
			End of Year		
			54,967,115		
			56,841,762		
Sign Here	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	35,360,701		
			35,849,256		
			19,606,414		
			20,992,506		

Part II Signature Block

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

Signature of officer

2010-05-17

Date

TYSON LITTAU CEO

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature

Matt R Willis

Date

2010-05-17

Check if self-employed

☐

Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)

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

BOLINGER SEGARS GILBERT AND MOSS LLP

8215 NASHVILLE AVENUE

LUBBOCK, TX 79423

EIN

Phone no

(806) 747-3806

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1

Briefly describe the organization's mission

THE COOPERATIVE'S RESPONSIBILITY AND AIM IS TO PROVIDE EXCELLENT AND INNOVATIVE CUSTOMER SERVICE AS REFLECTED IN TOP QUALITY ELECTRIC SERVICE RELIABILITY, AFFORDABLE RATES, EMPLOYEE TEAMWORK AND THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF INTEGRITY IN ALL COOPERATIVE ENDEAVORS

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 \$)

PROVIDING ELECTRIC ENERGY TO OUR MEMBERS - 11,183 ACTIVE SERVICES AT YEAR END WERE PROVIDED ELECTRICITY ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS THROUGH THE ALLOCATION OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL

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

\$

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Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	3	No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>	7	No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> 	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> 	9	No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> 	10	No
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? <i>If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.</i> 	11	Yes
	• Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i>		
	• Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i>		
	• Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i>		
	• Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i>		
	• Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>		
	• 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>		
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i>	12	Yes
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year?	Yes	No
	<i>If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i>	12A	No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	13	No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
14b	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</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 ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II</i>	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 ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	18	No
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>	19	No
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	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		No
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		No
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	Yes	
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		No
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	1a36		
	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	
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	2a59		
	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	No
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O			3b	
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	25,058,474
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)			11b	181,879
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	9	
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent . . .	1b	7	
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		No
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	Yes	
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	Yes	
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes	
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	Yes	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes	
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes	
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	Yes	
	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▶OK
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 ▶ TYSON LITTAU 2925 WILLIAMS AVENUE WOODWARD, OK 73802 (580) 256-7425

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			
KENNETH KNOWLES PRESIDENT	6 30	X		X				17,501	0	0
RAY SMITH VICE PRESIDENT	3 30	X		X				15,501	0	0
JOHN BRUCE JR SECRETARY-TREASURER	6 20	X		X				17,501	0	0
GILBERT PERKINS DIRECTOR	5 60	X						16,876	0	0
LEE R HUCKABY DIRECTOR	3 70	X						2,750	0	0
CHARLES HARPER DIRECTOR	4 20	X						16,939	0	0
DUANE HENDERSON DIRECTOR	2 40	X						15,189	0	0
CLAIR CRAIGHEAD DIRECTOR	5 00	X						16,501	0	0
DEAN STONE DIRECTOR	4 40	X						9,288	0	0
TYSON LITTAU CEO	40 00			X				94,561	0	39,921

1b	Total	222,607	0	39,921
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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 **0**

		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	No
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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
HAMLIN ELECTRICAL CONST LLC 1406 NEPTUNE DRIVE CLINTON, OK 73601	CONSTRUCTION	906,583
CHAPEL MAPPING 315 SECOND AVENUE WARREN, PA 16365	GPS MAPPING PROJECT	689,350
RIGGS TREE SERVICE PO BOX 1282 BEAVER, OK 73932	TREE SERVICE	548,451

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 **3**

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 ENERGY	221,000	24,755,001	24,755,001			
	b	PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS	221,000	673,359	673,359			
	c	CONNECT FEES	221,000	31,335	31,335			
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		25,459,695				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		127,831			127,831	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . .						
	5	Royalties						
	6a	Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
				5,268				
			5,268					
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		5,268			5,268	
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
				45,000				
				42,424				
			2,576					
	d	Net gain or (loss)		2,576			2,576	
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18						
	b	Less direct expenses						
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . .						
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19						
	b	Less direct expenses						
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . .						
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances						
b	Less cost of goods sold							
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . .		4,576	4,576				
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11a	MISCELLANEOUS		221,000	4,731	4,731			
b								
c								
d	All other revenue							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d			4,731				
12	Total revenue. See Instructions		25,604,677	25,469,002	0	135,675		

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	222,607			
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	1,979,747			
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	372,602			
9	Other employee benefits	502,973			
10	Payroll taxes	147,813			
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting				
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other				
12	Advertising and promotion				
13	Office expenses				
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy				
17	Travel				
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20	Interest	1,422,398			
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	1,766,125			
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	PURCHASED POWER	14,474,843			
b	DISTRIBUTION EXPENSE	2,196,824			
c	ADMIN AND GENERAL	674,987			
d	CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS	565,098			
e					
f	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	24,326,017			
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			2,628,595	1	1,701,384
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments				2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net				3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net			3,054,699	4	2,935,039
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L			2,441	5	678
	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			491,926	7	523,454
	8	Inventories for sale or use			667,178	8	563,507
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			187,410	9	620,364
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment, cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	64,202,021			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b	21,061,159	40,972,289	10c	43,140,862
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities				11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11			14,239	12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11			6,717,263	13	7,348,164
	14	Intangible assets				14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11			231,075	15	8,310
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			54,967,115	16	56,841,762
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			1,898,631	17	1,623,202
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue				19	
	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			32,381,568	23	33,543,571
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties				24	
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D			1,080,502	25	682,483
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			35,360,701	26	35,849,256
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			72,885	30	72,980
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			188,655	31	1,592,564
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			19,344,874	32	19,326,962
	33	Total net assets or fund balances			19,606,414	33	20,992,506
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			54,967,115	34	56,841,762

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 . . .		No
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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Name of the organization
NORTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

Employer identification number
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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

	Held at the End of the Year
2a	
2b	
2c	
2d	

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 ▶ \$ _____

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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

3a(i)

☐

☐

(ii)

related organizations

3a(ii)

☐

☐

b

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

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		241,423		241,423
b Buildings		2,239,791	697,132	1,542,659
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		61,588,495	20,364,027	41,224,468
e Other		132,312		132,312
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				43,140,862

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	25,604,677
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	24,326,017
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,278,660
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	47,837
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	59,595
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	107,432
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	1,386,092

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	25,590,438
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	-14,239
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-14,239
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	25,604,677
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	25,604,677

Part XIII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	24,326,017
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	24,326,017
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part 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	24,326,017

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	ON JANUARY 1, 2009, THE COOPERATIVE ADOPTED THE UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS PROVISIONS OF ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE PRIMARY TAX POSITION OF THE COOPERATIVE IS ITS FILING STATUS AS A TAX EXEMPT ENTITY. THE COOPERATIVE DETERMINED THAT IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THAT THEIR TAX POSITION WILL BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS), OR OTHER STATE TAXING AUTHORITY AND THAT ALL TAX BENEFITS ARE LIKELY TO BE REALIZED UPON SETTLEMENT WITH TAXING AUTHORITIES.
Part XI, Line 8 - Other Adjustments		PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIRED -47468 OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME PROVISION FOR PENSION AND BENEFITS -4531 VOIDED CAPITAL CREDIT CHECKS 125738 WRITE OFF OF EQUITY METHOD INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY -14239 INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIPS 95
Part XII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments		WRITE OFF OF EQUITY METHOD INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY -14239
		Part IX THE AMOUNT OF OTHER ASSETS ON FORM 990, PAGE 11, PART X, LINE 15 DOES NOT EQUAL OR EXCEED 5% OF THE TOTAL ASSETS ON FORM 990, PAGE 11, PART X, LINE 16, COLUMN B. CONSEQUENTLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH IRS INSTRUCTIONS SCHEDULE D, PART IX HAS BEEN LEFT BLANK.

Schedule L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
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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?
			YesNo

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
JOHN BRUCE JR LOAN TO PURCHASE COMPUTER		X	1,253	104	No		Yes		Yes	
TYSON LITTAU LOAN TO PURCHASE COMPUTER		X	1,621	574	No		Yes		Yes	
Total ▶ \$				678						

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
WESTERN FARMERS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	A BOARD MEMBER OF THE COOPERATIVE SERVES ON THE BOARD OF WESTERN FARMERS	14,474,843	COOPERATIVE PURCHASES ELECTRICITY FROM WESTERN FARMERS		No

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

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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 6		THE COOPERATIVE WAS FORMED BY THE MEMBERS TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC SERVICE AT COST ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7a		THE MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE VOTE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS ARE DONE ON A ONE MEMBER ONE VOTE BASIS
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7b		THE FOLLOWING ACTS REQUIRE APPROVAL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE 1 DISSOLUTION/LIQUIDATION OF THE COOPERATIVE, 2 MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION OF THE COOPERATIVE WITH ANOTHER ORGANIZATION, 3 THE DISPOSAL OF A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE COOPERATIVE'S ASSETS, AND 4 AMENDMENTS TO THE COOPERATIVE'S BYLAWS
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11		MANAGEMENT E-MAILED A COPY OF THE FORM 990 TO THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION, REVIEW AND APPROVAL PRIOR TO FILING
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c		THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO REVIEW AND BE FAMILIAR WITH THE POLICIES OUTLINED IN THE COOPERATIVE'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE ANY ACTION OR SITUATION THAT MIGHT VIOLATE THE POLICY TO THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS REVIEWED AND REDISTRIBUTED TO EACH EMPLOYEE, OFFICER AND DIRECTOR AT LEAST ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15		THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS USE A COMPENSATION SURVEY WHEN DETERMINING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CEO THE SURVEY SHOWS COMPARATIVE SALARIES FOR GENERAL MANAGERS FROM SIMILARLY SITUATED COOPERATIVES LOCATED IN OKLAHOMA AND THE NATION THE CEO AND AN INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION COMMITTEE USE A COMPENSATION SURVEY WHEN DETERMINING THE COMPENSATION OF THE COOPERATIVE'S OTHER EMPLOYEES MEETING THE DEFINITION OF OFFICER AND KEY EMPLOYEES, IF ANY THE SURVEY INCLUDES SALARIES FROM SIMILARLY SITUATED COOPERATIVES THROUGHOUT OKLAHOMA AND THE NATION
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		THE COOPERATIVE WILL PROVIDE A COMPLETE COPY OF ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO ANY MEMBER WHO REQUESTS A COPY OF ANY SUCH DOCUMENT ANNUALLY THE COOPERATIVE PROVIDES A COPY OF THE AUDITED BALANCE SHEET AND INCOME STATEMENT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE WITH THE ANNUAL REPORT
Form 990, Part XI, Line 2C	AUDIT COMMITTEE	THE BOARD AS A WHOLE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT AND SELECTING THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDITOR

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 1b	INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS	RAY SMITH PER IRS FORM 990 INSTRUCTIONS IS NOT AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR BECAUSE HE IS ON THE BOARD OF WESTERN FARMERS COOPERATIVE, INC THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASES ITS ELECTRIC ENERGY FROM WESTERN FARMERS THE COOPERATIVE IS A MEMBER OF WESTERN FARMERS AS SUCH, MR SMITH IS THE COOPERATIVE'S REPRESENTATIVE ON WESTERN FARMERS BOARD MR SMITH HAS NO OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN WESTERN FARMERS AND RECEIVES NO DIRECT OR INDIRECT BENEFIT FROM THE COOPERATIVE DOING BUSINESS WITH WESTERN FARMERS

Form 990, Part IX ACCOUNTING SYSTEM THE ACCOUNTING RECORDS OF THE COOPERATIVE ARE MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTS AS PRESCRIBED BY THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR CLASS A AND B ELECTRIC UTILITIES MODIFIED FOR ELECTRIC BORROWERS OF THE RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE(RUS) THE UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING DOES NOT RECORD EXPENSES IN THE GENERAL EXPENSE CATEGORIES PROVIDED ON PART IX LINES 1 - 23 THE COOPERATIVE WILL BREAK OUT SALARIES AND WAGES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND PAYROLL TAXES THAT ARE ALLOCATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR ACCOUNTING SYSTEM, BUT OTHER EXPENSES THAT ARE DESCRIBED IN LINES 1 - 23 WILL BE REPORTED ON LINE 24 UNDER THE EXPENSE CATEGORIES REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTS Form 990, Part VIII, Line 2 PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS RESULT FROM THE PURCHASE OF WHOLESALE POWER FROM A GENERATION & TRANSMISSION COOPERATIVE PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS ALSO RESULT FROM THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST FROM COOPERATIVE BANKS AND THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES FROM OTHER COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS THE EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH PURCHASES FROM AND PAYMENTS TO SUCH COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS ARE A DIRECT COMPONENT OF COST OF THE ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE ORGANIZATION TO ITS MEMBERS Form 990, Part IX, Lines 5-7 RECONCILIATION OF WAGES PER RETURN TO FORM W-3 SALARIES AND WAGES ARE ALLOCATED TO ASSET, LIABILITY, AND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS BASED ON THE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM DESCRIBED ABOVE IN AN EFFORT TO EXPLAIN WHY THE AMOUNTS REPORTED ON LINES 5-7 DO NOT AGREE TO THE W-3 THE FOLLOWING RECONCILIATION IS PROVIDED TOTAL PER LINES 5-7 \$ 2,202,354 LESS DIRECTORS FEES REPORTED ON 1099-MISC (128,047) PLUS SALARIES AND WAGES ALLOCATED TO ASSET ACCOUNTS 757,134 RECONCILIATION TO W-3 \$ 2,831,441 Form 990, Part VII, Section A CEO RESPONSIBILITIES THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSIDERS THE CEO TO BE BOTH THE TOP MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL AND THE TOP FINANCIAL OFFICIAL THEREFORE, ONLY THE CEO IS LISTED AS AN EMPLOYEE OFFICER Form 990, Part IX, Line 24 BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES INCLUDED IN ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN OF THE EXPENSES REPORTED AS ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSE ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 24 OFFICE AND SUPPLIES \$ 152,742 JANITOR EXPENSE 33,277 OUTSIDE SERVICES 51,275 INSURANCE 203,083 DUES TO ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS 133,363 SCHOOLS & TRAINING 39,882 SERVICE SAFETY AWARDS 34,340 OFFICE BUILDING MAINTENANCE 19,540 MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE 7,485 TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSE PER 990 \$ 674,987 Form 990, Part VII, Column F TO PROVIDE DETAIL REGARDING THE OFFICER BENEFITS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO ITS EMPLOYEES, THE COOPERATIVE HAS ESTABLISHED A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN UNDER SECTION 401(K) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE ADDITIONALLY, THE COOPERATIVE PARTICIPATES IN A MULTI-EMPLOYER DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS PLAN ARE BASED ON THE FULL FUNDING LIMITATION OF SUCH PLAN EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BOTH PLANS ARE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATING EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING OFFICERS, MEETING THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF SUCH PLANS THE ORGANIZATION ALSO PROVIDES HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE TO ALL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING OFFICERS, THROUGH A QUALIFIED PLAN THE AMOUNTS REPORTED ON PART VII, COLUMN (F) FOR THE OFFICER IS COMPRISED OF THE ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN THE DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN FOR THE OFFICER, THE TOTAL AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED TO THE 401(K) PENSION PLAN AND THE INSURANCE PREMIUMS PAID FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE OFFICER IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE PENSION PLANS, THE ORGANIZATION ALSO PROVIDES POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS THROUGH AN UNFUNDED WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN THE VALUE OF THESE BENEFITS HAS NOT BEEN ESTIMATED Form 990, Part I, Line 11 DECREASE IN OTHER REVENUE WHEN COMPARED TO PRIOR YEAR ON THE 2009 FORM 990 THE COOPERATIVE REPORTED PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS AS PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE ON PART I, LINE 9 ON THE 2008 RETURN PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS WERE REPORTED ON PART I, LINE 11 OTHER REVENUE THE CHANGE IN HOW THE PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS HAVE BEEN REPORTED GIVES THE APPEARANCE THAT OTHER REVENUE DECREASED SIGNIFICANLY BUT IN ESSENCE IF THE PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS HAD BEEN REPORTED AS OTHER REVENUE LINE 11 WOULD HAVE SHOWN \$687,934

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Form 990, Part I, Line 15	INCREASE IN SALARIES AND BENEFITS WHEN COMPARED TO PRIOR YEAR	ON THE 2009 FORM 990 THE COOPERATIVE BROKE OUT SALARIES AND WAGES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND PAYROLL TAXES THAT ARE ALLOCATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR ACCOUNTING SYSTEM ON THE 2008 RETURN THEY WERE NOT BROKEN OUT ON THE 990 THE 2008 RETURN IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE, BUT THE COOPERATIVE BELIEVES BY BREAKING OUT THESE EXPENSES ON THE 2009 RETURN A READER OF THE FORM 990 WILL BE MORE INFORMED FUTURE YEAR RETURNS FILED BY THE COOPERATIVE WILL BREAK OUT SALARIES AND WAGES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND PAYROLL TAXES AND THE COMPARISON ON PAGE 1 WILL BE MORE MEANINGFUL

