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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2014

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Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2014, and ending 12-31-2014

B Check if applicable	C Name of organization HIGH WEST ENERGY INC		D Employer identification number 83-0143525
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	Doing business as		E Telephone number (307) 245-3261
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) PO BOX 519		F Gross receipts \$ 36,763,983
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	Room/suite		G
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code PINE BLUFFS, WY 82082		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	F Name and address of principal officer BRIAN HEITHOFF PO BOX 519 PINE BLUFFS, WY 82082		H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	I Tax-exempt status <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (12) (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		H(c) Group exemption number ►

J Website: ► WWW.HIGHWESTENERGY.COM

K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ►	L Year of formation 1936	M State of legal domicile WY
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Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities <u>TO PROVIDE QUALITY AND RELIABLE ELECTRIC SERVICE TO MEMBERS AT COST ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS</u>		
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	7
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	7
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2014 (Part V, line 2a)	5	83
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0	0
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	32,834,936	36,586,995
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	112,416	104,368
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	142,081	48,810
	33,089,433	36,740,173

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	Prior Year	Current Year
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	17,298	15,730
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	2,127,347	2,387,252
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	3,412,224	3,596,305
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 0	0	0
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	27,517,029	30,714,116
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	33,073,898	36,713,403
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	15,535	26,770

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	92,617,494	124,261,528
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	62,474,361	92,882,530
	30,143,133	31,378,998

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	***** Signature of officer BRIAN HEITHOFF CEO/GENERAL MANAGER Type or print name and title	2015-11-09 Date
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Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name CELINDA J LEVERETT	Preparer's signature CELINDA J LEVERETT	Date 2015-11-09	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01455941
	Firm's name ► BOLINGER SEGARS GILBERT AND MOSS LLP	Firm's EIN ► 75-0882037			
	Firm's address ► 8215 NASHVILLE AVENUE LUBBOCK, TX 79423	Phone no (806) 747-3806			

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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?

3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

4 **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

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

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

7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II

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

9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV

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

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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI

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

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

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

e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X

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 XI

12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII

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 and XII is optional

13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

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

b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV

15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV

16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV

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 (see instructions)

18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II

19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III

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

b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals 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, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	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 lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a	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), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) 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	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? 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 employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? 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	Yes	
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? 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, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34	Yes	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	Yes	
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)? 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 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 or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable . . .	1a	53	
1b 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		
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	83	
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	2b	Yes	
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? . . .	3a	No	
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O . . .	3b		
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? . . .	4a	No	
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ► See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)			
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 as charitable contributions? . . .	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).	7a		
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? . . .	7b		
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? . . .	7c		
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? . . .	7d		
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year . . .	7e		
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? . . .	7f		
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . .	7g		
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? . . .	7h		
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? . . .	8		
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year? . . .	9a		
9b			
9a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? . . .	9b		
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . .			
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter	10a		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 . . .	10b		
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities			
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter	11a	55,135,882	
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them) . . .	11b	1,307,083	
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.	13a		
a 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		
b 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		
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 or note to any line 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	7
	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		1b	7
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
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	Yes
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	8a	Yes
a	The governing body?	8b	No
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	9	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		

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 this 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?	15a	Yes
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15b	Yes
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization		
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	No
b	If "Yes," 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
	<input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request <input type="checkbox"/> 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, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
	BRIAN HEITHOFF 6270 CO ROAD 212 PINE BLUFFS, WY 820820519 (307) 245-3261

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line 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	Former			
(1) RUSSELL NIELSEN PRESIDENT	15 80	X		X				24,430	0	0
(2) TROY FREEBURG VICE-PRESIDENT	11 40 1 00	X		X				24,315	0	0
(3) DANIEL ACHESON SECRETARY	13 80 1 00	X		X				24,000	0	0
(4) JERRY BURNETT TREASURER	17 30 1 00	X		X				24,000	0	0
(5) GARY SMITH DIRECTOR	8 00	X						4,000	0	0
(6) ED PROSSER DIRECTOR	8 00 1 00	X						24,220	0	0
(7) JAMIE FOWLER DIRECTOR	21 00	X						24,000	0	0
(8) DON WISROTH DIRECTOR	20 00	X						24,913	0	0
(9) BRIAN HEITHOFF CEO/GENERAL MANAGER	48 00			X				161,155	0	39,126
(10) KAREN RINTELMANN CFO (SEPT - DEC 2014)	49 00			X				27,739	0	21,200
(11) CAROL MACY CFO (JAN - SEPT 2014)/PROJECT MANAGER	43 00			X				92,065	0	32,689
(12) MARVIN D POWELL LEAD LINEMAN	70 10				X			130,022	0	31,051
(13) KENNETH HAAS LEAD LINEMAN	54 10				X			113,107	0	31,047
(14) LLOYD SISSON ENGINEERING MANAGER	46 60				X			107,591	0	33,749

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

(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
		Or director	Individual trustee	Institutional trustee	Office leg	Key employee or employee beneficiary	Highest compensated employee per person			
(15) JERRY STEELE LINE FOREMAN	45.60				X			100,899	0	31,055

1b Sub-Total	►			
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A	►			
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	►	906,456	0	219,917

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 ►5

	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
WARD ELECTRIC COMPANY INC 3690 STAGECOACH ROAD LONGMONT, CO 80504	LINE CONSTRUCTION	4,532,943
BESLER INC PO BOX 1527 RAPID CITY, SD 57709	SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION	628,433
ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS CONSULTANTS 3540 JFK PARKWAY FORT COLLINS, CO 80525	ENGINEERING CONSULTANT	605,277
WARD TRENCHING PO BOX 159 LAGRANGE, WY 82221	UNDERGROUND TRENCHING	590,643
HIGH WEST DIGITAL SOLUTIONS PO BOX 549 PINE BLUFFS, WY 82082	IT SERVICES	409,587
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 ►8		

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514		
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 ELECTRICITY SALES 221000		Business Code				
				34,756,230	34,756,230		
			b PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS 221000			1,830,765	1,830,765
			c				
			d				
			e				
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		36,586,995				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		47,708		47,708		
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties		4,628		4,628		
	6a Gross rents (i) Real 14,400 (ii) Personal 11,151						
	b Less rental expenses 683 0						
	c Rental income or (loss) 13,717 11,151						
	d Net rental income or (loss)		24,868	3,267		21,601	
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory (i) Securities 56,660 (ii) Other 0						
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses 0 56,660							
c Gain or (loss) 56,660							
d Net gain or (loss)		56,660			56,660		
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18							
b Less direct expenses	b						
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events							
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19							
b Less direct expenses	b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances							
b Less cost of goods sold	b 42,441 23,127						
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		19,314	19,314				
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a							
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d							
12 Total revenue. See Instructions		36,740,173	36,609,576	0	130,597		

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 or note to any line 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 domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21	15,730			
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members	2,387,252			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	547,852			
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	1,951,094			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	136,991			
9 Other employee benefits	764,358			
10 Payroll taxes	196,010			
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
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)				
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	1,617,452			
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	2,797,167			
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	22,764,973			
b ADMIN & GENERAL EXP	1,402,138			
c DISTRIBUTION EXPENSE	1,141,015			
d CUSTOMER SERVICE EXP	473,402			
e All other expenses	517,969			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	36,713,403			
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 SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year	
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	1,910,189	1	11,294,322
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	0	2	0
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	0	3	0
	4 Accounts receivable, net	4,081,530	4	7,496,227
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	5	0
	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	0	6	0
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	7,683,718	7	6,614,678
	8 Inventories for sale or use	2,201,982	8	3,884,952
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	151,203	9	163,558
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	105,416,968	10a	105,416,968
	b Less accumulated depreciation	31,791,807	10b	56,493,789
			10c	73,625,161
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	0	11	0
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11	1,773,209	12	1,746,439
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11	18,321,874	13	19,436,191
	14 Intangible assets	0	14	0
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	0	15	0
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	92,617,494	16	124,261,528
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,904,553	17	13,732,892
	18 Grants payable	0	18	0
	19 Deferred revenue	0	19	0
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0	20	0
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0	21	0
	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	0	22	0
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	41,580,909	23	51,992,676
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0	24	0
	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	17,988,899	25	27,156,962
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	62,474,361	26	92,882,530
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	0	27	0
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	0	28	0
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	0	29	0
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0	30	0
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund	0	31	0
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	30,143,133	32	31,378,998
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	30,143,133	33	31,378,998
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	92,617,494	34	124,261,528

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	36,740,173
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	36,713,403
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	26,770
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	30,143,133
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	1,209,095
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	31,378,998

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	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 <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2b	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	2c	No
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? 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	3a	No
	3b	

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(Form 990)**Supplemental Financial Statements**

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

► Attach to Form 990.

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Internal Revenue Service**Name of the organization**
HIGH WEST ENERGY INC**Employer identification number**

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of 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
2a	
2b	
2c	
2d	

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) Revenue 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 Revenue 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 acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a <input type="checkbox"/> Public exhibition	d <input type="checkbox"/> Loan or exchange programs
b <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarly research	e <input type="checkbox"/> Other
c <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation for future generations	

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

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? 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	(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

(ii) related organizations

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

Yes	No
3a(i)	
3a(ii)	
3b	

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. 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		810,434			810,434
b Buildings		3,312,972	795,720		2,517,252
c Leasehold improvements					
d Equipment		81,805,242	30,996,087		50,809,155
e Other		19,488,320			19,488,320
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)					73,625,161

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. 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) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - COBANK	243,327	C
(2) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - TRI-STATE G & T	18,201,065	C
(3) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - NISC	71,670	C
(4) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - FEDERATED	132,223	C
(5) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - WUES	760,526	C
(6) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - FVFC	13,000	C
(7) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - NREA	8,101	C
(8) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - OTHER	5,083	C
(9) MEMBERSHIP FEES IN COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS	1,196	C
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)		19,436,191

Part IX Other Assets. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15

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

Part X Other Liabilities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
Federal income taxes	
ACCUMULATED POSTRETIREMENT LIABILITY	1,212,045
CONSUMER DEPOSITS	109,435
ACCRUED TAXES	209,644
ACCRUED INTEREST	18,336
PATRONAGE CAPITAL PAYABLE	520,045
ACCRUED EMPLOYEE COMPENSATED ABSENCES	276,139
DEFERRED CREDITS	24,811,318
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	27,156,962

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions In Part XIII, 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 (ASC 740) Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

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 (losses) 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. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

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**

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.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part X, Line 2	THE COOPERATIVE ADOPTED THE "UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS" PROVISIONS OF ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
	THE PRIMARY TAX POSITION OF THE COOPERATIVE IS ITS FILING STATUS AS A TAX EXEMPT ENTITY. THE COOPERATIVE DETERMINED THAT IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THAT THEIR TAX POSITIONS WILL BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OR OTHER STATE TAXING AUTHORITY, AND THAT ALL TAX BENEFITS ARE LIKELY TO BE REALIZED UPON SETTLEMENT WITH TAXING AUTHORITIES
PART VII	THE AMOUNT OF INVESTMENTS - OTHER SECURITIES ON FORM 990, PAGE 11, PART X, LINE 12 DOES NOT EQUAL OR EXCEED 5 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL ASSETS ON FORM 990, PAGE 11, PART X, LINE 16, COLUMN B. CONSEQUENTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH IRS INSTRUCTIONS SCHEDULE D, PART VII HAS BEEN LEFT BLANK

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 83-0143525
Name: HIGH WEST ENERGY INC

Form 990, Schedule D, Part VIII - Investments Program Related

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - COBANK	243,327	C
(2) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - TRI-STATE G & T	18,201,065	C
(3) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - NISC	71,670	C
(4) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - FEDERATED	132,223	C
(5) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - WUES	760,526	C
(6) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - FVFC	13,000	C
(7) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - NREA	8,101	C
(8) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - OTHER	5,083	C
(9) MEMBERSHIP FEES IN COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS	1,196	C

Schedule I
(Form 990)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.

► Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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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 Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. 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.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance

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 Domestic Individuals. 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

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule I, Part II	ALL GRANTS, SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS ARE MADE TO NON-PROFIT AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE LOCATED IN THE COOPERATIVE'S SERVICE AREA. ALL DONATIONS ARE INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH OUR MEMBERS RESIDE. EACH GRANT, SPONSORSHIP, AND/OR DONATION MADE DURING THE YEAR WAS BELOW THE REPORTING THRESHOLD OF PART II.

Schedule J
(Form 990)**Compensation Information**

OMB No 1545-0047

2014**Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceFor certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest
Compensated Employees► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
► Attach to Form 990.► Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.Name of the organization
HIGH WEST ENERGY INC

Employer identification number

83-0143525

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

<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/> 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**2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?**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

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

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

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

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

Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.**5** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of**a** The organization?**b** Any related organization?

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

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

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

7 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III**8** Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III**9** If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
1b	Yes	
2	Yes	
4a		No
4b		No
4c		No
5a		
5b		
6a		
6b		
7		
8		
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 in column(B) reported as deferred in prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 BRIAN HEITHOFF, CEO/GENERAL MANAGER	(i) 159,522 (ii) 0	(i) 150 (ii) 0	(i) 1,483 (ii) 0	(i) 14,417 (ii) 0	(i) 24,709 (ii) 0	(i) 200,281 (ii) 0	(i) 0 (ii) 0
2 MARVIN D POWELL, LEAD LINEMAN	(i) 129,535 (ii) 0	(i) 200 (ii) 0	(i) 287 (ii) 0	(i) 7,028 (ii) 0	(i) 24,023 (ii) 0	(i) 161,073 (ii) 0	(i) 0 (ii) 0

Part III Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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Schedule L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Transactions with Interested Persons**

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Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

► 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.

► Information about Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization
HIGH WEST ENERGY INC

Employer identification number

83-0143525

Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) 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

Total

► \$

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting 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) W BERT MACY	FAMILY MEMBER OF CAROL MACY, CFO/PROJECT MANAGER	70,446	THE COOPERATIVE EMPLOYS W BERT MACY		No
(2)					No

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions)

Return Reference**Explanation**

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 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.****► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.****► Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
www.irs.gov/form990.****2014****Open to Public
Inspection**Name of the organization
HIGH WEST ENERGY INC**Employer identification number**

83-0143525

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part I, Line 19	THE LOSS REPORTED ON PAGE 1, PART I, LINE 19 PRIOR YEAR DIFFERS FROM THE TOTAL NET MARGINS REPORTED ON THE COOPERATIVE'S AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DUE TO BOOK TO TAX ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED TO CONFORM TO THE FORM 990 INSTRUCTIONS. THE FIRST ADJUSTMENT IS FOR THE EQUITY METHOD INCOME RECORDED ON THE COOPERATIVE'S BOOKS AND INCLUDED IN TOTAL NET MARGINS. U.S. GAAP REQUIRES THE COOPERATIVE TO RECORD ON ITS BOOKS THE EQUITY METHOD INCOME FROM ITS WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY. EQUITY METHOD INCOME IS NOT INCOME FOR IRS FORM 990 PURPOSES AND AS SUCH HAS BEEN REPORTED AS AN OTHER CHANGE IN NET ASSETS. THE SECOND ADJUSTMENT IS FOR THE PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS ALLOCATED OR TO BE ALLOCATED BY THE COOPERATIVE TO MEMBERS. WHEREAS THE FORM 990 REQUIRES SUCH AMOUNTS TO BE REPORTED AS AN EXPENSE, PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS ALLOCATED OR TO BE ALLOCATED ARE AN INCREASE IN CAPITAL AND EQUITY, SPECIFICALLY PATRONAGE CAPITAL, ON U.S. GAAP BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. BECAUSE THE COOPERATIVE ALLOCATES ITS TOTAL NET MARGINS TO ITS MEMBERS THROUGH PATRONAGE CAPITAL, THE NET EFFECT OF THESE BOOK TO TAX ADJUSTMENTS IS TO SHOW A NET LOSS ON THE FORM 990 EQUAL TO THE EQUITY METHOD INCOME FROM ITS WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 4	<p>ARTICLE II, SECTION 3 OF THE COOPERATIVE'S BY LAWS WAS AMENDED TO EXCLUDE THE PHRASE "PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT WITH RESPECT TO ALL MEETINGS AT WHICH DIRECTORS ARE TO BE ELECTED SUCH NOTICE SHALL BE SO DELIVERED NOT LESS THAN TEN (10) DAYS OR MORE THAN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE MEETING " SECTION 5 OF THE SAME ARTICLE WAS AMENDED TO ADD MAIL-IN VOTING AS AN OPTION, IN ADDITION TO THE CURRENT IN-PERSON AND PROXY VOTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING SECTION 6 OF THE SAME ARTICLE WAS AMENDED TO CHANGE THE NAME FROM PROXIES TO PROXY VOTING SECTION 7 OF THE SAME ARTICLE WAS AMENDED RENUMBERING THE SECTION TO SECTION 8 AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 7 THE NEW SECTION 7 INCLUDES PARAMETERS AROUND WHICH THE MAIL VOTING SHALL OCCUR IT STATES ANY MEMBER WHO IS ABSENT FROM ANY SUCH MEETING MAY VOTE BY MAIL EACH VOTE MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED ON THE BALLOT, AND THE BALLOT MUST BE SIGNED BY THE MEMBER AND PLACED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE BEARING THE MEMBER'S NAME AND ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE COOPERATIVE WHEN SUCH BALLOT SO ENCLOSED IS RECEIVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL FROM ANY ABSENT MEMBER, IT SHALL BE ACCEPTED AND COUNTED AS A VOTE FOR DIRECTORS BY BALLOT OF SUCH ABSENT MEMBER AT SUCH MEETING SUCH MAIL BALLOTS SHALL BE COUNTED TOWARD THE QUORUM REQUIREMENTS AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 4 OF ARTICLE II OF THESE BY LAWS WITH RESPECT TO THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND/OR BY LAWS THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE MANDATORY IN THE CASE OF RECALL OF ONE OR MORE DIRECTORS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 7 ARTICLE I OF THE BY LAWS ARTILE III, SECTION 3, WAS AMENDED TO CHANGE THE TIMEFRAME FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO APPOINT A NOMINATING COMMITTEE FROM NO LESS THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS NOR MORE THAN SIXTY (60) DAYS TO NO LESS THAN SIXTY (60) DAYS NOR MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS AT WHICH DIRECTORS ARE TO BE ELECTED THE SECTION WAS FURTHER AMENDED TO CHANGE THE TIMEFRAME THAT THE COMMITTEE MUST PREPARE AND POST A LIST OF DIRECTOR NOMINEES FROM TWENTY (20) DAYS TO FORTY (40) DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION MEETING THE SECTION ALSO INCLUDED AMENDMENTS TO THE TIMEFRAME FOR MEMBERS TO MAKE NOMINATIONS IN WRITING FROM FIFTEEN (15) DAYS TO THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION MEETING</p>

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 6	THE COOPERATIVE WAS FORMED BY THE MEMBERS TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC SERVICE AT COST ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7a	THE MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE VOTE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ELECTIONS ARE DONE ON A ONE MEMBER ONE VOTE BASIS PER DISTRICT

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7b	THE FOLLOWING ACTS REQUIRE APPROVAL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE 1 DISSOLUTION/LIQUIDATION OF THE COOPERATIVE, 2 MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION OF THE COOPERATIVE WITH ANOTHER ORGANIZATION, 3 THE DISPOSAL OF A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE COOPERATIVE'S ASSETS, AND 4 AMENDMENT OF THE COOPERATIVES' BYLAWS

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 8b	FROM TIME TO TIME THE ENTIRE BOARD WILL GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSING ITEMS OF A SENSITIVE AND CONFIDENTIAL NATURE. WHEN THIS OCCURS MANAGEMENT AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE ARE REMOVED FROM THE MEETING ROOM. ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ARE NOT DOCUMENTED. HOWEVER, ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSIONS ARE ADJOURNED ARE FULLY DOCUMENTED IN THE WRITTEN MINUTES

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11	MANAGEMENT PRESENTED A COPY OF THE FORM 990 TO THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION, REVIEW AND APPROVAL PRIOR TO FILING. THE DISCUSSION AND REVIEW WAS PERFORMED AT THE BOARD MEETING IMMEDIATELY BEFORE FILING THE FORM 990

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO REVIEW AND BE FAMILIAR WITH THE POLICIES OUTLINED IN THE COOPERATIVE'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE ANY ACTION OR SITUATION THAT MIGHT VIOLATE THE POLICY TO THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS REVIEWED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS USE COMPARATIVE INDUSTRY DATA FROM EACH STATE IN THE COOPERATIVE'S NRECA REGION AND SUPPLEMENTAL NATIONAL DATA PROVIDED BY NRECA WHEN DETERMINING THE COMPENSATION OF THE GENERAL MANAGER. THIS DATA SHOWS COMPARATIVE SALARIES FOR GENERAL MANAGERS FROM SIMILARLY SITUATED COOPERATIVES LOCATED IN WYOMING, NEBRASKA, COLORADO, AND THE NATION. THE BOARD AND THE GENERAL MANAGER USE COMPARATIVE INDUSTRY DATA FROM EACH STATE IN THE COOPERATIVE'S NRECA REGION AND SUPPLEMENTAL NATIONAL DATA PROVIDED BY NRECA WHEN DETERMINING THE COMPENSATION OF THE COOPERATIVE'S OTHER EMPLOYEES MEETING THE DEFINITION OF OFFICER AND KEY EMPLOYEES, IF ANY. THIS DATA SHOWS COMPARATIVE SALARIES FROM SIMILARLY SITUATED COOPERATIVES LOCATED IN WYOMING, NEBRASKA, COLORADO, AND THE NATION.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	THE COOPERATIVE PROVIDES A SUMMARIZED COPY OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. THE COOPERATIVE WILL PROVIDE A COMPLETE COPY OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OR GOVERNING DOCUMENTS TO ANY MEMBER WHO REQUESTS A COPY. ADDITIONALLY, A COPY OF THE COOPERATIVE BYLAWS CAN BE FOUND ON THE COOPERATIVE'S WEBSITE.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VII, Column F	IN ORDER TO PROVIDE RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO ITS EMPLOYEES, THE COOPERATIVE HAS ESTABLISHED A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN UNDER SECTION 401(K) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. AS PART OF THE PLAN DOCUMENT, THE COOPERATIVE PROVIDES CONTRIBUTIONS BASED UPON A PERCENTAGE OF A PARTICIPATING EMPLOYEE'S ANNUAL COMPENSATION. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATING EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING OFFICERS AND HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOYEES, MEETING THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE PLAN. THE COOPERATIVE ALSO PROVIDES HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE TO ALL EMPLOYEES, THROUGH A QUALIFIED PLAN. THE AMOUNT REPORTED ON PART VII, COLUMN (F) FOR THE OFFICERS AND HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOYEES, IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED BY THE COOPERATIVE TO THE 401(K) PLAN AND INSURANCE PAID ON BEHALF OF OR FOR THEIR BENEFIT. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE 401K PLAN, THE COOPERATIVE ALSO PROVIDES POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS THROUGH AN UNFUNDED WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN. THE VALUE OF THESE BENEFITS HAS NOT BEEN ESTIMATED.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VIII, Line 2	PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS RESULT FROM THE PURCHASE OF WHOLESALE POWER FROM A GENERATION & TRANSMISSION COOPERATIVE. PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS ALSO RESULT FROM THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST FROM COOPERATIVE BANKS AND THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES FROM OTHER COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS. THE EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH PURCHASES FROM AND PAYMENTS TO SUCH COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS ARE A DIRECT COMPONENT OF COST OF THE ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE COOPERATIVE TO ITS MEMBERS

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part IX	THE ACCOUNTING RECORDS OF THE COOPERATIVE ARE MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTS AS PRESCRIBED BY THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR CLASS A AND B ELECTRIC UTILITIES MODIFIED FOR ELECTRIC BORROWERS OF THE RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE (RUS). THE UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTS DOES NOT RECORD EXPENSES IN THE GENERAL EXPENSE CATEGORIES PROVIDED ON PART IX LINES 1 - 23. THE COOPERATIVE SEPARATELY STATES SALARIES AND WAGES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND PAYROLL TAXES THAT ARE ALLOCATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR ACCOUNTING SYSTEM, BUT OTHER EXPENSES THAT ARE DESCRIBED IN LINES 1 - 23 ARE REPORTED ON LINE 24 UNDER THE EXPENSE CATEGORIES REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTS

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part IX, Line 24	ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSE IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE SERVICES EMPLOYED \$ 588,274 OFFICE SUPPLIES EXPENSE 330,808 GENERAL ADVERTISING EXPENSE 26,303 OTHER INSURANCE 76,681 REGULATORY COMMISSION EXPENSE 33,792 DUES TO ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS 125,793 DIRECTORS EXPENSES 246,914 DUPLICATE CHARGES (CREDIT) (73,037) MAINTENANCE OF GENERAL PLANT 46,610 TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSE PER 990 \$ 1,402,138

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part IX, Lines 5-7	SALARIES AND WAGES ARE ALLOCATED TO ASSET, LIABILITY, AND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS BASED ON THE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM DESCRIBED ABOVE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE RECONCILES AMOUNTS REPORTED ON LINES 5-7 TO THE TOTAL WAGES ACCRUED AND/OR PAID TOTAL PER LINES 5-7 \$ 2,498,946 LESS DIRECTORS FEES REPORTED ON 1099-MISC (173,878) LESS EMPLOYEE OFFICER BENEFITS INCLUDED IN LINE 5 (93,015) PLUS SALARIES AND WAGES ALLOCATED TO NONOPERATING MARGINS 372,489 PLUS SALARIES AND WAGES CAPITALIZED DIRECTLY TO PLANT 1,121,278 PLUS SALARIES AND WAGES CAPITALIZED/EXPENSED INDIRECTLY THROUGH CLEARING AND OTHER ACCOUNTS 325,554 TOTAL WAGES ACCRUED AND/OR PAID \$ 4,051,374

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part IX, Line 24E	OTHER EXPENSES IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING TRANSMISSION EXPENSE \$ 15,499 SALES EXPENSE 3,680 TAXES 358,213 OTHER ELECTRIC EXPENSE - LINE DAMAGE REPAIR 140,577 TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES PER FORM 990, LINE 24E \$ 517,969

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part IX, Line 4	<p>THE FORM 990 INSTRUCTIONS SPECIFICALLY STATE THAT THE AMOUNT OF PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS PAID TO THE MEMBERS SHOULD BE REPORTED ON PART IX, LINE 4. THE PHRASE "PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS PAID" REFERS TO THE PROCESS, SUBSEQUENT TO YEAR-END, BY WHICH THE COOPERATIVE ALLOCATES PATRONAGE CAPITAL TO AND, THEREFORE, OPERATES AT COST WITH ITS MEMBERS. THE COOPERATIVE'S TAX EXEMPT PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY TO ITS MEMBERS AND TO DO SO ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS. TAX LAW DEFINES "OPERATING ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS" AS SUBORDINATION OF CAPITAL, DEMOCRATIC CONTROL, AND OPERATION AT COST. THE COOPERATIVE OPERATES AT COST THROUGH THE ALLOCATION OF TRUE PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS (ALSO REFERRED TO AS ALLOCATIONS OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL) TO ITS MEMBERS. PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS ARE CONSIDERED PAID IF THE ALLOCATION IS MADE (1) PURSUANT TO A PRE-EXISTING OBLIGATION, (2) FROM THE MARGINS PRODUCED FROM THE TRANSACTIONS DONE WITH OR FOR MEMBERS, AND (3) IN A FAIR AND EQUITABLE BASIS ON THE BASIS OF PATRONAGE (I.E. PURCHASES). ADDITIONALLY, THE ALLOCATION OF PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS SHOULD BE MADE WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME PERIOD AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE COOPERATIVE'S YEAR-END OF DECEMBER 31. EACH ONE OF THESE REQUIREMENTS FOR A TRUE PATRONAGE DIVIDEND IS PROVIDED FOR IN THE NON-PROFIT OPERATION ARTICLE OF THE COOPERATIVE'S BYLAWS AND IS SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS: (A) IN ORDER TO INDUCE PATRONAGE AND TO ASSURE THAT THE COOPERATIVE WILL OPERATE ON A NONPROFIT BASIS, THE COOPERATIVE IS OBLIGATED TO ACCOUNT ON A PATRONAGE BASIS TO ALL ITS MEMBERS FOR ALL AMOUNTS RECEIVED AND RECEIVABLE FROM THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC ENERGY IN EXCESS OF OPERATING COSTS AND EXPENSES PROPERLY CHARGEABLE AGAINST SUCH SERVICES (I.E. MARGINS FROM THE PROVISION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY); (B) THE MARGINS FROM THE PROVISION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY ARE RECEIVED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY ARE FURNISHED BY THE MEMBERS AS CAPITAL; (C) THE COOPERATIVE IS OBLIGATED TO PAY BY CREDITS TO A CAPITAL ACCOUNT FOR EACH MEMBER FOR ALL SUCH MARGINS; (D) ALL SUCH AMOUNTS CREDITED TO THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT OF ANY MEMBER SHALL HAVE THE SAME STATUS AS THOUGH THEY HAD BEEN PAID TO THE MEMBER IN CASH IN PURSUANCE OF A LEGAL OBLIGATION TO DO SO AND THE MEMBER HAD THEN FURNISHED TO THE COOPERATIVE CORRESPONDING AMOUNTS OF CAPITAL. THE AMOUNT REPORTED ON PART IX, LINE 4 REPRESENTS THE AMOUNT OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL THAT IS EITHER ALLOCATED OR TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE MEMBERS RESULTING FROM THEIR PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY FROM THE COOPERATIVE FOR THE 2014 CALENDAR YEAR. THE ACTUAL ALLOCATION INCLUDES EQUITY EARNINGS OF THE SUBSIDIARY, BUT FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE FORM 990, EQUITY EARNINGS OF THE SUBSIDIARY ARE REPORTED AS A OTHER CHANGE IN NET ASSETS. AS NOTED ABOVE, SUCH AMOUNTS ARE ALLOCATED SUBSEQUENT TO YEAR-END IN A FAIR AND EQUITABLE MANNER ON THE BASIS OF PATRONAGE (I.E. PURCHASES). THE AMOUNTS ALLOCATED ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARGINS FROM THE PROVISION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY TO THE MEMBERS AND ARE DONE PURSUANT TO THE OBLIGATION THAT EXISTED IN THE BYLAWS PRIOR TO THE COOPERATIVE PROVIDING ELECTRICITY TO ITS MEMBERS. THEREFORE, THESE AMOUNTS MEET THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS PAID". PLEASE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT BECAUSE PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS IS THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE COOPERATIVE OPERATES AT COST WITH ITS MEMBERS AND THEREBY A KEY COMPONENT TO ACCOMPLISHING ITS EXEMPT PURPOSE, THE COOPERATIVE HAS REPORTED THE AMOUNT OF ITS 2014 MARGIN THAT HAS BEEN OR IS TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE MEMBERS SUBSEQUENT TO YEAR-END. SUCH AMOUNTS ARE AN EXPENSE FOR FORM 990 REPORTING AND IS NOT AN EXPENSE FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES. AS A RESULT, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE COOPERATIVE'S GAAP BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE REVENUE LESS EXPENSES REPORTED ON PART I, LINE 19 IS THE AMOUNT OF PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS REPORTED AS BENEFITS PAID TO MEMBERS.</p>

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part XI, line 9	EQUITY METHOD INCOME OF SUBSIDIARY -26,770 PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIRED -1,225,749 GAIN ON RETIRED CAPITAL CREDITS 105,362 PATRONAGE CAPITAL ASSIGNABLE 2,387,252 POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT ADJUSTMENT - 31,000

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part XII, Line 2c	THE BOARD AS A WHOLE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT AND SELECTING THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDITOR. PROCEDURAL CHANGES DID NOT OCCUR DURING THE YEAR.

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

OMB No 1545-0047

2014

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.Open to Public
InspectionDepartment of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization
HIGH WEST ENERGY INC

Employer identification number

83-0143525

Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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

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 entity?
						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?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?	(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No			

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		(i) Section 512 (b)(13) controlled entity?
							Yes	No	
(1) HIGH WEST COMMUNICATION INC PO BOX 519 PINE BLUFFS, WY 820820518 83-0316111	INVESTMENTS	WY	HIGH WEST ENERGY INC	C	146,292	2,145,490	100 000 %	Yes	

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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
1a	Yes	
1b	No	
1c	No	
1d	No	
1e	No	
1f	No	
1g	No	
1h	No	
1i	No	
1j	No	
1k	No	
1l	No	
1m	Yes	
1n	No	
1o	Yes	
1p	Yes	
1q	Yes	
1r	No	
1s	No	

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

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) HIGH WEST COMMUNICATION INC	A	14,400	INVOICES & OTHER RECORDS
(2) HIGH WEST COMMUNICATION INC	M	410,476	INVOICES & HOURS
(3) HIGH WEST COMMUNICATION INC	O	522,220	HOURS & EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION
(4) HIGH WEST COMMUNICATION INC	P	352,090	INVOICES & OTHER RECORDS
(5) HIGH WEST COMMUNICATION INC	Q	71,662	INVOICES & OTHER RECORDS

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) 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 VII Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

Return Reference	Explanation
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