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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

2011

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2011 and ending 12-31-2011

B Check if applicable
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
North West Rural Electric Cooperative

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
PO Box 435

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Orange City, IA 51041

D Employer identification number
42-1404169

E Telephone number
(712)707-4935

G Gross receipts $ 41,502,400

F Name and address of principal officer
Lyle D Korver
PO Box 435
Orange City, IA 51041

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☑ No

H(b) Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status ☐ 501(c)(3) ☑ 501(c) (12) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ www nwrec com

K Form of organization ☑ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶ | **L** Year of formation 1938 | **M** State of legal domicile IA

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
Provide members with safe, reliable, environmentally responsible, and affordable electricity

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**	11
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	**4**	11
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	**5**	50
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	**6**	0
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	**7a**	48,997
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	**7b**	0

		Prior Year	Current Year
Revenue	**8** Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	0	0
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	38,127,472	40,851,424
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	302,471	374,711
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	-5,165	-9,809
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	38,424,778	41,216,326
Expenses	**13** Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	0	0
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	1,400,000
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	3,585,887	3,601,894
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶0		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	32,641,177	35,616,924
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	36,227,064	40,618,818
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	2,197,714	597,508

		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
Net Assets or Fund Balances	**20** Total assets (Part X, line 16)	72,250,515	73,535,674
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	41,179,382	41,146,001
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	31,071,133	32,389,673

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here

****** | 2012-10-01
Signature of officer | Date

Lyle D Korver CEO
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed	Preparer's taxpayer identification number (see instructions)
Laurie Hanson	2012-10-01	☐	P00851848

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: EIDE BAILLY LLP, 200 EAST 10TH STREET PO BOX 5125, SIOUX FALLS, SD 571175125

EIN ▶ 45-0250958

Phone no ▶ (605) 339-1999

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☑ Yes ☐ No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III . . . . . ☐

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

The mission of North West REC is to provide our members with a safe, reliable, environmentally responsible and affordable source of electric power and to provide other services that enhance their quality of life

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 organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured 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 $)

Purchase and distribution of electric power to members North West REC serves 7,060 members

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** ▶ $

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

			Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule A*	1		No
2	Is the organization required to complete *Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors* (see instructions)?	2		No
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I*	3		No
4	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II*	4		
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III*	5		No
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I*	6		No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II*	7		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III*	8		No
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV*	9	Yes	
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V*	10		No
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes,' then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable			
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line10? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.*	11a	Yes	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.*	11b		No
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.*	11c	Yes	
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.*	11d		No
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.*	11e	Yes	
f	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 (ASC 740)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.*	11f	Yes	
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII*	12a	Yes	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional*	12b		No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule E*	13		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		No
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than $10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at $100,000 or more? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I*	14b		No
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U S ? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II and IV*	15		No
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U S ? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III and IV*	16		No
17	Did the organization report a total of more than $15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I*	17		No
18	Did the organization report more than $15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II*	18		No
19	Did the organization report more than $15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III*	19		No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? *If "Yes," complete Schedule H*	20a		No
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? **Note.** All Form 990 filers that operated one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements	20b		

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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II*	**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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III*	**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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J*	**23**	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than $100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? *If "Yes," answer questions 24b–24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25*	**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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*	**25a**		
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*	**25b**		
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II*	**26**		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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III*	**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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	**28a**		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	**28b**		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	**28c**		No
29	Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in non-cash contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	**29**		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	**30**		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I*	**31**		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II*	**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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I*	**33**		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1*	**34**	Yes	
35a	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the filing organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	**35a**	Yes	
b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	**35b**	Yes	
36	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	**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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI*	**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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V . . . . . .

				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable	**1a**	30		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a *Enter -0-* if not applicable	**1b**	0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?			**1c**	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, *Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements* filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	**2a**	50			
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?			**2b**	Yes	
	Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)					
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year?			**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 or securities account)?			**4a**		No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____ See instructions for 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?			**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 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	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			**7g**		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?			**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**	40,091,496			
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	**11b**	830,911			
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**				
13	**Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.**					
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? **Note.** All 501(c)(29) organizations must list in Schedule O each state in which they are licensed to issue qualified health plans, the amount of reserves required by each state, and the amount of reserves the organization allocated to each state			**13a**		
b	Enter the aggregate amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	**13b**				
c	Enter the aggregate amount of reserves on hand	**13c**				
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?			**14a**		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? *If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O* . .			**14b**		

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.

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI . . . . . ☑

Section A. Governing Body and Management

				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	1a	11		
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b	11		
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 governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		4		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		5		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		6	Yes	
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		7a	Yes	
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		7b	Yes	
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following				
a	The governing body?		8a	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?		8b		No
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		9		No

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

			Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Yes	
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990			
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? *If "No," go to line 13*	12a	Yes	
b	Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes	
14	Did 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		No
	If "Yes," to line 15a or 15b, 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," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take 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 made 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 made 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 ▶

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Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors,Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII . . . . . ☑

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

- 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, if any 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 neither the organization nor any related organizations compensated any current or former officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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			
(1) Joel Orthmann President	6 60	X		X				10,530	0	0
(2) Alan Lucken Vice-President	7 60	X		X				4,215	0	0
(3) Charles Rohlf Treasurer	5 30	X		X				7,925	0	0
(4) Gerald Klemme Secretary	4 20	X		X				7,090	0	0
(5) Tom Wagner Asst Secretary/Treasurer	4 10	X		X				5,590	0	0
(6) Steve Brown Director	4 80	X						7,040	0	0
(7) Delbert Beyer Director	4 10	X						5,090	0	0
(8) Steve Abma Director	5 20	X						6,215	0	0
(9) Jeff Rehder Director	4 40	X						6,005	0	0
(10) Lee Grage Director	3 20	X						5,370	0	0
(11) Raymond Drey Director	3 30	X						4,505	0	0
(12) Lyle D Korver CEO	45 40			X				180,407	0	51,546

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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			
1b **Sub-Total** . . . . . ▶										
c **Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A** . . . . ▶										
d **Total (add lines 1b and 1c)** . . . . . ▶								249,982	0	51,546

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

			Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*	**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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*	**4**	Yes	
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person*	**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 Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
DeWild Grant Reckert & Assoc 1302 S Union St PO Box 511 Rock Rapids, IA 51246	Engineering Services	176,581
Lukins Constructions Box 250 Holstein, IA 51025	Plow in underground cable	108,852

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

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 Power	221000	39,606,997	39,606,997		
	b	Capital Credits	221000	1,101,239	1,101,239		
	c	Equity Earnings	221000	73,047		48,997	24,050
	d	Other Operating	221000	70,141	70,141		
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	**Total.** Add lines 2a–2f . . . . . ▶		40,851,424			
	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) . . . . . ▶		297,917			297,917
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶					
	5	Royalties . . . . . ▶					
		(i) Real / (ii) Personal					
	6a	Gross rents					
	b	Less rental expenses					
	c	Rental income or (loss)					
	d	Net rental income or (loss) . . . . . ▶					
		(i) Securities / (ii) Other					
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		135,254			
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses		58,460			
	c	Gain or (loss)		76,794			
	d	Net gain or (loss) . . . . . ▶		76,794			76,794
Other Revenue	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 217,805					
	b	Less cost of goods sold . . b 227,614					
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶		-9,809	-9,809		
		Miscellaneous Revenue / Business Code					
	11a						
	b						
	c						
	d	All other revenue					
	e	**Total.** Add lines 11a–11d . . . . . ▶					
	12	**Total revenue.** See Instructions . . . ▶		41,216,326	40,768,568	48,997	398,761

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)
Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX . . . . . ☑

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 United States See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members	1,400,000			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	302,230			
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	2,604,351			
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	541,066			
9	Other employee benefits				
10	Payroll taxes	154,247			
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	1,428,171			
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	1,868,492			
23	Insurance				
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O)				
a	UBI Taxes	-3,563			
b	Cost of Power	30,970,673			
c	Admin & General	1,351,457			
d	Distribution-Maintenanc	1,345,625			
e					
f	All other expenses	-1,343,931			
25	**Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24f	40,618,818			
26	**Joint costs.** Check here ▶ ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			1	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		4,508,056	2	3,242,956
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		5,314,569	4	5,144,899
	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		4,808,567	7	4,709,123
	8	Inventories for sale or use		691,864	8	883,863
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		60,042	9	251,454
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis *Complete Part VI of Schedule D*	10a 66,732,807			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b 20,232,700	45,593,730	10c	46,500,107
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		1,735,292	11	2,990,322
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11		1,543,474	12	928,817
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		7,932,949	13	8,827,852
	14	Intangible assets			14	
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11		61,972	15	56,281
	16	**Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		72,250,515	16	73,535,674
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		3,838,970	17	4,422,491
	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*		8,129	21	12,424
	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		25,083,493	23	27,304,388
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		2,500,000	24	1,500,000
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D		9,748,790	25	7,906,698
	26	**Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25		41,179,382	26	41,146,001
Net Assets or Fund Balances		**Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.**				
	27	Unrestricted net assets			27	
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets			29	
		Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☑ and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		0	30	0
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		0	31	0
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31,071,133	32	32,389,673
	33	Total net assets or fund balances		31,071,133	33	32,389,673
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		72,250,515	34	73,535,674

Part XI Reconcilliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI . . . . . ☑

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	41,216,326
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	40,618,818
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	597,508
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	31,071,133
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	721,032
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	32,389,673

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII . . . . . ☐

			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?	2a		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	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	2c		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 separate basis, consolidated 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?	3a		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	3b		

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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, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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North West Rural Electric Cooperative

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

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

		Amount
c Beginning balance	1c	
d Additions during the year	1d	
e Distributions during the year	1e	
f Ending balance	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

		Yes	No
(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 Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		36,998		36,998
b Buildings		2,825,026	802,228	2,022,798
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		4,619,979	2,792,447	1,827,532
e Other		59,250,804	16,638,025	42,612,779
Total. Add lines 1a-1e *(Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)* ▶				46,500,107

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
Total. *(Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)* ▶		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative	6,283,229	C
(2) National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation	1,731,680	C
(3) Federated Rural Electric Insurance	118,779	C
(4) National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative	505,374	C
(5) RESCO	128,698	C
(6) Other Miscellaneous Investments	60,092	C
Total. *(Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)* ▶	8,827,852	

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. *(Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)* . . . . . ▶	

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1 (a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
Federal Income Taxes	
Postretirement Benefit Obligation	459,493
Customer Deposits	69,453
Deferred Credits	7,377,752
Total. *(Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)* ▶	7,906,698

2. Fin 48 (ASC 740) Footnote In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC740)

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	41,216,326
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	40,618,818
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	597,508
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	721,032
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	721,032
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	1,318,540

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	41,216,326
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			
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	0
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	41,216,326
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	41,216,326

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements			1	39,218,818
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	39,218,818
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	1,400,000		
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c	1,400,000
5	Total expenses Add lines **3** and **4c.** (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)			5	40,618,818

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 IV, Line 2b	Operation Round Up is a program that "rounds up" participating members' monthly electric bills to the nearest dollar, with a cost to the average participating member of $5 to $6 per year The majority of the money goes toward community-service programs used by North West REC's members Funds may be used to help non-profit charitable organizations, individual family disasters, worthwhile community causes and school projects North West REC's board of directors serve as administrators of the Operation Round Up Trust No contributions will be given for political, religious, or labor organizations, field trips, advertising or lobbying
Description of Uncertain Tax Positions Under FIN 48	Part X	The Cooperative evaluates its income tax positions on an annual basis Management has determined that there are no uncertain tax positions at December 31, 2011 and 2010 that meet the criteria for recognition in the financial statements The Cooperative would recognize future accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense, if incurred Generally, the Cooperative is no longer subject to Federal or state tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2008
Part XI, Line 8 - Other Adjustments		Capital Credit Retirements -675,366 Donated capital credits and other changes -3,602 Allocation of 2011 margins to members in 2012 1,400,000 Total to Schedule D, Part XI, Line 8 721,032
Part XIII, Line 4b - Other Adjustments		Allocation of 2011 margins to members in 2012 1,400,000

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Schedule J (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
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Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

			Yes	No
1a	Check the appropiate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items ☐ First-class or charter travel ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)			
b	If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement orprovision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	**1b**		
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**		
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply ☐ Compensation committee ☐ Written employment contract ☐ Independent compensation consultant ☑ Compensation survey or study ☐ Form 990 of other organizations ☑ Approval by the board or compensation committee			
4	During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization			
a	Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	**4a**		No
b	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	**4b**		No
c	Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?	**4c**		No
	If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III			
	Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.			
5	For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of			
a	The organization?	**5a**		
b	Any related organization?	**5b**		
	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III			
6	For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of			
a	The organization?	**6a**		
b	Any related organization?	**6b**		
	If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III			
7	For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	**7**		
8	Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accured 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) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, columns (D) and (E) for that individual

(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				
(1) Lyle D Korver	(i)	178,838	0	1,569	36,462	16,315	233,184	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization
North West Rural Electric Cooperative

Employer identification number
42-1404169

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 6	One class of membership
	Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7a	One class of membership with each member receiving one vote
	Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7b	One class of membership with each member receiving one vote to make changes to the Articles of Incorporation
	Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 8b	The cooperative does not have committees with broad authority to act on behalf of the governing body
	Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11	A copy of the Form 990 is given to the board members and reviewed during a meeting of the governing board The Form 990 is filed with the IRS subsequent to the said board meeting
	Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	Disclosure statement is completed annually Persons covered by the policy include Board Directors and all employees Management and supervisors determine whether a conflict exists Management and Board Directors review and investigate actual conflicts Persons imposed with a conflict are restricted from decision making Appropriate disciplinary and corrective action is taken
	Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15a	NRECA Compensation surveys are used to determine compensation The compensation process was completed in 2011
	Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 18	Form 990 is available for public inspection at each location
	Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	Not available to the public
	Form 990, Part VII, Column F, Other Compensation	Included in other compensation is the estimated current year increase or decrease in the actuarial value of the defined benefit plan for the CEO The current year increase or decrease does not represent current year contributions to the plan Rather, it is an estimate of the increase or decrease in the actuarial value of the plan as calculated by the plan administrator
	Form 990, Part IX, Line 24e Statement of Functional Expenses	The labor, pension and payroll taxes reported on lines 6-10 are included in distribution expense, administrative & general expense and customer expense Therefore, labor, pension and payroll taxes are shown as a reduction to other expenses on line 24e
Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances	Form 990, Part XI, line 5	Capital Credit Retirements -675,366 Donated capital credits and other changes -3,602 Allocation of 2011 margins to members in 2012 1,400,000 Total to Form 990, Part XI, Line 5 721,032
	Form 990, Part IX, line 4, Benefits paid to or for members	The Cooperative has interpreted the instructions to Part IX, Line 4, to mean patronage capital allocated for the year, rather than patronage capital retired This is consistent with the By-laws of the Cooperative

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SCHEDULE R (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ 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.

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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	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled organization	
						Yes	No

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) Disproportionate allocations? Yes	(h) No	(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner? Yes	(j) No	(k) Percentage ownership
(1) Le Mars Communications LLP 2496 Lincoln Ave SW Le Mars, IA 51031 91-2081975	Communications	IA	North West Rural Electric Cooperative	Unrelated	-22,575			No		Yes		
(2) NET Broadband LLC 216 North Main Everly, IA 51338 68-0519949	Telecommunications	IA	North West Rural Electric Cooperative	Unrelated	87,589	184,208		No			No	50 000 %

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

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35, 35A, 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 orgranization 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	No
b	Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)	1b	No
c	Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)	1c	No
d	Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)	1d	No
e	Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)	1e	No
f	Sale of assets to related organization(s)	1f	No
g	Purchase of assets from related organization(s)	1g	No
h	Exchange of assets with related organization(s)	1h	No
i	Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)	1i	No
j	Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)	1j	No
k	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)	1k	No
l	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)	1l	No
m	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)	1m	No
n	Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	1n	No
o	Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses	1o	No
p	Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses	1p	No
q	Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)	1q	No
r	Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)	1r	Yes

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	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) NET Broadband LLC	R	80,000	Cash Distribution
(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) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproprtionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part VII Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation	