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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 2012
	The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements	Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2012 , 2012, and ending 12-31-2012

B Check if applicable ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Name of organization POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION		D Employer identification number 83-0162161
	Doing Business As		
	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) PO BOX 930	Room/suite	E Telephone number
	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Sundance, WY 82729		G Gross receipts \$ 198,623,996
	F Name and address of principal officer MICHAEL EASLEY		
I Tax-exempt status ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (12) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
J Website: ▶ WWW.PRECORP.COOP		H(b) Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)	
		H(c) Group exemption number ▶	

K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ☐	L Year of formation 1945	M State of legal domicile WY
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Part I	Summary
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Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities The mission of Powder River Energy is to deliver high quality, low cost electric service to its member-owners while embracing its cooperative principles and values		
	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)	10
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	10
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	168
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	0
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	0
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	185,795,446
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	2,155,582
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	12,556
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	198,592,299
	Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)
14		Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	9,877,720
15		Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	14,858,460
16a		Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0
b		Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ☐ 0	
17		Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	174,505,158
18		Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	199,292,299
19		Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-700,000
Net Assets or Fund Balances			Beginning of Current Year
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	373,448,495
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	191,342,356
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	182,106,139

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	*****				2013-07-25		
	Signature of officer				Date		
Paid Preparer Use Only	FLOYD KANODE CFO						
	Type or print name and title						
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Roger Schmidt Jr		Preparer's signature		Date 2013-08-06	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P01243694
	Firm's name ▶ Schmidt & Company LLC					Firm's EIN ▶	
	Firm's address ▶ 923 NE Woods Chapel Rd Suite 304 Lees Summit, MO 64064					Phone no (888) 391-0229	

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 Powder River Energy is to deliver high quality, low cost electric service to its member-owners while embracing its cooperative principles and values

2

Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

YesNo

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?

YesNo

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 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 \$ 196,424,161)

The primary function of Powder River Energy Corporation, a nonprofit cooperative organization, is the distribution of electricity to its 12,033 member-owners organized under 501(c)(12) In 2012, the Company sold its member-owners 2,821,092,837 kWh with a peak coincident load of 425,710 kW in January The company added \$5.7 million in utility plant in order to extend and improve service

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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	1	No
2	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	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? <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 for which 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 for escrow or custodial account liability, 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 temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	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, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i> 	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i> 	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i> 	11d	Yes
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> 	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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	11f	No
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	12a	No
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>	12b	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
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</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 United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</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 United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</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 (see instructions)</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
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	20a	No
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22	Yes	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 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, highest compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26	Yes	
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <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 (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c	Yes	
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> . . .	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33	Yes	
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	Yes	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b		No
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b 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.		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	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.		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		No
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		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?		No
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		No
5c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
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 as charitable contributions?		No
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		
7e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		
7g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
7h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	202,924,426	
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).	5,083,357	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
13a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
13b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.		
13c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		No
14b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		

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	10	
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O			
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	10	
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
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8a	The governing body?	8a	Yes
8b	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	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	No
10b	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
11b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes
12b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes
12c	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?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes
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	No
16b	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	

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 ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)
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 during the tax year
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization FLOYD KANODE PO BOX 930 Sundance, WY (307) 283-3531

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 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 organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(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) DAVID HOYT	8 00	X						7,350	0	31
(2) DON HAMM	8 00	X						9,750	0	31
(3) LEO ANKNEY	10 00	X						9,900	0	31
(4) MIKE LOHSE	8 00	X						6,750	0	31
(5) PAM KINCHEN	8 00	X						8,250	0	31
(6) PAUL BAKER II VP	10 00	X						9,200	0	31
(7) PHILLIP HABECK SECTREAS	10 00	X						9,600	0	31
(8) REUBEN RITTHALER	10 00	X						6,450	0	31
(9) TOM DAVIS	8 00	X						13,000	0	31
(10) WALTER CHRISTENSEN PRESIDENT	12 00	X						8,150	0	31
(11) FLOYD KANODE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	43 00			X				128,769	0	51,727
(12) MICHAEL EASLEY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	47 00			X				236,526	0	85,823
(13) LES PENNING SR VP STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT	49 00				X			152,842	0	63,123
(14) DEAVER ARRANTS CREW CHIEF	46 00					X		106,720	0	35,696
(15) DOLLY SCHLOREDT SR VP OF MEMBER SERVICES	42 00					X		105,268	0	44,626
(16) JOHN BISSEY DISTRICT FOREMAN	43 00					X		108,586	0	38,270
(17) MATT DAVIS SR VP ENGINEERING & TECH SERVICE	43 00					X		134,716	0	53,626

Part VII

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1b	Sub-Total			
c	Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A			
d	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	1,173,965	0	402,634

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 ▶8

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. 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
SCHULTE TA INC , 5950 SWANSON RD Sheridan WY 82801	CONTRACT LABOR	2,965,047
COLLINS COMMUNICATIONS , 3795 COLLINS RD Gillette WY 82718	CONTRACT LABOR	992,123
NORTHEAST WY CONSTRUCTION INC , PO BOX 578 Buffalo WY 82834	CONTRACT LABOR	721,644
SOLOMON CORPORATION , PO BOX 245 Solomon KS 67480	CONTRACT LABOR	716,237
KAINZ CONTRACTORS INC , PO BOX 409 Custer SD 57730	CONTRACT LABOR	547,220

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 ►22

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

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

				(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	2a	ELECTRIC SERVICE	Business Code 221000	188,615,821	188,615,821		
	b	CAPITAL CREDITS	221000	6,404,567	6,404,567		
	c	TRANSMISSION REV	221000	1,342,213	1,342,213		
	d	JOINT USE POLE RENTAL	531190	13,412			13,412
	e	OTHER RENTAL INCOME	531190	48,148	48,148		
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		196,424,161			
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		2,140,098		
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . .					
5		Royalties					
6a		Gross rents	(i) Real 27,623	(ii) Personal 450	12,583		12,583
b		Less rental expenses	15,490				
c		Rental income or (loss)	12,133	450			
d		Net rental income or (loss)					
7a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other 30,622	15,484	15,484	
b		Less cost or other basis and sales expenses		15,138			
c		Gain or (loss)		15,484			
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			-27	-27	
a	1,042						
b	Less cost of goods sold	b	1,069				
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . .						
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a							
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12	Total revenue. See Instructions			198,592,299	196,426,206	0	2,166,093

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).

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

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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.	31,461			
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22.	19,500			
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.	9,877,720			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	807,520			
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.	8,533,007			
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	2,124,324			
9	Other employee benefits.	2,638,528			
10	Payroll taxes.	755,081			
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management.				
b	Legal.	163,901			
c	Accounting.	38,468			
d	Lobbying.				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f	Investment management fees.				
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	169,229			
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.	6,405,068			
21	Payments to affiliates.				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	16,184,703			
23	Insurance.				
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a	PURCHASED POWER	144,828,777	144,828,777		
b	OPERATION & MAINT-DISTRIBUTI	1,070,394	1,070,394		
c	OPERATION & MAINT-TRANSMISSI	4,525,975	4,525,975		
d	TAX EXPENSE-PROPERTY	484,376	484,376		
e	All other expenses	634,267			
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	199,292,299	0	0	0
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X

Balance Sheet

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

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				(A)		(B)
				Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		-19,622	1	37,743
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		7,969,598	2	19,931,686
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		13,507,381	4	13,651,481
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		120	5	612
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L			6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		1,563,954	7	1,403,431
	8	Inventories for sale or use		10,527,660	8	8,686,548
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		259,993	9	324,228
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a340,117,684			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b139,887,965	205,310,524	10c	200,229,719
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities			11	
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11			12	
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		94,163,784	13	100,527,226
	14	Intangible assets		284,898	14	270,168
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11		28,471,792	15	28,385,653
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		362,040,082	16	373,448,495
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		11,855,981	17	14,397,520
	18	Grants payable			18	
	19	Deferred revenue		6,820,000	19	7,520,000
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D			21	
	22	Loans and other 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		123,283,076	23	127,175,523
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			24	
	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		45,959,181	25	42,249,313
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		187,918,238	26	191,342,356
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), 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 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 30 through 34.					
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		174,121,844	32	182,106,139
	33	Total net assets or fund balances		174,121,844	33	182,106,139
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		362,040,082	34	373,448,495

Part XI Reconciliation 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	198,592,299
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	199,292,299
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-700,000
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	174,121,844
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	8,684,295
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	182,106,139

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? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis		No
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
2c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
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?	Yes	
3b	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	Yes	

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No 1545-0047

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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 can 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 education)☐ Preservation of an historically important land area☐ Protection of natural habitat☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure☐ Preservation of open space

2

Complete lines 2a through 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
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax 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 section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes☐ No

9

In Part XIII, 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 (ASC 958), 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 XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), 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 (ASC 958) 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 acquisition, 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 XIII

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 XIII 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 XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

☐

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a	Beginning of year balance				
b	Contributions				
c	Net investment earnings, gains, and 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 current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment

b

Permanent endowment

c

Temporarily restricted endowment

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

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 XIII 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		7,148,273		7,148,273
b Buildings	283,040	8,578,726	4,269,422	4,592,344
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		316,002,690	135,618,543	180,384,147
e Other		8,104,955		8,104,955
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				200,229,719

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	
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 XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	
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 XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)		5	

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	
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 XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	
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 XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)		5	

Part XIII 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, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

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Name: POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION

Form 990, Schedule D, Part IX, - Other Assets

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) INTEREST RECEIVABLE	12,031
(2) SPECIAL FUND-COST OF RETIREMEN	17,816,544
(3) SPECIAL FUND-RISK MANAGEMENT	6,250,291
(4) SPECIAL FUND-ECONOMIC DEVELOPM	1,002,357
(5) SPECIAL FUND-ENERGY CONSERVATI	227,541
(6) RECEIVABLES FROM EMPLOYEES	34,117
(7) ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE FROM ASSOC	42,772
(8) SPECIAL FUND-DEFERRED REVENUE	3,000,000

Form 990, Schedule D, Part X, - Other Liabilities

1 (a) Description of Liability	(b) Book Value
CBM PREPAID COST OF RETIREMENT	17,804,616
CONSUMER DEPOSITS	1,373,747
OTHER DEFERRED CREDITS	2,056,314
ACCRUED TAXES	1,029,722
ACCRUED EMPLOYEE LEAVE	1,890,298
CUSTOMER ADVANCES FOR CONSTRUC	9,466,789
CUSTOMER CCR PREPAYMENTS	3,969,126
PENSIONS & BENEFITS	1,352,600
OTHER REG LIAB-COST OF POWER A	1,998,915
OTHER CURRENT & ACCRUED LIABIL	1,307,186

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States**
Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II **Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

[illegible]

- 2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table _____
- 3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table _____

Part III

Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a)Type of grant or assistance	(b)Number of recipients	(c)Amount of cash grant	(d)Amount of non-cash assistance	(e)Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f)Description of non-cash assistance
(1) SCHOLARSHIPS	26	19,500		NA	NA

Part IV

Supplemental Information.

Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
I 1	Monitoring procedures Part I line 2	The company provides scholarships for secondary education to individuals selected by the Board of Directors. The scholarship funds are paid directly to the schools at the beginning of each semester. The recipients must remain in good standing in order to continue to receive tuition assistance. The Company also has a youth scholarship program for younger students which provides funds for educational and athletic camps. The scholarship program is funded by unclaimed capital credits.

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

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

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

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I	Questions Regarding Compensation		Yes	No
1a	Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items. ☒ First-class or charter travel ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)			
b	If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b		No
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 filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III. ☒ Compensation committee ☒ Independent compensation consultant ☒ Form 990 of other organizations ☒ Written employment contract ☒ Compensation survey or study ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee			
4	During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization: a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.	4a		No
		4b		No
		4c		No
	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? b Any related organization? If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III	5a		
		5b		
6	For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of: a The organization? b Any related organization? If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III	6a		
		6b		
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 Regulations 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 duplicate copies if additional space is 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, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual

(A) Name and Title		(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 as deferred in prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1)MICHAEL EASLEY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	(i) (ii)	234,038	51	2,437	71,838	13,985	322,349	
(2)FLOYD KANODE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	(i) (ii)	122,715	3,276	2,778	44,369	7,358	180,496	
(3)LES PENNING SR VP STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT	(i) (ii)	146,481	3,650	2,711	54,340	8,783	215,965	
(4)MATT DAVIS SR VP ENGINEERING & TECH SERVICES	(i) (ii)	128,493	3,329	2,894	45,922	7,704	188,342	

Part III Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
J1	Benefit information Part I line 1a	The Company headquarters are located in a remote, rural area in the extreme Northeast corner of Wyoming. It is occasionally deemed expedient to charter small piston-engined airplanes when the Company business requires travel outside of our service territory. This occurs primarily when travel is necessary to two destinations. The first destination is the state capital, located in Cheyenne, for regulatory, governmental, and associated meetings or activities affecting the Company. The second location is the Bismarck, North Dakota offices of our principal power supplier, Basin Electric Power Cooperative. As Basin is a cooperative organization, the Company is an owner-member of Basin and participates in its general and special meetings. These charters are for business purposes only.

Schedule L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Transactions with Interested Persons

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

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a, or Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e)Original principal amount	(f)Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i)Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1) LES PENNING	EMPLOYEE	DUES		X	1,072	612		No		No	Yes	
Total ▶ \$						612						

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefitting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) REUBEN RITTHALER	DIRECTOR	144,828,777	PURCHASED POWER		No

Part V Supplemental Information

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

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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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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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
O01	Officer directors etc family relationship Part VI line 2	Our Directors, many of whom are ranchers, occasionally enter into transactions with one another for purposes related to that activity. An example would be the purchase of hay for stock. The transactions typically are for small amounts. In 2008, the largest known was approximately \$15,000.
O02	Members or stockholder classes and rights Part VI line 6	The Company is organized as a cooperative, and therefore has Member-Owners who elect a Board of Directors.
O03	Member election for additional members Part VI line 7a	The Company is organized as a cooperative, and therefore has Member-Owners who elect a Board of Directors.
O04	Form 990 governing body review Part VI line 11	The Form 990 and accompanying schedules are completed by the staff Financial Analyst, and reviewed by the Manager of Finance. Following review and revisions, the Form 990 and schedules are reviewed by the Chief Financial Officer. Any additional revisions are then incorporated into the form and schedules, and a final version is prepared for filing. The Chief Financial Officer authorizes electronic filing of the final Form 990 and schedules.
O05	Conflict of interest policy compliance Part VI line 12c	Officers and Directors are given annual Conflict of Interest questionnaires to complete. All employees are expected to be familiar with the Conflict of Interest provisions of our Code of Ethics Policy, and to disclose any situation that violates, may violate, or could appear to violate the spirit and intent of the policy.
O06	CEO executive director top management comp Part VI line 15a	The Company has a Compensation Administration policy which provides that the Board of Directors maintains final authority for compensation administration. The Company hires a compensation consultant who provides information on market benchmarks and assists the Company in creating its salary structure. The Board of Directors is the ultimate determining body for the salaries of the CEO and the CFO.
O07	Other officer or key employee compensation Part VI line 15b	The Company has a Compensation Administration policy which provides that the Board of Directors maintains final authority for compensation administration. The Company hires a compensation consultant who provides information on market benchmarks and assists the Company in creating its salary structure. The Board of Directors is the ultimate determining body for the salaries of the CEO and the CFO.
O08	Governing documents etc available to public Part VI line 19	The Company files an annual financial statement, the Form 7, with Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture, which is a matter of public record. The Company, which is organized as a cooperative and therefore serves Member-Owners, makes all its governing documents and policies available to them. Bylaws are provided when a Member-Owner is enrolled, and all other policies are available on request.
O09	Not undergone required audits or steps for audit part XII line 3b	The Company has a non-calendar year audit performed as of June 30th annually.
O10	Explanation of other changes in net assets or fund balances Part XI line 9	The Company allocated capital credits of \$11,354,528, retired member capital credits totaling -\$2,290,521, had patronage capital credits assignable remaining of -\$2,101,873, had net forfeited, retired but unclaimed capital credits of \$3,662, had net change in retired but unclaimed capital credits of \$217,178, deferred revenue totalling \$700,000, and had an adjustment to post-retirement benefits of \$801,321.
O11	General explanation attachment	SCHEDULE D, PART XIV SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION Pursuant to FSP FIN 48-3, 4Effective Date of FASB Interpretation No. 48 for Certain Nonpublic Enterprises,4 the Cooperative has elected to defer application of FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes. The Cooperative evaluates the components of the annual test for maintenance of its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. An accrual for tax liability would occur if, at the date of the financial statement, it is probable that such a liability has occurred and the amount of the liability can be reasonably estimated. PART IV, LINE 12 The Company does receive an audited financial statement prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Company audit period, however, is of a fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30. Therefore, at this time, the company has an audited financial statement for the first six months of 2011 only. Schedule L Part IV A member of the Company's Board of Directors, Reuben Ritthaler, is also a member of the Board of Directors of Basin Electric Power Cooperative. The Company has an 4all requirements4 purchase power contract with Basin. It is customary in the industry for a member of the Board of an electric distribution cooperative to serve on the Board of the Generation and Transmission cooperative from which it purchases power. SCHEDULE R Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships In 2008, the Company established the Powder River Energy Corporation Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to providing donations and grants for charitable purposes in its service territory. The Foundation, upon establishment, shared the Company's Board of Directors, but since that time an independent Board of Directors has taken control. The Company continues to provide administrative services to the Foundation, including accounting, banking, office space and supplies, and communications. The Company also processes and transfers donations made through the Operation RoundUp program, which allows members to elect to round up their electric bill to the next highest dollar, with that amount contributed as a donation to the SCHEDULE J, PART III The company headquarters are located in a remote, rural location in the extreme northeast corner of Wyoming. It is occasionally deemed expedient to charter small piston-engined airplanes when the company business requires travel outside of our service territory. This occurs primarily when travel is necessary to two destinations. The first would be the state capital, located in Cheyenne, for regulatory, governmental, and associational meetings or activities affecting the Company. The second location is the Bismarck, North Dakota offices of our principal power supplier, Basin Electric Power Cooperative. As Basin is a cooperative organization, the Company is an Owner-Member of Basin and participates in its general and special meetings. PART IX, Line 4-The Company listed the 2011 year end net margins allocated as capital credits to members on line 4, Benefits paid to or for members. This change in reporting came about from a significant change in the Form 990 in which the instructions clarify that patronage dividends paid by section 501(c)(12) organizations to their members should be reported. The Company has been advised that this amount should be allocated patronage and not retired patronage. The two year comparison showing the change in reporting can be seen on Part 1, Line 14. Part XII, Financial Statements and Reporting, numbers 3a and 3b. The Company received a grant from the DOE to develop a 4Smart Grid4 project. The Company is scheduled to be audited June 25th through June 29th, 2012 by the DOE. Part XII, Financial Statements and Reporting, number 2a, b, & c. The Company's financial statements are compiled internally, then audited by independent auditors. The Company has an Audit Committee that oversees the audit process. The Company's fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30.

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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Employer identification number
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Part I

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) 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
(1) PRECORP SERVICES LLC PO BOX 930 Sundance, WY 82729 83-0331925	NO ACTIVITY	WY			N/A

Part II

Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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 entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORP FOUND PO BOX 930 Sundance, WY 82729 20-8802389	CHARITABLE GIVING	WY	501C3		N/A		No

Part III

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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?		(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	

Part IV

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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	(i) Section 512 (b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

Part V

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

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

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 or (iv) rent from a controlled entity

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

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

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

e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

f Dividends from related organization(s)

g Sale of assets to related organization(s)

h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

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

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

l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)

m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)

n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)

s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

Yes

No

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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-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved

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

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Part VII **Supplemental Information**

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

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 83-0162161
Name: POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION