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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 private foundations)  
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OMB No 1545-0047  
**2015**  
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**A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015, and ending 12-31-2015**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization CONNEXUS ENERGY		<b>D</b> Employer identification number 41-0128105
	Doing business as		<b>E</b> Telephone number (763) 323-2600
	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 14601 RAMSEY BOULEVARD	<b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ 257,671,853	
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code RAMSEY, MN 55303		
<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer GREG RIDDERBUSCH 14601 RAMSEY BOULEVARD RAMSEY, MN 55303		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶	
<b>I</b> 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			
<b>J</b> Website: ▶ WWW.CONNEXUSENERGY.COM			
<b>K</b> Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		<b>L</b> Year of formation 1937	<b>M</b> State of legal domicile MN

**Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities PROVIDING UTILITY SERVICES TO MEMBERS		
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
Revenue	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	8
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	8
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	288
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	0
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	1,670,953
	<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>	0
	Expenses	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>Prior Year</b>
<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		0	0
<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		268,873,976	256,811,952
<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		712,468	418,131
<b>12</b> Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		494,791	363,626
<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		270,081,235	257,593,709
<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		505,697	489,718
<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	17,660,259	8,456,018	
<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	24,558,523	23,907,191	
<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 0	0	0	
<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	227,356,756	224,740,782	
<b>18</b> Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	270,081,235	257,593,709	
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	0	0	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>Beginning of Current Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	370,231,736	371,645,339
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	201,150,734	200,453,708
		169,081,002	171,191,631

**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

<b>Sign Here</b>	***** Signature of officer	2016-09-01 Date
	MICHAEL BASH VICE PRESIDENT / CFO Type or print name and title	

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name LAURIE HANSON	Preparer's signature LAURIE HANSON	Date 2016-09-01	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00851848
	Firm's name ▶ EIDE BAILLY LLP			Firm's EIN ▶ 45-0250958	
	Firm's address ▶ 200 EAST 10TH ST PO BOX 5125 SIOUX FALLS, SD 571175125			Phone no (605) 339-1999	

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

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

CONNEXUS ENERGY IS A LOCAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY, COST COMPETITIVE, AND RELIABLE SERVICE THAT CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATES THE VALUE OF MEMBER OWNERSHIP

**2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?  Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

**3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?  Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

**4** Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations 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 \$ )  
CONNEXUS ENERGY PROVIDED UTILITY SERVICES TO APPROXIMATELY 130,000 MEMBERS IN SEVEN COUNTIES IN THE NORTH SUBURBAN AREA OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST PAUL, MN

**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
<b>1</b>	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> . . . . .		No
<b>2</b>	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? . . . . .		No
<b>3</b>	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> . . . . .		No
<b>4</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> 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> . . . . .		
<b>5</b>	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> . . . . .		No
<b>6</b>	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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .		No
<b>7</b>	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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .		No
<b>8</b>	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .		No
<b>9</b>	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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .		No
<b>10</b>	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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .		No
<b>11</b>	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		
<b>a</b>	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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .	Yes	
<b>b</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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .		No
<b>c</b>	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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .	Yes	
<b>d</b>	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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .		No
<b>e</b>	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .	Yes	
<b>f</b>	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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .	Yes	
<b>12a</b>	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .	Yes	
<b>b</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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .		No
<b>13</b>	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> . . . . .		No
<b>14a</b>	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? . . . . .		No
<b>b</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> . . . . .		No
<b>15</b>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i> . . . . .		No
<b>16</b>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i> . . . . .		No
<b>17</b>	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> (see instructions) . . . . .		No
<b>18</b>	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> . . . . .		No
<b>19</b>	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> . . . . .		No
<b>20a</b>	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> . . . . .		No
<b>b</b>	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? . . . . .		

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

<p><b>21</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> . . . . .</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p><b>22</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> . . . . .</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>		<p>No</p>
<p><b>23</b> 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> . . . . .</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p><b>24a</b> 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 25a</i> . . . . .</p>	<p><b>24a</b></p>		<p>No</p>
<p><b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>24b</b></p>		
<p><b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>24c</b></p>		
<p><b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>24d</b></p>		
<p><b>25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> 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> . . . . .</p>	<p><b>25a</b></p>		
<p><b>b</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> . . . . .</p>	<p><b>25b</b></p>		
<p><b>26</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i> . . . . .</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>		<p>No</p>
<p><b>27</b> 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> . . . . .</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>		<p>No</p>
<p><b>28</b> 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)</p>			
<p><b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .</p>	<p><b>28a</b></p>		<p>No</p>
<p><b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .</p>	<p><b>28b</b></p>		<p>No</p>
<p><b>c</b> 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> . . . . .</p>	<p><b>28c</b></p>		<p>No</p>
<p><b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> . . . . .</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>		<p>No</p>
<p><b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> . . . . .</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>		<p>No</p>
<p><b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> . . . . .</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>		<p>No</p>
<p><b>32</b> 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> . . . . .</p>	<p><b>32</b></p>		<p>No</p>
<p><b>33</b> 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> . . . . .</p>	<p><b>33</b></p>		<p>No</p>
<p><b>34</b> 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> . . . . .</p>	<p><b>34</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p><b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?</p>	<p><b>35a</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p><b>b</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> . . . . .</p>	<p><b>35b</b></p>		<p>No</p>
<p><b>36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> . . . . .</p>	<p><b>36</b></p>		
<p><b>37</b> 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> . . . . .</p>	<p><b>37</b></p>		<p>No</p>
<p><b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O . . . . .</p>	<p><b>38</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>	



**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
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year 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		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
<b>2</b>	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?	Yes	
<b>3</b>	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?		No
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
<b>6</b>	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	Yes	
<b>7a</b>	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?	Yes	
<b>7b</b>	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	Yes	
<b>8</b>	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
<b>8a</b>	The governing body?	Yes	
<b>8b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?		No
<b>9</b>	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		No

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

		Yes	No
<b>10a</b>	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		No
<b>10b</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?		
<b>11a</b>	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	Yes	
<b>11b</b>	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
<b>12a</b>	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	Yes	
<b>12b</b>	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
<b>12c</b>	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	Yes	
<b>13</b>	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
<b>14</b>	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	Yes	
<b>15</b>	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?		
<b>15a</b>	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	Yes	
<b>15b</b>	Other officers or key employees of the organization	Yes	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
<b>16a</b>	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	Yes	
<b>16b</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?		No

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17** List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
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- 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, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records  
 NANCY BASARA 14601 RAMSEY BOULEVARD RAMSEY, MN 55303 (763) 323-2731

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

Check 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 employee	Former			
(1) PETER WOJCIECHOWSKI CHAIR	22 00	X		X				51,534	0	0
(2) MARK ETHEN VICE CHAIR	15 00	X		X				46,581	0	0
(3) FRAN BATOR SECRETARY/TREASURER	16 00	X		X				46,821	0	0
(4) GORDON WESTERLIND ASST SECRETARY/TREASURER	15 00	X		X				22,581	0	24,000
(5) KEN FIERECK DIRECTOR	16 00	X						32,581	0	14,000
(6) MICHAEL KERR DIRECTOR	12 00	X						46,581	0	0
(7) DONALD HOLL DIRECTOR	16 00	X						46,581	0	0
(8) MICHAEL CADY DIRECTOR	12 00	X						46,581	0	0
(9) GREG RIDDERBUSCH PRESIDENT/CEO EFFECTIVE 10/01/15	40 00			X				86,813	0	3,178
(10) MIKE RAJALA PRESIDENT/CEO UNTIL 10/01/15	50 00			X				479,496	0	41,772
(11) MICHAEL BASH VP,CFO	40 00			X				355,385	0	102,088
(12) MATT YSETH VP, ELECTRIC OPERATIONS	45 00			X				267,560	0	71,270
(13) JOHN GASAL VP, POWER SUPPLY UNTIL 05/22/15	40 00			X				145,185	0	41,729
(14) PETER MILLER VP, HUMAN RESOURCES	50 00			X				255,359	0	63,138

**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
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) DON HALLER VP, MEMBER AND COMMUNITY	45 00			X			211,121	0	52,682	
(16) GREG GROENJES MGR , CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	45 00					X	144,365	0	33,047	
(17) NANCY BASARA CONTROLLER	45 00					X	178,689	0	48,570	
(18) MARK KOPLIN MGR - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES	45 00					X	179,151	0	37,327	
(19) NICK LOEHLEIN MANAGER - SYS ENGINEERING	45 00					X	168,100	0	45,319	
(20) LEON RICHTER LINEMAN	52 00					X	142,139	0	44,274	
<b>1b Sub-Total</b>										
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>										
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>							2,953,204	0	622,394	

**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 **71**

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
<b>4</b> 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>	Yes	
<b>5</b> 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>		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
ASPLUNDH 708 BLAIR MILL ROAD WILLOW GROVE, PA 190901784	TREE TRIMMING SERVICES	1,874,578
RP SCHROEDER CONSTRUCTION 18329 263RD AVE BIG LAKE, MN 55309	CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	1,649,389
CARR'S TREE SERVICE INC PO BOX 250 OTTERTAIL, MN 56571	TREE TRIMMING SERVICES	815,459
WRIGHT TREE SERVICE PO BOX 1718 DES MOINES, IA 50306	TREE TRIMMING SERVICES	772,557
CENTRAL APPLICATORS PO BOX 279 FOLEY, MN 56329	TRIMMING SERVICES/VEGETATION MANAGEMENT	465,045

**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 **20**

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

Check 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	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b>	Federated campaigns . . . . . <b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b>	Membership dues . . . . . <b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b>	Fundraising events . . . . . <b>1c</b>					
	<b>d</b>	Related organizations . . . . . <b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b>	Government grants (contributions) <b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b>	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above <b>1f</b>					
	<b>g</b>	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	<b>h</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .					
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>			Business Code				
	<b>2a</b>	SALE OF ELECTRICITY	221000	251,138,938	251,088,979	49,959	
	<b>b</b>	GEN & TRANS CAP CREDIT	221000	3,135,503	3,135,503		
	<b>c</b>	UTILITY/RETAIL/FLEET	221000	1,594,347	429	1,593,918	
	<b>d</b>	OTHER	221000	943,164	915,925	27,239	
	<b>e</b>						
	<b>f</b>	All other program service revenue					
	<b>g</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .		256,811,952			
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b>	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .		355,158		355,158	
	<b>4</b>	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . . .					
	<b>5</b>	Royalties . . . . .					
	<b>6a</b>	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
			339,344				
			0				
			339,344				
	<b>d</b>	Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .		339,344		339,344	
	<b>7a</b>	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
				141,117			
				78,144			
			62,973				
	<b>d</b>	Net gain or (loss) . . . . .		62,973		62,973	
	<b>8a</b>	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .					
	<b>b</b>	Less direct expenses . . . . . <b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .					
	<b>9a</b>	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .					
	<b>b</b>	Less direct expenses . . . . . <b>b</b>					
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .						
<b>10a</b>	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .						
<b>b</b>	Less cost of goods sold . . . . . <b>b</b>						
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
<b>11a</b>	EQUITY EARNINGS - FEDE	900099	24,282	24,445	-163		
<b>b</b>							
<b>c</b>							
<b>d</b>	All other revenue . . . . .						
<b>e</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .		24,282				
<b>12</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> See Instructions . . . . .		257,593,709	255,165,281	1,670,953	757,475	

**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

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>		<b>(A)</b> Total expenses	<b>(B)</b> Program service expenses	<b>(C)</b> Management and general expenses	<b>(D)</b> Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b>	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 . . . . .	489,718			
<b>2</b>	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .				
<b>3</b>	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .				
<b>4</b>	Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	8,456,018			
<b>5</b>	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	2,347,899			
<b>6</b>	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .				
<b>7</b>	Other salaries and wages . . . . .	15,771,234			
<b>8</b>	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .	1,749,348			
<b>9</b>	Other employee benefits . . . . .	2,714,170			
<b>10</b>	Payroll taxes . . . . .	1,324,540			
<b>11</b>	Fees for services (non-employees)				
<b>a</b>	Management . . . . .				
<b>b</b>	Legal . . . . .	303,085			
<b>c</b>	Accounting . . . . .	72,785			
<b>d</b>	Lobbying . . . . .				
<b>e</b>	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b>	Investment management fees . . . . .				
<b>g</b>	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O) . . . . .	1,032,218			
<b>12</b>	Advertising and promotion . . . . .	322,222			
<b>13</b>	Office expenses . . . . .	1,420,855			
<b>14</b>	Information technology . . . . .	1,622,242			
<b>15</b>	Royalties . . . . .				
<b>16</b>	Occupancy . . . . .	1,398,151			
<b>17</b>	Travel . . . . .	272,823			
<b>18</b>	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
<b>19</b>	Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	45,186			
<b>20</b>	Interest . . . . .	5,772,907			
<b>21</b>	Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
<b>22</b>	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	11,869,531			
<b>23</b>	Insurance . . . . .	436,113			
<b>24</b>	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)				
<b>a</b>	COST OF POWER	189,901,838			
<b>b</b>	ELECTRIC OPERATIONS	4,648,595			
<b>c</b>	PROP & REAL ESTATE TAX	3,533,996			
<b>d</b>	FLEET/VEHICLE EXPENSES	1,076,519			
<b>e</b>	All other expenses	1,011,716			
<b>25</b>	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	257,593,709			
<b>26</b>	<b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

				(A)		(B)	
				Beginning of year		End of year	
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b>	Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .		6,189	<b>1</b>	9,472	
	<b>2</b>	Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .		4,001	<b>2</b>	8,041	
	<b>3</b>	Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .			<b>3</b>		
	<b>4</b>	Accounts receivable, net . . . . .		28,211,523	<b>4</b>	25,688,436	
	<b>5</b>	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .			<b>5</b>		
	<b>6</b>	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 . . . . .			<b>6</b>		
	<b>7</b>	Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .			<b>7</b>		
	<b>8</b>	Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		3,797,476	<b>8</b>	3,489,104	
	<b>9</b>	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .		753,404	<b>9</b>	703,026	
	<b>10a</b>	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	<b>10a</b>	328,313,255			
	<b>b</b>	Less accumulated depreciation . . . . .	<b>10b</b>	132,945,570	195,098,645	<b>10c</b>	195,367,685
	<b>11</b>	Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .			<b>11</b>		
	<b>12</b>	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		9,426,595	<b>12</b>	9,345,997	
	<b>13</b>	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		120,836,702	<b>13</b>	124,352,674	
	<b>14</b>	Intangible assets . . . . .		941	<b>14</b>	941	
	<b>15</b>	Other assets See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		12,096,260	<b>15</b>	12,679,963	
<b>16</b>	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .		370,231,736	<b>16</b>	371,645,339		
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b>	Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .		17,692,103	<b>17</b>	16,582,858	
	<b>18</b>	Grants payable . . . . .			<b>18</b>		
	<b>19</b>	Deferred revenue . . . . .			<b>19</b>		
	<b>20</b>	Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .			<b>20</b>		
	<b>21</b>	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .			<b>21</b>		
	<b>22</b>	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 . . . . .			<b>22</b>		
	<b>23</b>	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		129,784,051	<b>23</b>	142,173,077	
	<b>24</b>	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		14,574,000	<b>24</b>	5,769,000	
	<b>25</b>	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 . . . . .		39,100,580	<b>25</b>	35,928,773	
	<b>26</b>	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .		201,150,734	<b>26</b>	200,453,708	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>						
	<b>27</b>	Unrestricted net assets . . . . .			<b>27</b>		
	<b>28</b>	Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .			<b>28</b>		
	<b>29</b>	Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .			<b>29</b>		
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>						
	<b>30</b>	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		0	<b>30</b>	0	
	<b>31</b>	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .		0	<b>31</b>	0	
	<b>32</b>	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		169,081,002	<b>32</b>	171,191,631	
<b>33</b>	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> . . . . .		169,081,002	<b>33</b>	171,191,631		
<b>34</b>	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> . . . . .		370,231,736	<b>34</b>	371,645,339		

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	257,593,709
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	257,593,709
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	0
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	169,081,002
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	2,110,629
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	171,191,631

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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		
<b>2a</b> 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		No
<b>2b</b> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
<b>2c</b> 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	
<b>3a</b> As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
<b>3b</b> If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

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

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization CONNEXUS ENERGY

Employer identification number 41-0128105

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 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?, 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?

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Form with multiple sections: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply), 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, 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?, 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year, 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, 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)?, 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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Form with sections: 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, 1b 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, 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.

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

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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

Table with 2 columns: Description (1c-1f) and Amount. Rows include Beginning balance, Additions during the year, Distributions during the year, and Ending balance.

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.

Table with 6 columns: (a) Current year, (b) Prior year, (c) Two years back, (d) Three years back, (e) Four years back. Rows include 1a-1g: Beginning of year balance, Contributions, Net investment earnings, gains, and losses, Grants or scholarships, Other expenditures for facilities and programs, Administrative expenses, 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 on 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

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Rows include 3a(i) unrelated organizations, 3a(ii) related organizations, 3b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

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.

Table with 5 columns: Description of property, (a) Cost or other basis (Investment), (b) Cost or other basis (other), (c) Accumulated depreciation, (d) Book value. Rows include 1a Land, b Buildings, c Leasehold improvements, d Equipment, e Other, and Total.

**Part VII Investments—Other Securities.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on 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		
(3) Other		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12 )		

**Part VIII Investments—Program Related.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on 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) GREAT RIVER ENERGY	119,018,051	C
(2) OTHER ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS	5,334,623	C
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13 )	124,352,674	

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

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

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
Federal income taxes	
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	1,150,446
DEFERRED CREDITS	801,372
PAYABLE TO GREAT RIVER ENERGY	27,936,693
UNFUNDED PENSION LIABILITY	2,353,988
OTHER LIABILITIES	1,596,512
DEFERRED COMP	2,089,762
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25 )	35,928,773

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' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	257,593,709
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>2a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .		<b>2e</b>	0
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .		<b>3</b>	257,593,709
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line <b>1</b>			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .		<b>4c</b>	0
<b>5</b>	Total revenue Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 ) . . . . .		<b>5</b>	257,593,709

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

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	249,137,691
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25			
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Other losses . . . . .	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .		<b>2e</b>	0
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .		<b>3</b>	249,137,691
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line <b>1</b> :			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	8,456,018	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .		<b>4c</b>	8,456,018
<b>5</b>	Total expenses Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 ) . . . . .		<b>5</b>	257,593,709

**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 IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAXES UNDER SECTION 501(C)(12) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE THE COOPERATIVE IS SUBJECT TO INCOME TAX ON ITS UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME THE COOPERATIVE EVALUATES ITS INCOME TAX POSITIONS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS MANAGEMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT THERE ARE NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS AT DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014 THAT MEET THE CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THE COOPERATIVE WOULD RECOGNIZE FUTURE ACCRUED INTEREST AND PENALTIES RELATED TO UNRECOGNIZED TAX BENEFITS IN INCOME TAX EXPENSE IF INCURRED GENERALLY, THE COOPERATIVE IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FEDERAL OR STATE TAX EXAMINATIONS BY TAX AUTHORITIES FOR YEARS BEFORE 2012
PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	ALLOCATION OF 2015 MARGINS TO MEMBERS IN 2016 8,456,018



Schedule I (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States

2015

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

Attach to Form 990.

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization CONNEXUS ENERGY

Employer identification number

41-0128105

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?
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" on 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

Table with 8 columns: (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. Row 1 contains 'See Additional Data Table'.

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" on 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
PART I, LINE 2	THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS PLANNED FOR A YEAR IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD AS A PART OF OUR ANNUAL PROFIT PLANNING PROCESS INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE APPROVED AND SUBSTANTIATED USING OUR NORMAL PAYMENT APPROVAL PROCESS

**Additional Data**

**Software ID:**  
**Software Version:**  
**EIN:** 41-0128105  
**Name:** CONNEXUS ENERGY

**Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.**

<b>(a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section if applicable	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of non-cash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance
ANOKA COUNTY 550 BUNKER LAKE BLVD NW ANDOVER, MN 55303	41-6005752	GOVENMENTAL	25,000				WARGO NATURE CENTER SPONSOR
ISD 728 900 SCHOOL STREET ELK RIVER, ME 55330	41-6003818	GOVENMENTAL	5,000				SCHOLARSHIPS
ANOKA TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOUNDATION 1355 WEST HWY 10 ANOKA, MN 55303	41-6008267	501(C)(3)	87,500				DONATION TO FOUNDATION - GENERAL

**Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.**

<b>(a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section if applicable	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of non-cash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance
INITIATIVE FOUNDATION 405 FIRST ST SE LITTLE FALLS, MN 56345	36-3451562	501(C)(3)	10,000				DONATION TO FOUNDATION - GENERAL
MERCYUNITY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION 550 OSBORNE RD FRIDLEY, MN 55432	36-3261413	501(C)(3)	34,660				DONATION TO FOUNDATION - HEALTHY STUDENT PROGRAM AND GENERAL
GREATER TWIN CITIES UNITED WAY 404 S 8TH STREET MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55404	41-1973442	501(C)(3)	21,039				MATCH EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS

**Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.**

<b>(a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section if applicable	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of non-cash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance
NATIONAL SPORTS CENTER 1700 105TH AVENUE NE BLAINE, MN 55449	41-1646516	501(C)(3)		85,000	OTHER	IN-KIND ELECTRICITY	GENERAL DONATION
ANOKA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION 550 BUNKER LAKE BLVD ANDOVER, MN 55304	41-6005752	GOVENMENTAL	20,000				WILD LIFE OUTREACH - HERITAGE LAB
ALEXANDRA HOUSE PO BOX 49030 BLAINE, MN 55449	41-1309977	501(C)(3)	20,000				GENERAL DONATION

**Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.**

<b>(a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section if applicable	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of non-cash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance
ANOKA RAMSEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION 11200 MISSISSIPPI BLVD COON RAPIDS, MN 55433	41-1574797	501(C)(3)	12,850				SCHOLARSHIP
AMERICAN RED CROSS 1201 WRIVERY PKWY MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55454	03-0585610	501(C)(3)	10,000				GENERAL DONATION
ANOKA COUNTY CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL 2100 3RD AVE ANOKA, MN 55304	41-6048575	GOVENMENTAL	5,000				DONATION TO FOUNDATION - GENERAL

**Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.**

<b>(a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section if applicable	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of non-cash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance
SALVATION ARMY HEATSHARE 2445 PRIOR AVE ROSEVILLE, MN 55113	41-0698597	501(C)(3)	30,000				GENERAL DONATION
TREE TRUST 2231 EDGEWOOD AVE S ST LOUIS PARK, MN 55426	41-1291626	501(C)(3)	10,000				GENERAL DONATION
HOPE 4 YOUTH 2665 4TH AVE N 40 ANOKA, MN 55303	46-1626500	501(C)(3)	25,675				GENERAL DONATION

**Schedule J**  
(Form 990)

**Compensation Information**

OMB No 1545-0047

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

- ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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CONNEXUS ENERGY

Employer identification number

41-0128105

**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 on 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 type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee              | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract                                |
| <input checked="" 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 on 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 on 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," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.
- 6** For persons listed on 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," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.
- 7** For persons listed on 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 on 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" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
<b>1b</b>	Yes	
<b>2</b>	Yes	
<b>4a</b>		No
<b>4b</b>	Yes	
<b>4c</b>		No
<b>5a</b>		
<b>5b</b>		
<b>6a</b>		
<b>6b</b>		
<b>7</b>		
<b>8</b>		
<b>9</b>		

**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 on 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 on prior Form 990
	Base (i) compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
See Additional Data Table							

**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
PART I, LINE 1A	OUR POLICY IS TO GROSS UP ALL RECOGNITION PAYMENTS \$50 AND LESS THIS APPLIES TO ALL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING EXECUTIVES
PART I, LINE 4B	THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS PARTICIPATED IN A NON-QUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN MICHAEL BASH JOHN GASAL NO DISBURSEMENTS WERE MADE FROM THE PLAN IN 2015 THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN BALANCES ARE PAYABLE ON DEMAND, IN FULL, BUT THE BALANCES ARE SUBJECT TO RISK OF FORFEITURE UNTIL FULLY DISTRIBUTED
SCHEDULE J, PART II, COLUMN C	AS REQUIRED BY THE INSTRUCTIONS TO SCHEDULE J, PART II, COLUMN C INCLUDES THE CHANGE IN ACTUARIAL VALUE IN THE DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN THESE AMOUNTS CAN VARY DEPENDING ON YEARS OF SERVICE AND ELIGIBLE COMPENSATION THE CHANGE IN ACTUARIAL VALUES ARE MIKE RAJALA - \$19,216 MICHAEL BASH - \$68,088 MATT YSETH - \$37,031 PETER MILLER - \$31,874 DON HALLER - \$26,780 JOHN GASAL - \$27,912 GREG GROENJES - DOES NOT PARTICIPATE NANCY BASARA - \$18,951 MARK KOPLIN - DOES NOT PARTICIPATE NICK LOEHLEIN - \$14,592 LEON RICHTER - \$15,778



**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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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](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

Name of the organization  
CONNEXUS ENERGY

Employer identification number

41-0128105

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2	DON HOLL AND FRAN BATOR HAD A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP AS THEY BOTH REPRESENTED CONNEXUS ENERGY ON THE GREAT RIVER ENERGY BOARD GREAT RIVER ENERGY IS OUR POWER SUPPLIER AND CONNEXUS ENERGY, AS ONE OF ITS MEMBERS, OWNS APPROXIMATELY 20% OF GRE
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	CUSTOMERS WHO PURCHASE ELECTRICITY FROM THE ORGANIZATION ARE MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE THERE IS ONLY ONE MEMBER CLASS
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	EACH MEMBER HAS ONE VOTE
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY SELL THE PROPERTY OF THE COOPERATIVE UPON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE AND IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COOPERATIVE NO SALE OF MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE (25%) PERCENT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE COOPERATIVE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE, HOWEVER, UNLESS AUTHORIZED AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8B	NO COMMITTEES ARE AUTHORIZED TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	THE 990 INFORMATION RETURN IS DELIVERED TO BOARD MEMBERS A WEEK BEFORE THE BOARD MEETING IT IS REVIEWED WITH THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR STAFF AT THE BOARD MEETING, PRIOR TO ISSUANCE
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE COVERED BY THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ANNUALLY, BOARD MEMBERS SIGN A CERTIFICATION STATEMENT THAT THEY MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A BOARD MEMBER HIS CERTIFICATION INCLUDES CONFLICT OF INTEREST LANGUAGE IF A BOARD MEMBER STATES ON THE CERTIFICATION THAT THERE IS A CONFLICT, THE ENTIRE BOARD WILL REVIEW THE CONFLICT AT THAT TIME RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON A PERSON WITH A CONFLICT WOULD BE DEPENDENT UPON THE SPECIFIC SITUATION, AND MAY INCLUDE ABSTAINING FROM DISCUSSIONS AND VOTING AND/OR A REQUEST FOR RESIGNATION
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	COMPENSATION IS BASED ON MARKET DATA FOR SIMILAR POSITIONS AT COMPARABLE COMPANIES A MARKET STUDY WAS COMPLETED IN 2014 FOR THE CEO AND FOR OTHER COOPERATIVE OFFICERS THE BOARD REVIEWED AND APPROVES THE COMPENSATION FOR THE CEO ANNUALLY
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PREVIOUS 5 YEARS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
FORM 990, PART VII, COLUMN F, OTHER COMPENSATION	INCLUDED IN OTHER COMPENSATION IS THE ESTIMATED CURRENT YEAR INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE ACTUARIAL VALUE OF THE DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE COOPERATIVE WHO ARE COVERED BY THE PENSION PLAN
FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 4, BENEFITS PAID TO OR FOR MEMBERS	THE COOPERATIVE HAS INTERPRETED THE INSTRUCTIONS TO PART IX, LINE 4, TO MEAN PATRONAGE CAPITAL ALLOCATED FOR THE YEAR, RATHER THAN PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIRED THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE BY-LAWS OF THE COOPERATIVE
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	ALLOCATION OF 2015 MARGINS TO MEMBERS IN 2016 8,456,018 CAPITAL CREDIT RETIRED -6,345,389

**SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)**

**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2015**

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▶ **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](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

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Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
CONNEXUS ENERGY

**Employer identification number**

41-0128105

**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		Yes	No	
(1) CONNEXUS COMMUNITY SOLAR 1 LLC  14601 RAMSEY BLVD RAMSEY, MN 55303 35-2505435	SOLAR ENERGY INVESTMENT	MN	N/A									

**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) CONNEXUS BLOCKER LLC  14601 RAMSEY BLVD RAMSEY, MN 55303 46-5423665	HOLDING COMPANY FOR SOLAR ENERGY INVESTMENTS	MN	CONNEXUS ENERGY	C	-97,174	147,745	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
<b>1a</b>		No
<b>1b</b>		No
<b>1c</b>		No
<b>1d</b>		No
<b>1e</b>		No
<b>1f</b>	Yes	
<b>1g</b>		No
<b>1h</b>		No
<b>1i</b>		No
<b>1j</b>		No
<b>1k</b>		No
<b>1l</b>		No
<b>1m</b>		No
<b>1n</b>		No
<b>1o</b>		No
<b>1p</b>		No
<b>1q</b>		No
<b>1r</b>		No
<b>1s</b>		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



**Part VII Supplemental Information**

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

**Return Reference****Explanation**