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Form 990  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	<h1>Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax</h1> <p>Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public ▶ Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990 	OMB No 1545-0047 <div>2015</div> <div>Open to Public Inspection</div>
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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015 , and ending 12-31-2015									
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		C Name of organization LAKE REGION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE						D Employer identification number 41-0363020	
		Doing business as						E Telephone number (218) 863-1171	
		Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) PO BOX 643				Room/suite			
		City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code PELICAN RAPIDS, MN 565720643						G Gross receipts \$ 48,632,011	
		F Name and address of principal officer TIM THOMPSON PO BOX 643 PELICAN RAPIDS, MN 565720643							
I Tax-exempt status <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (12) <input type="checkbox"/> (Insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶							
J Website: ▶ WWW LREC COOP									
K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶						L Year of formation 1937		M State of legal domicile MN	

Part I		Summary	
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities TO PROVIDE OUR MEMBERS WITH SAFE, RELIABLE, AFFORDABLE ELECTRICITY, AND LEAD BY OFFERING INNOVATIVE ENERGY SERVICES		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	9
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	8
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	84	
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0	
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	-8,962	
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	-11,852	
Revenue	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)	47,376,633	46,594,662
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	1,274,233	1,301,531
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	2,342,905	686,217
		50,993,771	48,582,410
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	2,000	0
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	2,755,766	2,296,857
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	7,855,036	7,841,075
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <input type="checkbox"/> 0		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	39,217,251	37,588,897
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	49,830,053	47,726,829
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,163,718	855,581
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	109,872,290	111,974,449
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	65,639,262	65,720,400
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	44,233,028	46,254,049

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	*****			2016-07-06	
	Signature of officer			Date	
	TIM THOMPSON CEO Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name CRAIG POPENHAGEN		Preparer's signature CRAIG POPENHAGEN		Date
	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed			PTIN P01587689	
	Firm's name  CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP			Firm's EIN  41-0746749	
Firm's address  PO BOX 217 AUSTIN, MN 55912			Phone no (507) 434-7000		

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

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1

Briefly describe the organization's mission

TO PROVIDE OUR MEMBERS WITH SAFE, RELIABLE, AFFORDABLE ELECTRICITY, AND LEAD BY OFFERING INNOVATIVE ENERGY SERVICES

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 \$)

DISTRIBUTES ELECTRICITY TO 22,431 MEMBERS IN ITS 5,737 MILES OF LINES WITHIN THE SERVICE TERRITORY

4b

(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

INSTALLATION OF GEOTHERMAL LOOPS FOR CUSTOMERS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF OUR SERVICE TERRITORY

4c

(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

PROJECT I - 96 PANEL SOLAR ARRAY PROJECT II - 60 PANEL SOLAR ARRAY BOTH ARRAYS ARE INSTALLED AT LAKE REGION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S HQ PRAIRIE MEMBERS CAN PURCHASE THE OUTPUT FROM EITHER A HALF OR FULL PANEL AND HAVE THE KWH'S PRODUCED BY THEIR PANEL(S) CREDITED TO THEIR ELECTRIC BILL EACH MONTH THEY HAVE THE OPTION TO MAKE PAYMENT THROUGH OUR EASY PAY PURCHASE PROGRAM

See Additional Data

4d














Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e

Total program service expenses

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	2	No
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I 	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II 	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 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 	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10	No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI. 	11a	Yes
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII 	11b	No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII 	11c	Yes
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX 	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11e	Yes
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11f	Yes
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII 	12a	No
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 	12b	Yes
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b	No
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	15	No
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	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants 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		No
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		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	Yes	
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		No
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.	241	
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	0	
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		1c	Yes
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	84	
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	Yes
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	Yes
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		4a	No
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ 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).			
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		7a	
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		7b	
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		7c	
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		7d	
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		7e	
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		7f	
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		7g	
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		7h	
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		8	
9a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		9a	
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		9b	
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		10a	
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		10b	
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a Gross income from members or shareholders.		11a	47,189,598
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).		11b	1,918,823
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		12a	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		12b	
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		13a	
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.		13b	
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand.		13c	
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		14a	No
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		14b	

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response 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		
	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	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	No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	Yes
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	Yes
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	Yes
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	No
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9	No

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

	Yes	No	
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Yes
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review 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?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	Yes
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	No

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed	MN
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	LAKE REGION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 1401 S BROADWAY PELICAN RAPIDS, MN 56572 (218) 863-1171

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) THOMAS JENNEN DIRECTOR	4.00	X						11,040	0	0
(2) KENNETH HENDRICKX DIRECTOR	5.50	X						11,140	0	0
(3) CHARLES KVARE CHAIR	4.70	X		X				16,080	0	0
(4) JOYCE VALLEY SECRETARY	4.60	X		X				11,640	0	0
(5) DENNIS MATHIASON DIRECTOR	2.00	X						8,740	0	0
(6) ROBERT SHAW TREASURER	5.70	X		X				12,180	0	0
(7) SID WISNESS DIRECTOR	4.90	X						11,300	0	0
(8) EARL RYDELL DIRECTOR	10.30	X						11,860	0	0
(9) DENNIS TOLLEFSON VICE CHAIR	5.00	X		X				11,880	0	0
(10) TIM THOMPSON CEO	40.00			X				245,964	0	93,355
(11) RANDALL HANSEN - PART YEAR CFO	40.00			X				40,794	0	25,797
(12) LLOYD NELSON - PART YEAR CFO	40.00			X				13,474	0	2,129
(13) DANIEL HUSTED VP OF ENERGY SVCS/COMM	40.00					X		128,168	0	72,966
(14) AL FAZIO VP OF OPERATIONS/ENGINEER	40.00					X		135,921	0	68,285

Part VII

1b	Sub-Total			
c	Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A			
d	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	996,296	0	420,221

2

3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>

Section B. Independent Contractors

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
CARR'S TREE SERVICE INC PO BOX 250 OTTERTAIL, MN 56571	TREE CLEARING	589,097
LEGACY POWER LINE 12822 HWY 10 PO BOX 469 WADENA, MN 56482	POLE CHANGE OUTS	205,653
ARVIG CONSTRUCTION 150 2ND STREET SW PERHAM, MN 56573	UTILITY BORING	111,589

2

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

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

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
			Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	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			Business Code				
	2a	SALE OF POWER	221000	46,594,662	46,594,662		
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		46,594,662			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		1,216,679		1,216,679	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5	Royalties					
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
		b	Less rental expenses				
		c	Rental income or (loss)				
	d	Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
				84,852			
		b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses		0		
		c	Gain or (loss)		84,852		
	d	Net gain or (loss)		84,852			
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18					
	a						
	b	Less direct expenses	b				
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19					
	a						
	b	Less direct expenses	b				
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances					
	a		98,925				
	b	Less cost of goods sold	b	49,601			
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		49,324	58,121	-8,797	
	Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
	11a	CAPITAL CREDITS	900099	545,728	545,728		
	b	MISCELLANEOUS	900099	91,330	91,330		
c	FEDERATED ACQUISITIONS	900099	-165		-165		
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		636,893				
12	Total revenue. See Instructions		48,582,410	47,289,841	-8,962	1,301,531	

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				
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	2,296,857			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	527,373			
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	5,443,981			
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	1,415,120			
9	Other employee benefits				
10	Payroll taxes	454,601			
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	2,751,569			
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	3,976,065			
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	COST OF POWER	28,679,779			
b	DIST EXP - OPS & MAINTA	4,869,637			
c	ADMIN & GENERAL EXPENSE	2,721,586			
d	CONSUMER ACCT EXPENSE	2,064,240			
e	All other expenses	-7,473,979			
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	47,726,829			
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 <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) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			1	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		144,874	2	731,645
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		5,427,083	4	4,912,129
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L			5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L			6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		1,202,120	8	1,114,577
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		3,067,260	9	2,860,117
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a122,204,425			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b41,766,007	78,616,509	10c	80,438,418
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		152,459	11	313,379
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11			12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		20,857,261	13	21,229,767
	14	Intangible assets		2,107	14	2,107
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		402,617	15	372,310
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		109,872,290	16	111,974,449	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		7,105,608	17	6,444,474
	18	Grants payable			18	
	19	Deferred revenue		2,944,507	19	2,908,211
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D			21	
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L			22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		55,083,403	23	55,881,402
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		505,744	25	486,313
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		65,639,262	26	65,720,400
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			27	
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets			29	
	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		44,233,028	32	46,254,049
	33	Total net assets or fund balances		44,233,028	33	46,254,049
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		109,872,290	34	111,974,449

Part XI

Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

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1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	48,582,410
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	47,726,829
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	855,581
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	44,233,028
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	1,165,440
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	46,254,049

Part XII

Financial Statements and Reporting

Check 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	Yes
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a	No
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	3b	

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 41-0363020
Name: LAKE REGION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

(Code) (Expenses \$	including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
MEMBERS ABLE TO PURCHASE LED BULBS/STEFFES ETS HEATERS/WATER HEATERS THROUGH AN EASY PAY PURCHASE PROGRAM, THEN BILLED EACH MONTH ON ELECTRIC BILL				

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

► 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.

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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.

	(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? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds 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? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education) ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

2

Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3

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

4

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

5

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, 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)?

☐ 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" on 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 on 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 on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$ _____

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$ _____

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Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets

(continued)

3

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

a

☐ Public exhibition

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

b

☐ Scholarly research

e

☐ Other

c

☐ 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" 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

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, 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	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶

b

Permanent endowment ▶

c

Temporarily restricted endowment ▶

The percentages 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

(i)

unrelated organizations

(ii)

related organizations

b

If "Yes" on 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)	Accumulated (c)depreciation	(d)Book value
1a Land		388,208		388,208
b Buildings		8,742,462	3,058,381	5,684,081
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		112,963,612	38,707,626	74,255,986
e Other		110,143		110,143
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				80,438,418

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.				
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' on 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 IS EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAXES UNDER SECTION 501(C)(12) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. ACCORDINGLY, NO PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES HAS BEEN RECORDED AT DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014. THE COOPERATIVE HAS EVALUATED ITS TAX POSITIONS AND DETERMINED THAT IT HAS NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015.

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Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

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

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" 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.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
<div><div>1a</div><div>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</div><div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</div></div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)</div></div></div></div>		
<div><div>b</div><div>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</div></div>	1b	
<div><div>2</div><div>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?</div></div>	2	
<div><div>3</div><div>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</div><div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</div></div><div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</div></div></div></div>		
<div><div>4</div><div>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</div></div>		
<div><div>a</div><div>Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?</div></div>	4a	No
<div><div>b</div><div>Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</div></div>	4b	No
<div><div>c</div><div>Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</div><div>If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III</div></div>	4c	No
<div><div></div><div>Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</div></div>		
<div><div>5</div><div>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</div></div>		
<div><div>a</div><div>The organization?</div></div>	5a	
<div><div>b</div><div>Any related organization?</div><div>If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III</div></div>	5b	
<div><div>6</div><div>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</div></div>		
<div><div>a</div><div>The organization?</div></div>	6a	
<div><div>b</div><div>Any related organization?</div><div>If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III</div></div>	6b	
<div><div>7</div><div>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</div></div>	7	
<div><div>8</div><div>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</div></div>	8	
<div><div>9</div><div>If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53 4958-6(c)?</div></div>	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 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				
1 TIM THOMPSON	(i)	208,064	21,244	16,656	71,233	22,122	339,319	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 DANIEL HUSTED VP OF ENERGY SVCS/COMM	(i)	116,470	2,600	9,098	51,381	21,585	201,134	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 AL FAZIO VP OF OPERATIONS/ENGINEERI	(i)	122,644	2,800	10,477	46,402	21,883	204,206	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 JOSEPH BELZ OPERATIONS MANAGER	(i)	104,085	2,500	11,143	53,241	22,818	193,787	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 DONALD J HANSON LEAD LINEMAN	(i)	93,855	0	9,895	33,334	23,195	160,279	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	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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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) TIM THOMPSON	SEE BELOW	1,398,942	SEE BELOW		No
(2) KEN HENDRICKX	SEE BELOW	28,799,245	SEE BELOW		No

Part V Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
SCH L, PART IV, BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING INTERESTED PERSONS	(A) NAME OF PERSON TIM THOMPSON(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION CEO OF LREC AND BOARD MEMBER OF RESCO(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION RESCO IS A MAJOR SUPPLIER TO THEORGANIZATION OF METERS, TRANSFORMERS, AND LINE MATERIAL (A) NAME OF PERSON KEN HENDRICKX (B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION BOARD MEMBER OF LREC AND BOARD MEMBER OF GREAT RIVER ENERGY(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION GREAT RIVER ENERGY IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE POWER SUPPLIER LREC PURCHASES POWER FROM GREAT RIVER ENERGY GREAT RIVER ENERGY ALSO PROVIDES IT SUPPORT LREC ALSO MAKES PAYMENT TO GRE FOR SUBSTATION POOL CHARGES, SCADA CHARGES, MNTCE TO RADIO SYSTEMS, ACCCESS C&I ACCOUNTS ON WEB, MIDWEST ELEC CONSUMER DUES

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SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ)	Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ				OMB No 1545-0047
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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	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 .				Open to Public Inspection
Name of the organization LAKE REGION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE					Employer identification number 41-0363020

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART III, LINE 2	STARTED AN EASY PAY PURCHASE PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS TO PURCHASE WATER HEATERS AND STEFFES HEATING SYSTEMS, PAYABLE OVER 36 AND 48 MONTHS
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	ONE CLASS OF MEMBERS AND EACH MEMBER RECEIVES ONE VOTE, EVEN IF THEY HAVE MULTIPLE ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	THE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION ELECT THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY ONE CLASS OF MEMBERS AND EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE HUSBAND AND WIFE ONLY GET ONE VOTE FOR THEIR JOINT MEMBERSHIP MEMBERS CAN ONLY VOTE WITHIN THEIR OWN DISTRICT
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	THE BYLAWS MUST BE APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE APPROVED BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF ITS MEMBERS 1) SALE, LEASE OR EXCHANGE OF MORE THAN 25% OF ITS PROPERTY, PRIVILEGES, AND FRANCHISES, 2) MERGE OR CONSOLIDATE INTO ANOTHER ENTITY THAT IS NOT A RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION AND 3) DISSOLUTION OF THE COOPERATIVE
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8B	THERE ARE NO COMMITTEES WITH AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	THE CEO AND CFO REVIEW THE 990 PRIOR TO FINALIZING IT IT IS THEN PRESENTED WITH OTHER BOARD MEETING MATERIALS TO THE BOARD MEMBERS BOARD MEMBERS WILL THEN APPROVE THE 990 AT THE JULY BOARD MEETING
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	ANNUALLY, EVERY DIRECTOR, OFFICER AND ALL EMPLOYEES MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN A "CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT" THE STATEMENTS ARE REVIEWED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ALL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS AND THE STATEMENTS ARE REVIEWED BY THE CEO FOR THE EMPLOYEES BOARD MEMBERS WITH CONFLICTS ARE ASKED TO ABSTAIN FROM VOTING ON CONFLICTING ISSUES AND THE EMPLOYEES ARE ASKED TO LEAVE THE ROOM POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR EMPLOYEES IS DETERMINED BY THE CEO FOR REVIEW AND ACTION IF NECESSARY
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES THE CEO'S COMPENSATION NRECA SALARY SURVEY'S ARE USED AS COMPARABILITY DATA AND WRITTEN MINUTES ARE TAKEN WHEN DETERMINING THE CEO'S COMPENSATION THE CEO'S COMPENSATION WAS LAST REVIEWED IN DECEMBER 2015 THE BOARD DOES NOT APPROVE SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR ANY OTHER POSITIONS THE CEO APPROVES THE COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS OR KEY EMPLOYEES OF LREC WAGE RANGES ARE ESTABLISHED USING NRECA SURVEYS, LOCAL MARKET DATA, COST OF LIVING, AND TRENDS IN THE INDUSTRY
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
FORM 990, PART IX, ALLOCATION OF PAYROLL AND BENEFITS TO LINES 5, 7, 8, 10	-\$527,373 DIRECTORS, CEO, AND CFO COMPENSATION -5,443,981 W-3 WAGES EXCLUDING CEO AND CFO -1,415,120 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PENSION AND 401K PLANS -454,601 EMPLOYER PAYROLL TAXES -7,841,075 TOTAL ALLOCATED COSTS
FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 24E	-\$7,841,075 ALLOCATION OF PAYROLL AND BENEFITS \$367,096 TAXES -\$7,473,979 TOTAL LINE 24E
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS ALLOCATED 2,296,857 CAPITAL CREDITS RETIRED -1,140,443 CHANGE IN OTHER EQUITIES 8,861 FEDERATED ACQUISITIONS LLC K-1 LOSS 165
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	THE OVERSIGHT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE SELECTION OF AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT TO PERFORM THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS NOT CHANGED
FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 4	THE IRS INSTRUCTIONS STATE THAT PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS PAID BY SECTION 501(C)(12) ORGANIZATIONS TO THEIR MEMBERS SHOULD BE REPORTED ON LINE 4 THE ORGANIZATION HAS INTERPRETED PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS PAID TO MEAN PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS ALLOCATED OR TO BE ALLOCATED FOR THE CURRENT YEAR SINCE THIS ALLOCATION IS NOT AN EXPENSE UNDER GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES (GAAP), THIS HAS RESULTED IN A RECONCILING ITEM TO NET ASSETS IN PART XI, ON PAGE 12 OF THE FORM 990

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ 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.

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LAKE REGION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Employer identification number
41-0363020

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
(1)LAKE REGION ELECTRIC TRUST PO BOX 643 PELICAN RAPIDS, MN 56572 20-5114301	TO ACCUMULATE AND DISTRIBUTE FUNDS FOR CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES	MN	501(C)(3)	8	LAKE REGION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE		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	

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
LAKE REGION ELECTRIC (1)HOLDING COMPANY LLC 1401 S BROADWAY PELICAN RAPIDS, MN 56572 46-3931348	SOLAR ENERGY GENERATION	MN	LAKE REGION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	C	-12,977	20,556	100 000 %		No

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)

YesNo

1aNo

1bNo

1cNo

1dNo

1eNo

1fYes

1gNo

1hNo

1iNo

1jNo

1kNo

1lYes

1mNo

1nNo

1oNo

1pNo

1qNo

1rYes

1sNo

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

Schedule R (Form 990) 2015

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

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Part VII

Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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