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Form 990  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)	OMB No 1545-0047 <div> <div>2009</div> <div>Open to Public Inspection</div> </div>
	The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements	

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2009 and ending 12-31-2009				
B Check if applicable <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	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization MISSOULA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC		D Employer identification number 81-0168065
		Doing Business As		E Telephone number (406) 541-4433
		Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 1700 WEST BROADWAY	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$ 18,458,490
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 MISSOULA, MT 598022099		
	F Name and address of principal officer MARK HAYDEN 1700 WEST BROADWAY MISSOULA, MT 598022099		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶	
I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (12) ◀ (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527				
J Website: ▶ www.missoulaelectric.com				
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 1937	M State of legal domicile MT	

Part I		Summary		
Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities MISSOULA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC , OPERATES AS AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY ON A NON-PROFIT COOPERATIVE BASIS BY PROVIDING ELECTRICAL POWER TO ITS MEMBERS LOCATED IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF MONTANA IN ACCORDANCE WITH IRS SECTION 501 (C) (12)		
	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 _____	
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 _____	
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5 _____ 6	
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 _____	
	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a _____	
	b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b _____ 78,82	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	_____	_____ 0
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	17,197,281	17,836,698
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	53,827	51,097
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	127,132	570,695
			17,378,240	18,458,490
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	_____	_____ 0
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	_____	_____ 0
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	809,552	895,060
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	_____	_____ 0
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <input type="checkbox"/> 0	_____	_____
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	15,420,040	15,516,800
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	16,229,592	16,411,860
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,148,648	2,046,630
Net Assets or Fund Balances			Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	53,897,587	54,571,671
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	37,034,193	35,860,560
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	16,863,394	18,711,111

Part II Signature Block	
Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge
	<div> <div>*****</div> <div>Signature of officer</div> </div> <div> <div>2010-05-04</div> <div>Date</div> </div>
	<div>DOUGLAS BARDWELL SECRETARY/TREASURER</div> <div>Type or print name and title</div>
Paid Preparer's Use Only	<div> <div>Preparer's signature</div> <div>RICHARD A MATUSIAK</div> </div> <div> <div>Date</div> <div>2010-05-04</div> </div> <div> <div>Check if self-employed</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/></div> </div> <div> <div>Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)</div> </div>
	<div> <div>Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4</div> <div>SUMMERS MCNEA & CO PC</div> <div>80 25TH STREET WEST</div> <div>BILLINGS, MT 591024662</div> </div>
	<div> <div>EIN</div> <div>Phone no (406) 652-2320</div> </div>

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1

Briefly describe the organization’s mission

RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL POWER AND SERVICES TO ITS MEMBERS LOCATED IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF MONTANA

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 \$ 12,367,346 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 18,458,490)

COOPERATIVE RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES ARE RELATED TO PROVIDING TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION ELECTRCIAL POWER AND SERVICES TO APPROXIMATELY 11,284 MEMBERS AND PATRONS LOCATED IN WESTERN MONTANA

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 \$ 12,367,346

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		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	34	Yes	
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35	Yes	
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	1a	49	
	b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	
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	2a	62	
	b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)			
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?			3a	Yes
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O			3b	Yes
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?			4a	No
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: <input type="text"/> 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	No
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	No
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	No
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			7f	No
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	18,323,430
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)			11b	2,435,000
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	7	
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		No
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	Yes	
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	Yes	

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed▶	
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. <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. 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 ▶ DEBBIE GAFFNEY 1700 WEST BROADWAY MISSOULA, MT 598022099 (406) 541-4433	

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			
HARRY LAFRINIERE DIRECTOR	6 00	X						18,884	0	0
RAY CEBULSKI PRESIDENT	8 00	X		X				24,975	0	0
TERRY HOKE DIRECTOR	7 00	X						25,134	0	0
SHARON JACOBSEN DIRECTOR	4 00	X						17,759	0	0
DOUGLAS BARDWELL SECRETARY/TREASURER	5 00	X		X				18,634	0	0
THOMAS ALSAKER VICE PRESIDENT	8 00	X		X				20,009	0	0
CHARLES R DRINVILLE DIRECTOR	6 00	X						18,134	0	0
DEBBIE GAFFNEY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	40 00			X				87,958	0	0
MARK HAYDEN GENERAL MANAGER	40 00			X				97,147	0	0

Part VII

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
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Section B. Independent Contractors

Form **990** (2009)

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	SALE OF ELECTRICITY	221,000	17,836,698	17,836,698				
	b								
	c								
	d								
	e								
	f	All other program service revenue							
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		17,836,698					
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		51,097	51,097				
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . .							
	5	Royalties							
	6a	Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal					
				46,848					
			46,848						
	b	Less rental expenses			46,848			46,848	
	c	Rental income or (loss)							
	d	Net rental income or (loss)							
	7a	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)							
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18							
			a						
			b	Less direct expenses	b				
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . .								
9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19								
		a							
		b	Less direct expenses					b	
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . .								
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances								
		a							
		b	Less cost of goods sold					b	
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . .								
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code							
11a	EQUITY INCOME IN SUBSI	453,000	442,125	442,125					
b	PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS	221,000	41,471	41,471					
c	MERCHANDISING & JOBBIN	221,000	40,251	40,251					
d	All other revenue								
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		523,847						
12	Total revenue. See Instructions		18,458,490	18,411,642	0	46,848			

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	328,634		328,634	
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	489,309		489,309	
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9	Other employee benefits	77,117		77,117	
10	Payroll taxes				
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal	3,478		3,478	
c	Accounting	14,000		14,000	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other				
12	Advertising and promotion	6,075		6,075	
13	Office expenses	88,614		88,614	
14	Information technology	242,298		242,298	
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	34,083		34,083	
20	Interest	1,717,126	1,717,126		
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	2,117,973			
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	DEFERRED INCOME TAXES O	178,000		178,000	
b	PURCHASED POWER	6,103,593	6,103,593		
c	DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS	2,018,164	2,018,164		
d	DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANC	1,644,551	1,644,551		
e	CUSTOMERS ACCOUNT EXPEN	597,456	597,456		
f	All other expenses	751,389	286,456	464,933	
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	16,411,860	12,367,346	1,926,541	0
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)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			523,046	1	169,435
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			808,276	2	869,516
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net				3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net			1,105,874	4	1,052,028
	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			45,833	7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use			1,733,055	8	1,980,142
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			22,539	9	40,202
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment, cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	71,039,989			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b	24,539,632	45,726,339	10c	46,500,357
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities				11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11			3,841,412	12	3,908,353
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11				13	
	14	Intangible assets				14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11			91,213	15	51,638
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			53,897,587	16	54,571,671
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			2,361,942	17	2,184,306
	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			33,809,428	23	31,238,169
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties				24	
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D			862,823	25	2,438,085
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			37,034,193	26	35,860,560
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			500,000	31	580,595
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			16,363,394	32	18,130,516
	33	Total net assets or fund balances			16,863,394	33	18,711,111
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			53,897,587	34	54,571,671

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? . . .		No
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	Yes	
c If "Yes," to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> 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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Employer identification number
81-0168065

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? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
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 <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	

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	Total number of conservation easements
2b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
2c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
2d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ►_____

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►_____

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

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

7

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

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9

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

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

1a

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

b

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

(i)

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$ _____

(ii)

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$ _____

2

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

a

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$ _____

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$ _____

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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)

☐ Yes

☐ No

(ii)

related organizations

3a(ii)

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

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

3b

☐ Yes

☐ No

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		1,626,802		1,626,802
b Buildings		1,320,221	703,376	616,845
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		4,073,286	2,881,005	1,192,281
e Other		64,019,680	20,955,251	43,064,429
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				46,500,357

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	18,458,490
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	16,411,860
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	2,046,630
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	-198,913
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	-198,913
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	1,847,717

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	20,805,278
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	2,346,788
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	2,346,788
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	18,458,490
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	18,458,490

Part XIII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	16,411,860
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	16,411,860
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	16,411,860

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 XI, Line 8 - Other Adjustments		PATRONAGE CAPITAL CREDITS PAID TO MEMBERS AND ESTATES
Part XII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments		CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS FOR PLANT CONSTRUCTION
		PART VI-LINE 1E-OTHER PROPERTY- INCLUDES INTANGIBLE PLANT SWITCHYARD TOTALING \$2,127,325, TRANSMISSION PLANT OF POLES, WIRE, AND STATION EQUIPMENT TOTALING \$5,429,635, DISTRIBUTION PLANT OF POLES, WIRE, STATION EQUIPMENT, METERS AND TRANSFORMERS TOTALING \$55,833,546, AND CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS TOTALING \$629,174

Schedule J (Form 990) <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div>	<div>Compensation Information</div> <div>For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees</div> <div>▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.</div> <div>▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.</div>	OMB No 1545-0047
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Part I	Questions Regarding Compensation		Yes	No				
1a	Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items							
	<div><div><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)</div></div>							
1b	If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain							
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2	Yes					
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply							
	<div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</div></div>							
	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						
	<div><div>a</div><div>b</div><div>c</div></div>	Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?			No	No
	If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III							
	Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.							
5	For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of							
	<div><div>a</div><div>b</div></div>	The organization?	Any related organization?					
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							
	<div><div>a</div><div>b</div></div>	The organization?	Any related organization?					
7	For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	7						
8	Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs section 53 4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	8						
9	If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53 4958-6(c)?	9						

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

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

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

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
HARRY LAFRINIERE	(i) (ii)	18,884					18,884	
RAY CEBULSKI	(i) (ii)	24,975					24,975	
TERRY HOKE	(i) (ii)	25,134					25,134	
SHARON JACOBSEN	(i) (ii)	17,759					17,759	
DOUGLAS BARDWELL	(i) (ii)	18,634					18,634	
THOMAS ALSAKER	(i) (ii)	20,009					20,009	
CHARLES R DRINVILLE	(i) (ii)	18,134					18,134	
DEBBIE GAFFNEY	(i) (ii)	87,958					87,958	
MARK HAYDEN	(i) (ii)	97,147					97,147	

Part III

Supplemental Information

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

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
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Supplemental Information to Form 990

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Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 6		THE COOPEATIVE HAS 11,284 ELIGIBLE VOTING MEMBERS AT DECEMBER 31, 2009
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7a		THE MEMBERSHIP ELECTS TWO OR THREE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO SERVE A THREE YEAR TERM AT THE COOPERATIVE ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN MARCH OF EACH YEAR
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7b		ALL BYLAW CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE APPROVED AND RATIFIED BY THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE COOPERATIVE ANNUAL MEETING
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11		FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OR AN APPOINTED COMMITTEE AND SIGNED BY THE SECRETARY/TREASURER PRIOR TO ITS FILING
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c		ALL TRUSTEES MUST DISCLOSE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANY SITUATION OR TRANSACTION ON WHICH THE TRUSTEE IS INVOLVED WHICH VIOLATES, OR COULD APPEAR TO VIOLATE THE INTENT OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY THE BOARD WILL THEN DETERMINE WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, SHOULD BE TAKEN EACH TRUSTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT HIS OR HER ACTIONS AND BEHAVIOR ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS POLICY THE BOARD PRESIDENT SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT ALL TRUSTEES ADHERE OF THIS POLICY, HOWEVER, ANY TRUSTEE MAY BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD ANY PERCEIVED VIOLATION OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15		THE NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION (NRECA) AND MONTANA STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION - MONTANA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION (MECA) PERFORMS AN ANNUAL SALARY SURVEY BY JOB CLASSIFICATION THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAKES USE OF THESE SALARY SURVEYS FROM NRECA AND MECA TO DETERMINE THE SALARY GUIDELINES FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER SALARY THE GENERAL MANAGER USES THESE SALARY SURVEYS TO DETERMINE THE RANGE OF SALARIES FOR THE EXEMPT, NON-UNION POSITIONS THE COOPERATIVE LINEMEN SALARIES ARE ESTABLISHED BY A SIGNED COLLECTIVELY BARGAINED UNION CONTRACT
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		ALL GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, POLICIES, AND FINANCIAL REPORTS - RUS FORM 7 - ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT THE COOPERATIVE HEADQUARTER OFFICE ALSO BYLAWS AND HANDBOOKS ARE GIVEN TO EVERY NEW MEMBER ALSO THE COOPERATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION IS DISCLOSED ANNUALLY TO ITS MEMBERSHIP WITH THE ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE
		THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REQUIRE A FORMAL THREE YEAR ENGAGEMENT LETTER CONTRACT FIXING THE ANNUAL AUDIT FEE AND HAS A BOARD OF DIRECTOR AUDIT COMMITTEE THAT PERFORMS OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT IN ADDITION, THE AUDITOR IS REQUIRED TO FORMALLY PRESENT THE AUDIT AND ANY FINDINGS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ALSO, THE AUDITOR IS REQUIRED TO PRESENT THE COOPERATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION TO ITS MEMBERSHIP AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN MARCH OF EACH YEAR

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

2009

Open to Public Inspection

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990.** ▶ **See separate instructions.**

Name of the organization
MISSOULA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

Employer identification number

81-0168065

Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)

(a)
Name, address, and EIN of disregarded entity

(b)
Primary activity

(c)
Legal domicile (state
or foreign country)

(d)
Total income

(e)
End-of-year assets

(f)
Direct controlling
entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)

(a)
Name, address, and EIN of related organization

(b)
Primary activity

(c)
Legal domicile (state
or foreign country)

(d)
Exempt Code section

(e)
Public charity status
(if section 501(c)(3))

(f)
Direct controlling
entity

Part III

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership

(Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproporionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?	
							Yes	No		Yes	No
ENERGY PARTNERS LLC 2500 WEST BROADWAY MISSOULA, MT59808 81-0535898	SALE OF PROPANE AND PROPANE SERVICES	MT	MISSOULA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC OWNS 50	PROPANE SALES	7,491,416	5,798,449		No		Yes	

Part IV

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust

(Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership
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Part V

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

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III or IV		Yes	No
1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?			
a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties (iv) rent from a controlled entity	1a	Yes	
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s)	1b		No
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s)	1c		No
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s)	1d		No
e Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)	1e		No
f Sale of assets to other organization(s)	1f		No
g Purchase of assets from other organization(s)	1g		No
h Exchange of assets	1h		No
i Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s)	1i		No
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s)	1j		No
k Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)	1k		No
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)	1l		No
m Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets	1m		No
n Sharing of paid employees	1n		No
o Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses	1o		No
p Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses	1p		No
q Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)	1q		No
r Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)	1r		No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type(a-r)	(c) Amount involved
(1) ENERGY PARTNERS PAID OFFICE RENT AT SEELEY LAKE MONTANA	A	6,179
(1) See Additional Data Table		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		

Part VI **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.)

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(e) Share of end-of-year assets	(f) Disproportionate allocations?		(g) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(h) General or managing partner?	
			Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No

Form **4562**

Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No 1545-0172

2009

Attachment
Sequence No **67**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ See separate instructions.

▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return MISSOULA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC	Business or activity to which this form relates Form 990 Page 10	Identifying number 81-0168065
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Part I Election to Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1 Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250,000
2 Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3 Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	800,000
4 Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5 Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	

6 (a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost	
6			
7 Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7		
8 Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8		
9 Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9		
10 Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2008 Form 4562	10		
11 Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11		
12 Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12		
13 Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2010 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12 .▶	13		

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

14 Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15 Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16 Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	2,117,973

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)

Section A		
17 MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2009	17	
18 If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here▶		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property		465,376		MM	S/L	
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
	2009-06	4,509,925	33 0	MM	S/L	

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2009 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (see instructions)

21 Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22 Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions	22	2,117,973
23 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V

Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)
Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete **only** 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A—Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed?						24b If "Yes," is the evidence written?		
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>						<div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>		
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/ investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/ Convention	(h) Depreciation/ deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
25Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions)						25		
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use								
		%						
		%						
		%						
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use								
		%			S/L -			
		%			S/L -			
		%			S/L -			
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1						28		
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1							29	

Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person
If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)	(a) Vehicle 1		(b) Vehicle 2		(c) Vehicle 3		(d) Vehicle 4		(e) Vehicle 5		(f) Vehicle 6	
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal(noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year Add lines 30 through 32												
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

Section C—Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who **are not** more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions)

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?	Yes	No
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions)		
Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles		

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) A mortization period or percentage	(f) A mortization for this year
42 A mortization of costs that begins during your 2009 tax year (see instructions)					
43 A mortization of costs that began before your 2009 tax year				43	
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f) See the instructions for where to report				44	

Additional Data

Software ID:

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Name: MISSOULA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

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

<i>Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES O	178,000		178,000	
PURCHASED POWER	6,103,593	6,103,593		
DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS	2,018,164	2,018,164		
DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANC	1,644,551	1,644,551		
CUSTOMERS ACCOUNT EXPEN	597,456	597,456		