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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

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015 , and ending 12-31-2015

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)

PO BOX 15849

Room/suite

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

HATTIESBURG, MS 394045849

F Name and address of principal officer

JAMES COMPTON

PO BOX 15849

HATTIESBURG,MS 394045849

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?

☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status

☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) ( 12 ) ◀ (insert no ) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ WWW SMEPA CO OP

K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation 1941

M State of legal domicile MS

Part I

Summary

|                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                      |                          |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Activities & Governance     | <div><div>1</div><div>Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities</div><div>PROVIDE AND TRANSMIT THROUGH GENERATION AND PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY, WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY TO 11 MEMBER OWNED COOPERATIVES, EACH SERVING RETAIL CONSUMERS</div></div> |                                      |                          |
|                             | <div><div>2</div><div>Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets</div></div>                                                                                                         |                                      |                          |
|                             | <div><div>3</div><div>Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                              | <div>3</div>                         | <div>22</div>            |
|                             | <div><div>4</div><div>Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                  | <div>4</div>                         | <div>22</div>            |
|                             | <div><div>5</div><div>Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                   | <div>5</div>                         | <div>487</div>           |
|                             | <div><div>6</div><div>Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                             | <div>6</div>                         | <div>0</div>             |
|                             | <div><div>7a</div><div>Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                          | <div>7a</div>                        | <div>0</div>             |
| Revenue                     | <div><div>b</div><div>Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                 | <div>7b</div>                        | <div>0</div>             |
|                             | <div><div>8</div><div>Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <div>Prior Year</div>                | <div>Current Year</div>  |
|                             | <div><div>9</div><div>Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <div>0</div>                         | <div>0</div>             |
|                             | <div><div>10</div><div>Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d )</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                | <div>917,619,079</div>               | <div>855,892,847</div>   |
|                             | <div><div>11</div><div>Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                      | <div>60,233</div>                    | <div>57,601</div>        |
| Expenses                    | <div><div>12</div><div>Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                              | <div>0</div>                         | <div>0</div>             |
|                             | <div><div>13</div><div>Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3 )</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                             | <div>917,679,312</div>               | <div>855,950,448</div>   |
|                             | <div><div>14</div><div>Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                 | <div>115,000</div>                   | <div>146,000</div>       |
|                             | <div><div>15</div><div>Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                             | <div>25,058,057</div>                | <div>24,654,000</div>    |
|                             | <div><div>16a</div><div>Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                | <div>46,145,197</div>                | <div>49,947,614</div>    |
|                             | <div><div>b</div><div>Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶<sup>0</sup></div></div>                                                                                                                                                                        | <div>0</div>                         | <div>0</div>             |
|                             | <div><div>17</div><div>Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                  | <div>846,361,058</div>               | <div>781,202,834</div>   |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | <div><div>18</div><div>Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                      | <div>917,679,312</div>               | <div>855,950,448</div>   |
|                             | <div><div>19</div><div>Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                           | <div>0</div>                         | <div>0</div>             |
|                             | <div><div>20</div><div>Total assets (Part X, line 16)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <div>Beginning of Current Year</div> | <div>End of Year</div>   |
|                             | <div><div>21</div><div>Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <div>2,049,952,594</div>             | <div>1,709,665,875</div> |
| Part II                     | <div><div>22</div><div>Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                     | <div>1,712,364,169</div>             | <div>1,355,032,823</div> |
|                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <div>337,588,425</div>               | <div>354,633,052</div>   |

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

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Signature of officer

2016-08-08

Date

RAYMOND HALEY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Type or print name and title

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN

Firm's name ▶

Firm's EIN ▶

Firm's address ▶

Phone no

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☐ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Form990(2015)

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

PROVIDE AND TRANSMIT THROUGH GENERATION AND PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY, WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY TO 11 MEMBER OWNER COOPERATIVES, EACH SERVING RETAIL CONSUMERS

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

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 \$ | )                                                                                |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|    | PROVIDE AFFORDABLE AND RELIABLE ELECTRIC ENERGY TO MEMBER COOPERATIVES | THE 11 MEMBER COOPERATIVES PROVIDE SERVICE TO APPROXIMATELY 423,000 METERS IN MISSISSIPPI | SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC AND THE 11 MEMBER SYSTEMS ARE CONSUMER-OWNED, NON-PROFIT BUSINESSES | DURING 2015   | SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC PROVIDED MEMBER SYSTEMS WITH 10,086,777 MWH OF ENERGY |

[illegible][illegible]

|           |                                                  |  |                        |  |               |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|--|------------------------|--|---------------|
| <b>4d</b> | 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.<br>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 | No  |
| 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 | No  |
| 12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII  . . . . .                                                                                                                                          | 12a | Yes |
| b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional  . . . . .                                                           | 12b | No  |
| 13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 13  | No  |
| 14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 14a | No  |
| b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> . . . . .                                                                                             | 21  | Yes |    |
| 22  | Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> . . . . .                                                                                                                 | 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> . . . . .                                                      | 23  | Yes |    |
| 24a | Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i> . . . . .                            | 24a | Yes |    |
| b   | Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 24b |     | No |
| 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 |     | No |
| d   | Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 24d |     | No |
| 25a | <b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b><br>Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> . . . . .                                                                                      | 25a |     |    |
| b   | Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> . . . . .                                       | 25b |     |    |
| 26  | 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> . . . . .                                 | 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> . . . . . | 27  |     | No |
| 28  | Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)                                                                                                                               |     |     |    |
| a   | A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 28a |     | No |
| b   | A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                | 28b |     | No |
| c   | An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .                                                                                    | 28c |     | No |
| 29  | Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 29  |     | No |
| 30  | Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> . . . . .                                                                                                                                  | 30  |     | No |
| 31  | Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                        | 31  |     | No |
| 32  | Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i> . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                      | 32  |     | No |
| 33  | Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i> . . . . .                                                                                                                      | 33  |     | No |
| 34  | Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i> . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                  | 34  |     | No |
| 35a | Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 35a |     | No |
| b   | If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> . . . . .                                                                                         | 35b |     |    |
| 36  | <b>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> . . . . .                                                                                                                           | 36  |     |    |
| 37  | Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>                                                                                       | 37  |     | No |
| 38  | Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> 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.                                                                                                  | 0   |             |
| 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  |             |
| 2a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return. | 2a  | 487         |
| b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?<br><b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).         |                                                                                                                                                                                | 2b  | Yes         |
| 3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                | 3a  | No          |
| b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                | 3b  |             |
| 4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? |                                                                                                                                                                                | 4a  | No          |
| b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____<br>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.<br>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 | 757,544,085 |
| b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                | 11b | 98,348,762  |
| 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? <b>Note.</b> 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                                                                                                                                 | 1a22 |     |    |
|    | 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                                                                                                                                  | 1b22 |     |    |
| 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    | Yes |    |
| 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   |     | No |
| 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   | Yes |    |
| 9  | Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O        | 9    |     | No |

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

|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |     | Yes | No |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|
| 10a | Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 10a |     | No |
| 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 |     | No |
| b   | If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? | 16b |     |    |

Section C. Disclosure

|    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                  |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 17 | List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | MS                                                               |
| 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.<br><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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | RAYMOND HALEY 7037 HWY 49 N HATTIESBURG, MS 39402 (601) 268-2083 |

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII . . . . . ☐

**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

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## Part VII

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|           |                                                                        |           |   |         |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---|---------|
| <b>1b</b> | <b>Sub-Total . . . . .</b>                                             |           |   |         |
| <b>c</b>  | <b>Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A . . . . .</b> |           |   |         |
| <b>d</b>  | <b>Total (add lines 1b and 1c) . . . . .</b>                           | 3,736,964 | 0 | 761,712 |

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 ► 60

|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 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> . . . . .                                        |     |    |
|          | <b>3</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |     | 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> . . . . . |     |    |
|          | <b>4</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 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> . . . . .                       |     |    |
|          | <b>5</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |     | 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)<br>Name and business address                                                 | (B)<br>Description of services | (C)<br>Compensation |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| SIEMENS ENERGY<br>4400 ALAFAYA TRAIL<br>ORLANDO, FL 32826                        | POWER PLANT MAINTT & REPAIR    | 9,072,309           |
| SIEMENS DEMAG DELAVAL TURBOMACHINERY<br>840 NOTTINGHAM WAY<br>HAMILTON, NJ 08650 | TURBINE PARTS                  | 6,690,099           |
| MIDWEST UNDERGROUND TECHNOLOGY<br>2626 MIDWEST COURT<br>CHAMPAIGN, IL 61822      | MICROWAVE COMM NETWORK         | 6,429,951           |
| JAY-VAN COMPANY<br>PO BOX 15427<br>HATTIESBURG, MS 39401                         | CONST OFFICE COMPLEX           | 3,694,456           |
| BURNS AND MCDONNELL ENGINEERING<br>9400 WARD PARKWAY<br>KANSAS CITY, MO 64114    | ENGINEERING & CAP PROJECT      | 3,293,819           |

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 ► 89

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<br>exempt<br>function<br>revenue | Unrelated<br>business<br>revenue | Revenue<br>excluded from<br>tax under<br>sections<br>512-514 |  |
| Contributions, Gifts, Grants<br>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<br>similar amounts not included above                                                             | 1f                                                |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
|                                                           | g                                                      | Noncash contributions included in lines<br>1a-1f \$                                                                                           |                                                   |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
|                                                           | h                                                      | Total. Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .                                                                                                              |                                                   |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
| Program Service Revenue                                   |                                                        |                                                                                                                                               | Business Code                                     |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
|                                                           | 2a                                                     | REVENUE FROM MEMBERS                                                                                                                          | 221000                                            | 757,544,085                                 | 757,544,085                      |                                                              |  |
|                                                           | b                                                      | REVENUE FROM NON-MEMBERS                                                                                                                      | 221000                                            | 84,442,890                                  | 84,442,890                       |                                                              |  |
|                                                           | c                                                      | PROGRAM RELATED INVESTMENTS                                                                                                                   | 221000                                            | 13,905,872                                  | 13,905,872                       |                                                              |  |
|                                                           | d                                                      |                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
|                                                           | e                                                      |                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
|                                                           | f                                                      | All other program service revenue                                                                                                             |                                                   |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
|                                                           | g                                                      | Total. Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .                                                                                                              |                                                   | 855,892,847                                 |                                  |                                                              |  |
| Other Revenue                                             | 3                                                      | Investment income (including dividends, interest,<br>and other similar amounts) . . . . .                                                     |                                                   |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
|                                                           | 4                                                      | Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . . .                                                                                  |                                                   |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
|                                                           | 5                                                      | Royalties . . . . .                                                                                                                           |                                                   |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
|                                                           | 6a                                                     | Gross rents                                                                                                                                   | (i) Real                                          | (ii) Personal                               |                                  |                                                              |  |
|                                                           |                                                        |                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
|                                                           |                                                        | b                                                                                                                                             | Less rental<br>expenses                           |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
|                                                           |                                                        | c                                                                                                                                             | Rental income<br>or (loss)                        |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
|                                                           | d                                                      | Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .                                                                                                         |                                                   |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
|                                                           | 7a                                                     | Gross amount<br>from sales of<br>assets other<br>than inventory                                                                               | (i) Securities                                    | (ii) Other                                  |                                  |                                                              |  |
|                                                           |                                                        |                                                                                                                                               |                                                   | 57,601                                      |                                  |                                                              |  |
|                                                           |                                                        | b                                                                                                                                             | Less cost or<br>other basis and<br>sales expenses |                                             | 0                                |                                                              |  |
|                                                           |                                                        | c                                                                                                                                             | Gain or (loss)                                    |                                             | 57,601                           |                                                              |  |
|                                                           | d                                                      | Net gain or (loss) . . . . .                                                                                                                  |                                                   | 57,601                                      | 57,601                           |                                                              |  |
|                                                           | 8a                                                     | Gross income from fundraising<br>events (not including<br>\$ _____<br>of contributions reported on line 1c)<br>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<br>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<br>returns and allowances . . . . .                                                                            |                                                   |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
| a                                                         |                                                        |                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
| b                                                         | Less cost of goods sold . . . . .                      | b                                                                                                                                             |                                                   |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
| c                                                         | Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . . |                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
| Miscellaneous Revenue                                     |                                                        | Business Code                                                                                                                                 |                                                   |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
| 11a                                                       |                                                        |                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
| b                                                         |                                                        |                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
| c                                                         |                                                        |                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
| d                                                         | All other revenue . . . . .                            |                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
| e                                                         | Total. Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .                     |                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |                                             |                                  |                                                              |  |
| 12                                                        | Total revenue. See Instructions . . . . .              |                                                                                                                                               | 855,950,448                                       | 855,950,448                                 | 0                                | 0                                                            |  |

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)<br>Total expenses | (B)<br>Program service expenses | (C)<br>Management and general expenses | (D)<br>Fundraising expenses |
| 1                                                                              | Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21                                                                                                          | 146,000               |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                              | 24,654,000            |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 5                                                                              | Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees                                                                                                                                     | 2,953,492             |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                                     | 32,528,896            |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 8                                                                              | Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)                                                                                                           | 6,492,653             |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 9                                                                              | Other employee benefits                                                                                                                                                                                      | 4,983,542             |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 10                                                                             | Payroll taxes                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2,989,031             |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 11                                                                             | Fees for services (non-employees)                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| a                                                                              | Management                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| b                                                                              | Legal                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1,318,278             |                                 |                                        |                             |
| c                                                                              | Accounting                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 207,260               |                                 |                                        |                             |
| d                                                                              | Lobbying                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| e                                                                              | Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17                                                                                                                                                       |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| f                                                                              | Investment management fees                                                                                                                                                                                   | 225,768               |                                 |                                        |                             |
| g                                                                              | Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)                                                                                                   | 603,839               |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 12                                                                             | Advertising and promotion                                                                                                                                                                                    | 865,558               |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 13                                                                             | Office expenses                                                                                                                                                                                              | 2,386,749             |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 14                                                                             | Information technology                                                                                                                                                                                       | 723,565               |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 15                                                                             | Royalties                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 16                                                                             | Occupancy                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 17                                                                             | Travel                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 607,102               |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 18                                                                             | Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials                                                                                                               |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 19                                                                             | Conferences, conventions, and meetings                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 20                                                                             | Interest                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 50,415,566            |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 21                                                                             | Payments to affiliates                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 22                                                                             | Depreciation, depletion, and amortization                                                                                                                                                                    | 75,044,635            |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 23                                                                             | Insurance                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3,353,430             |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 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                                                                              | PURCH POWER FOR RESALE                                                                                                                                                                                       | 385,515,697           |                                 |                                        |                             |
| b                                                                              | COAL, NAT GAS, NUCLEAR                                                                                                                                                                                       | 164,092,715           |                                 |                                        |                             |
| c                                                                              | GENERATION PLANT OPERAT                                                                                                                                                                                      | 51,928,328            |                                 |                                        |                             |
| d                                                                              | TRANSMISSION SYS OPERA                                                                                                                                                                                       | 35,889,351            |                                 |                                        |                             |
| e                                                                              | All other expenses                                                                                                                                                                                           | 8,024,993             |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 25                                                                             | Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e                                                                                                                                                           | 855,950,448           |                                 |                                        |                             |
| 26                                                                             | Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation Check here if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) |                       |                                 |                                        |                             |

Part X

Balance Sheet

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

|                             |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                  | (A)               |     | (B)           |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----|---------------|
|                             |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                  | Beginning of year |     | End of year   |
| Assets                      | 1                                                                                                                                        | Cash—non-interest-bearing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                  | 23,795,228        | 1   | 9,050,142     |
|                             | 2                                                                                                                                        | Savings and temporary cash investments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                  | 274,613           | 2   | 16,063,667    |
|                             | 3                                                                                                                                        | Pledges and grants receivable, net                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                  |                   | 3   |               |
|                             | 4                                                                                                                                        | Accounts receivable, net                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                  | 62,234,098        | 4   | 68,621,576    |
|                             | 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                  | 69,662,154        | 8   | 65,828,925    |
|                             | 9                                                                                                                                        | Prepaid expenses and deferred charges                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                  | 74,056,925        | 9   | 106,966,151   |
|                             | 10a                                                                                                                                      | Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10a2,314,078,815 |                   |     |               |
|                             | b                                                                                                                                        | Less: accumulated depreciation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 10b939,664,303   | 1,415,196,451     | 10c | 1,374,414,512 |
|                             | 11                                                                                                                                       | Investments—publicly traded securities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                  |                   | 11  |               |
|                             | 12                                                                                                                                       | Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                  |                   | 12  |               |
|                             | 13                                                                                                                                       | Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                  | 404,649,984       | 13  | 68,633,438    |
|                             | 14                                                                                                                                       | Intangible assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                  |                   | 14  |               |
|                             | 15                                                                                                                                       | Other assets. See Part IV, line 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                  | 83,141            | 15  | 87,464        |
|                             | 16                                                                                                                                       | Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                  | 2,049,952,594     | 16  | 1,709,665,875 |
| Liabilities                 | 17                                                                                                                                       | Accounts payable and accrued expenses                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                  | 136,145,795       | 17  | 149,721,667   |
|                             | 18                                                                                                                                       | Grants payable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                  |                   | 18  |               |
|                             | 19                                                                                                                                       | Deferred revenue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                  |                   | 19  |               |
|                             | 20                                                                                                                                       | Tax-exempt bond liabilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                  | 40,865,000        | 20  | 35,430,000    |
|                             | 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                  | 1,058,266,778     | 23  | 948,862,117   |
|                             | 24                                                                                                                                       | Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                  | 280,428,876       | 24  | 12,853,091    |
|                             | 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                                                                                                                                                         |                  | 196,657,720       | 25  | 208,165,948   |
|                             | 26                                                                                                                                       | Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                  | 1,712,364,169     | 26  | 1,355,032,823 |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                  | 337,588,425       | 32  | 354,633,052   |
|                             | 33                                                                                                                                       | Total net assets or fund balances                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                  | 337,588,425       | 33  | 354,633,052   |
|                             | 34                                                                                                                                       | Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                  | 2,049,952,594     | 34  | 1,709,665,875 |

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

|    |                                                                                                               |    |             |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-------------|
| 1  | Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)                                                     | 1  | 855,950,448 |
| 2  | Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)                                                      | 2  | 855,950,448 |
| 3  | Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1                                                             | 3  | 0           |
| 4  | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))                     | 4  | 337,588,425 |
| 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  | 17,044,627  |
| 10 | Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B)) | 10 | 354,633,052 |

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<br>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?<br>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<br><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?<br>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<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input 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?<br>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  | Yes |
| 3b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3b  | Yes |

Additional Data

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Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

| (A)<br>Name and Title                   | (B)<br>Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line) | (C)<br>Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee) |                       |         |              |                              |        | (D)<br>Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC) | (E)<br>Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC) | (F)<br>Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------------|------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                         |                                                                                            | Individual trustee or director                                                                            | Institutional Trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former |                                                                      |                                                                           |                                                                                               |
| MICKEY BERRY<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR       | 3 40<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 16,000                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| KEVIN BONDS<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR        | 4 20<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 21,600                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| O HOWARD DAVIS<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR     | 3 20<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 11,200                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| JAMES GINN<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR         | 2 50<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 11,200                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| ROY GRAFE<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR          | 2 70<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 8,800                                                                | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| WILLIAM HARDIN<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR     | 6 10<br>.....                                                                              |                                                                                                           |                       | X       |              |                              |        | 22,400                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| KEITH HURT<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR         | 10 00<br>.....                                                                             | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 20,000                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| DON JORDAN<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR         | 5 30<br>.....                                                                              |                                                                                                           |                       | X       |              |                              |        | 26,400                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| WAKENDRICK<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR         | 1 50<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 2,400                                                                | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| MACK MAULDIN<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR       | 2 90<br>.....                                                                              |                                                                                                           |                       | X       |              |                              |        | 22,000                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| ODELL MCKENZIE<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR     | 5 70<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 16,000                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| JOHN MOSLEY<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR        | 4 70<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 20,800                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| DAVID O'BRYAN<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR      | 2 50<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 12,000                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| BOB OCCHI<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR          | 3 30<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 24,000                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| GORDON L REDD JR<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR   | 2 60<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 7,200                                                                | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| JOHN B REED<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR        | 4 70<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 16,000                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| RW ROBERTSON<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR       | 2 20<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 7,200                                                                | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| MICHAEL R SMITH<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR    | 4 30<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 19,200                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| RANDY SMITH<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR        | 3 80<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 23,200                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| WILLIAM D SMITH<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR    | 8 50<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 23,200                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| WILLIAM K SMITH<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR    | 2 90<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 17,600                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| LOUIS THOMPSON<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR     | 3 10<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 19,200                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| RANDY WALLACE<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR      | 5 60<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 26,400                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| LAWRENCE WARREN<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR    | 0 60<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 10,400                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| HENRY C WATERER JR<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR | 8 40<br>.....                                                                              |                                                                                                           |                       | X       |              |                              |        | 33,600                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |

| Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors |                                                                                            |                                                                                                           |                       |         |              |                              |        |                                                                      |                                                                           |                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------------|------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (A)<br>Name and Title                                                                                                                         | (B)<br>Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line) | (C)<br>Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee) |                       |         |              |                              |        | (D)<br>Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC) | (E)<br>Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC) | (F)<br>Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                            | Individual trustee or director                                                                            | Institutional Trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former |                                                                      |                                                                           |                                                                                               |
| RONALD WHITE<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR                                                                                                             | 3 90<br>.....                                                                              | X                                                                                                         |                       |         |              |                              |        | 20,000                                                               | 0                                                                         | 0                                                                                             |
| JAMES COMPTON<br>.....<br>GENERAL MANAGER/CEO                                                                                                 | 55 00<br>.....                                                                             |                                                                                                           |                       | X       |              |                              |        | 793,426                                                              | 0                                                                         | 103,464                                                                                       |
| RAYMOND HALEY<br>.....<br>CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER                                                                                             | 48 00<br>.....                                                                             |                                                                                                           |                       | X       |              |                              |        | 374,584                                                              | 0                                                                         | 114,303                                                                                       |
| TERRY LEE<br>.....<br>CHIEF ENGINEERING OFFICER/ASST GENERAL MGR                                                                              | 46 50<br>.....                                                                             |                                                                                                           |                       |         | X            |                              |        | 282,405                                                              | 0                                                                         | 84,466                                                                                        |
| NATHAN BROWN<br>.....<br>CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER                                                                                              | 50 00<br>.....                                                                             |                                                                                                           |                       |         | X            |                              |        | 406,370                                                              | 0                                                                         | 103,247                                                                                       |
| BRAD WOLFE<br>.....<br>CHIEF POWER DELIVERY OFFICER                                                                                           | 43 00<br>.....                                                                             |                                                                                                           |                       |         | X            |                              |        | 255,463                                                              | 0                                                                         | 85,928                                                                                        |
| JEFF BOWMAN<br>.....<br>CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER                                                                                                   | 45 00<br>.....                                                                             |                                                                                                           |                       |         |              | X                            |        | 355,916                                                              | 0                                                                         | 57,315                                                                                        |
| BRAD EDWARDS<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR, GENERATION RESOURCES                                                                                       | 52 00<br>.....                                                                             |                                                                                                           |                       |         |              | X                            |        | 261,835                                                              | 0                                                                         | 92,259                                                                                        |
| STEVE MCELHANEY<br>.....<br>CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER                                                                                          | 48 00<br>.....                                                                             |                                                                                                           |                       |         |              | X                            |        | 191,286                                                              | 0                                                                         | 64,043                                                                                        |
| SAM FARRIS<br>.....<br>PLANT SUPERINTENDENT                                                                                                   | 47 90<br>.....                                                                             |                                                                                                           |                       |         |              | X                            |        | 183,021                                                              | 0                                                                         | 12,191                                                                                        |
| GARY HUTSON<br>.....<br>DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND PLANNING                                                                                   | 50 00<br>.....                                                                             |                                                                                                           |                       |         |              | X                            |        | 174,658                                                              | 0                                                                         | 44,496                                                                                        |

SCHEDULE D  
(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

► 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](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

|                                                                             |                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Name of the organization<br>SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC POWER<br>ASSOCIATION | Employer identification number<br><br>64-0367992 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|

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

► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 . . . . .

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

b

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.

| Description of property                                                                          | (a)Cost or other basis (investment) | (b)Cost or other basis (other) | Accumulated (c)depreciation | (d)Book value |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 1a Land . . . . .                                                                                |                                     | 39,428,767                     |                             | 39,428,767    |
| b Buildings . . . . .                                                                            |                                     | 323,669,835                    | 178,187,492                 | 145,482,343   |
| c Leasehold improvements . . . . .                                                               |                                     | 1,398,711                      | 959,525                     | 439,186       |
| d Equipment . . . . .                                                                            |                                     | 1,695,682,366                  | 658,778,546                 | 1,036,903,820 |
| e Other . . . . .                                                                                |                                     | 253,899,136                    | 101,738,740                 | 152,160,396   |
| Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) |                                     |                                |                             | 1,374,414,512 |



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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-------------|--|----|------------|
| <b>Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return</b><br>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  | 841,986,975 |  |    |            |
| 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 | 0           |  |    |            |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                | Subtract line 2e from line 1 . . . . .                                                  | 3  | 841,986,975 |  |    |            |
| 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 | 13,963,473 |
| c                                                                                                                                                                                | Add lines 4a and 4b . . . . .                                                           |    |             |  | 4c | 13,963,473 |
| 5                                                                                                                                                                                | Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c.(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 ) . . . . . | 5  | 855,950,448 |  |    |            |

|                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                           |    |             |  |    |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-------------|--|----|------------|
| <b>Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.</b><br>Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a. |                                                                                           |    |             |  |    |            |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                    | Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .                      | 1  | 831,296,448 |  |    |            |
| 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 | 0           |  |    |            |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                    | Subtract line 2e from line 1 . . . . .                                                    | 3  | 831,296,448 |  |    |            |
| 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 | 24,654,000 |
| c                                                                                                                                                                                    | Add lines 4a and 4b . . . . .                                                             |    |             |  | 4c | 24,654,000 |
| 5                                                                                                                                                                                    | Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 ) . . . . . | 5  | 855,950,448 |  |    |            |

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| <b>Part XIII Supplemental Information</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 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 XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | INCLUDED ON SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | INCLUDED ON SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| SCHEDULE D, PAGE 4, PART XI, LINE 4B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | INTEREST INCOME IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,882,327, NET GAIN ON THE SALE OF ASSETS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,601, AND PATRONAGE INCOME IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,023,545 ARE SHOWN AS NON-OPERATING MARGINS IN THE AUDITED FINANCIALS, BUT INCLUDED AS REVENUE ON FORM 990 |
| SCHEDULE D, PAGE 4, PART XII, LINE 4B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | PART XII, LINE 4B- 2015 NET MARGIN OF \$24,654,000 IS REFLECTED AS EXPENSE ON THE FORM 990 SINCE THE MARGIN IS ALLOCATED TO THE 11 MEMBERS AS PATRONAGE CAPITAL, THOUGH NO PAYMENT WAS MADE TO THE MEMBERS IN 2015 FOR THIS ALLOCATED PATRONAGE CAPITAL      |
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Form 990, Schedule D, Part X, - Other Liabilities

| 1 | (a) Description of Liability                  | (b) Book Value |
|---|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|
|   | DEFINED MEDICAL PLAN FOR RETIREES             | 11,097,500     |
|   | ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS (ARO)            | 94,896,298     |
|   | UNREALIZED LOSSES - NAT GAS HEDGES            | 11,766,960     |
|   | DEFERRED CREDIT - CAPITAL LEASE DISSOLVED     | 1,105,004      |
|   | DEFERRED CREDITS - POWER COST ADJUSTMENT      | 31,892,406     |
|   | DEFERRED CREDIT - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS | 3,460,570      |
|   | POWER SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT FUND                 | 35,000,000     |
|   | DEFERRED CREDIT - DEPREC & AMORT FUND         | 10,000,000     |
|   | MEDICAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS ACCOUNT       | 2,563,552      |
|   | UNREALIZED GAIN DECOMMISSIONING TRUST         | 3,417,552      |
|   | UNREALIZED LOSS FINANCIAL TRANSMISSION RIGHTS | 172,811        |
|   | UNREALIZED LOSS ENERGY SALE DERIVATIVE        | 2,793,295      |

Schedule I  
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

▶ Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Name of the organization  
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ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number  
64-0367992

Part I

General Information on Grants and Assistance

1

Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? . . . . .

☒ Yes ☐ No

2

Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" 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.

| (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 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| MAGEE CHAMBER OF (1) COMMERCE<br>PO BOX 60<br>TAYLORSVILLE,MS 39168                 | 64-0243969 | 501(C)(12)                    | 15,000                   |                                   |                                                       |                                        | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT               |
| (2)<br>FOUNDATION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION<br>PO BOX 156<br>BATESVILLE,MS 38606         | 64-0792542 | 501(C)(3)                     | 10,000                   |                                   |                                                       |                                        | FIRE DAMAGED ELEM SCHOOL           |
| ECON DEV AUTHORITY (3) JONES COU<br>PO BOX 88<br>LAUREL,MS 394410088                | 64-0183177 | 501(C)(12)                    | 25,000                   |                                   |                                                       |                                        | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT               |
| (4)<br>NRECA INTL FOUNDATION<br>4301 WILSON BLVD<br>ARLINGTON,VA 22201              | 52-1409279 | 501(C)(3)                     | 20,000                   |                                   |                                                       |                                        | ELECTRICITY IN DEV NATIONS         |
| BROOKHAVEN-LINCOLN (5) COU ECO<br>PO BOX 5<br>LORMAN,MS 39096                       | 64-0244325 | 501(C)(12)                    | 25,000                   |                                   |                                                       |                                        | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT               |
| (6)<br>EPA OF MISS FOUNDATION<br>PO BOX 3300<br>RIDGELAND,MS 39158                  | 20-3033260 | 501(C)(3)                     | 11,000                   |                                   |                                                       |                                        | LINEMAN SCHOOL                     |
| COMPETITIVE EDGE (7) PARTNERSHIP<br>1 CONVENTION CNTR PLAZA<br>HATTIESBURG,MS 39401 | 20-5162135 | 501(C)(3)                     | 10,000                   |                                   |                                                       |                                        | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT               |
| HARRISON COU DEV (8) COMMISSION<br>18020 HWY 603<br>KILN,MS 39556                   | 64-0169075 | 501(C)(3)                     | 15,000                   |                                   |                                                       |                                        | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT               |
| HANCOCK COU PORT & (9) HARBOR DEV<br>18020 HWY 603<br>KILN,MS 39556                 | 64-0169075 | 501(C)(3)                     | 15,000                   |                                   |                                                       |                                        | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT               |
|                                                                                     |            |                               |                          |                                   |                                                       |                                        |                                    |
|                                                                                     |            |                               |                          |                                   |                                                       |                                        |                                    |
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2

Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table . . . . .

6

3

Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table . . . . .

3

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 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                |                         |                         |                                  |                                                      |                                       |
|                                |                         |                         |                                  |                                                      |                                       |
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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 SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS EVALUATES REQUESTS, SUBSEQUENT TO SCREENING BY MEMBER SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FOR PROJECTS THAT WILL ENHANCE OR STIMULATE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN MEMBER SYSTEM AREAS THE SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION BOARD APPROVES THESE REQUESTS PRIOR TO DISBURSEMENT |
| PART II, ITEMS 1,3,5,8,9 | SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION ISSUED PAYMENT TO MEMBER DISTRIBUTION COOPERATIVES THE MEMBER DISTRIBUTION COOPERATIVE IN TURN ISSUED PAYMENT TO ENTITIES DENOTED IN COLUMN 1 (A) EIN, ADDRESS, AND IRC SECTION REPORTED IN PART II ARE THOSE FOR THE MEMBER DISTRIBUTION COOPERATIVE                                           |

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

| (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 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| MAGEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE<br>PO BOX 60<br>TAYLORSVILLE,MS 39168      | 64-0243969 | 501(C)(12)                    | 15,000                   |                                   |                                                        |                                        | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT               |
| FOUNDATION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION<br>PO BOX 156<br>BATESVILLE,MS 38606 | 64-0792542 | 501(C)(3)                     | 10,000                   |                                   |                                                        |                                        | FIRE DAMAGED ELEM SCHOOL           |
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Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

| (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 |
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| HARRISON COU DEV COMMISSION<br>18020 HWY 603<br>KILN, MS 39556                   | 64-0169075 | 501(C)(3)                     | 15,000                   |                                   |                                                       |                                        | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT               |
| HANCOCK COU PORT & HARBOR DEV<br>18020 HWY 603<br>KILN, MS 39556                 | 64-0169075 | 501(C)(3)                     | 15,000                   |                                   |                                                       |                                        | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT               |

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.

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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 checked="" 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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Yes |    |
| <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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Yes |    |
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</div></div><div><div><input 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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |     | No |
| <div><div>b</div><div>Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |     | No |
| <div><div>c</div><div>Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</div></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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |     | 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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |     |    |
| <div><div>b</div><div>Any related organization?</div></div> <div>If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |     |    |
| <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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |     |    |
| <div><div>b</div><div>Any related organization?</div></div> <div>If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |     |    |
| <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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |     |    |
| <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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |     |    |
| <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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |    |

**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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| PART I, LINE 1A  | AS PART OF AN INITIAL EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT, SAM FARRIS WAS PAID A TEMPORARY HOUSING ALLOWANCE OF \$9,621, WHICH REPRESENTS A MONTHLY PAYMENT OF \$1,000 PER MONTH, GROSSED-UP FOR TAXES, FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 6 MONTHS. THE ALLOWANCE WAS SUBJECT TO TAX AND ACCORDINGLY REPORTED ON THE W2 EARNINGS STATEMENT. |

Additional Data

Software ID:  
Software Version:  
EIN: 64-0367992  
Name: SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION

Form 990, Schedule J, Part II - Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

| (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 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |      | (i) Base Compensation                              | (ii) Bonus & incentive compensation | (iii) Other reportable compensation |                                                |                         |                                 |                                                                       |
| 1JAMES COMPTON<br>GENERAL MANAGER/CEO               | (i)  | 709,036                                            | 79,324                              | 5,066                               | 86,464                                         | 17,000                  | 896,890                         | 0                                                                     |
|                                                     | (ii) | -                                                  | -                                   | -                                   | -                                              | -                       | -                               | -                                                                     |
|                                                     |      | 0                                                  | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                              | 0                       | 0                               | 0                                                                     |
| 1RAYMOND HALEY<br>CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER           | (i)  | 355,530                                            | 13,927                              | 5,127                               | 97,410                                         | 16,893                  | 488,887                         | 0                                                                     |
|                                                     | (ii) | -                                                  | -                                   | -                                   | -                                              | -                       | -                               | -                                                                     |
|                                                     |      | 0                                                  | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                              | 0                       | 0                               | 0                                                                     |
| 2TERRY LEE<br>CHIEF ENGINEERING OFFICER/ASST GENER  | (i)  | 269,368                                            | 10,355                              | 2,682                               | 68,531                                         | 15,935                  | 366,871                         | 0                                                                     |
|                                                     | (ii) | -                                                  | -                                   | -                                   | -                                              | -                       | -                               | -                                                                     |
|                                                     |      | 0                                                  | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                              | 0                       | 0                               | 0                                                                     |
| 3NATHAN BROWN<br>CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER            | (i)  | 383,416                                            | 14,889                              | 8,065                               | 86,347                                         | 16,900                  | 509,617                         | 0                                                                     |
|                                                     | (ii) | -                                                  | -                                   | -                                   | -                                              | -                       | -                               | -                                                                     |
|                                                     |      | 0                                                  | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                              | 0                       | 0                               | 0                                                                     |
| 4BRAD WOLFE<br>CHIEF POWER DELIVERY OFFICER         | (i)  | 241,580                                            | 9,850                               | 4,033                               | 70,273                                         | 15,655                  | 341,391                         | 0                                                                     |
|                                                     | (ii) | -                                                  | -                                   | -                                   | -                                              | -                       | -                               | -                                                                     |
|                                                     |      | 0                                                  | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                              | 0                       | 0                               | 0                                                                     |
| 5JEFF BOWMAN<br>CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER                 | (i)  | 335,378                                            | 13,670                              | 6,868                               | 40,683                                         | 16,632                  | 413,231                         | 0                                                                     |
|                                                     | (ii) | -                                                  | -                                   | -                                   | -                                              | -                       | -                               | -                                                                     |
|                                                     |      | 0                                                  | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                              | 0                       | 0                               | 0                                                                     |
| 6BRAD EDWARDS<br>DIRECTOR, GENERATION RESOURCES     | (i)  | 247,386                                            | 9,791                               | 4,658                               | 76,513                                         | 15,746                  | 354,094                         | 0                                                                     |
|                                                     | (ii) | -                                                  | -                                   | -                                   | -                                              | -                       | -                               | -                                                                     |
|                                                     |      | 0                                                  | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                              | 0                       | 0                               | 0                                                                     |
| 7STEVE MCELHANEY<br>CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER        | (i)  | 178,671                                            | 7,958                               | 4,657                               | 49,537                                         | 14,506                  | 255,329                         | 0                                                                     |
|                                                     | (ii) | -                                                  | -                                   | -                                   | -                                              | -                       | -                               | -                                                                     |
|                                                     |      | 0                                                  | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                              | 0                       | 0                               | 0                                                                     |
| 8SAM FARRIS<br>PLANT SUPERINTENDENT                 | (i)  | 156,916                                            | 6,392                               | 19,713                              | 0                                              | 12,191                  | 195,212                         | 0                                                                     |
|                                                     | (ii) | -                                                  | -                                   | -                                   | -                                              | -                       | -                               | -                                                                     |
|                                                     |      | 0                                                  | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                              | 0                       | 0                               | 0                                                                     |
| 9GARY HUTSON<br>DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND PLANNING | (i)  | 167,995                                            | 6,663                               | 0                                   | 30,197                                         | 14,299                  | 219,154                         | 0                                                                     |
|                                                     | (ii) | -                                                  | -                                   | -                                   | -                                              | -                       | -                               | -                                                                     |
|                                                     |      | 0                                                  | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                              | 0                       | 0                               | 0                                                                     |

Schedule K  
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION

Supplemental Information on Tax Exempt Bonds

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 24a. Provide descriptions, explanations, and any additional information in Part VI.  
▶ Attach to Form 990.  
▶ Information about Schedule K (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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| Part I Bond Issues |                                          |                |             |                 |                 |                            |              |    |                         |    |                    |    |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|----|-------------------------|----|--------------------|----|
| (a) Issuer name    |                                          | (b) Issuer EIN | (c) CUSIP # | (d) Date issued | (e) Issue price | (f) Description of purpose | (g) Defeased |    | (h) On behalf of issuer |    | (i) Pool financing |    |
|                    |                                          |                |             |                 |                 |                            | Yes          | No | Yes                     | No | Yes                | No |
| A                  | MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS FINANCE CORPORATION | 64-0679132     | 60528BAP7   | 10-08-2008      | 24,530,000      | SEE PART VI                |              | X  |                         | X  |                    | X  |
| B                  | MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS FINANCE CORPORATION | 64-0679132     | 60528BAN2   | 10-08-2008      | 11,890,000      | SEE PART VI                |              | X  |                         | X  |                    | X  |

| Part II |                                                                                                                  | Proceeds   |    |            |    |     |    |     |    |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----|------------|----|-----|----|-----|----|
|         |                                                                                                                  | A          |    | B          |    | C   |    | D   |    |
| 1       | Amount of bonds retired . . . . .                                                                                |            |    | 990,000    |    |     |    |     |    |
| 2       | Amount of bonds legally defeased . . . . .                                                                       |            |    |            |    |     |    |     |    |
| 3       | Total proceeds of issue<br>. . . . .                                                                             | 24,530,000 |    | 11,890,000 |    |     |    |     |    |
| 4       | Gross proceeds in reserve funds . . . . .                                                                        |            |    |            |    |     |    |     |    |
| 5       | Capitalized interest from proceeds . . . . .                                                                     | 309,794    |    | 150,161    |    |     |    |     |    |
| 6       | Proceeds in refunding escrows . . . . .                                                                          |            |    |            |    |     |    |     |    |
| 7       | Issuance costs from proceeds . . . . .                                                                           | 76,276     |    | 36,972     |    |     |    |     |    |
| 8       | Credit enhancement from proceeds . . . . .                                                                       |            |    |            |    |     |    |     |    |
| 9       | Working capital expenditures from proceeds . . . . .                                                             |            |    |            |    |     |    |     |    |
| 10      | Capital expenditures from proceeds . . . . .                                                                     | 24,143,930 |    | 11,702,867 |    |     |    |     |    |
| 11      | Other spent proceeds . . . . .                                                                                   |            |    |            |    |     |    |     |    |
| 12      | Other unspent proceeds . . . . .                                                                                 |            |    |            |    |     |    |     |    |
| 13      | Year of substantial completion . . . . .                                                                         | 2009       |    | 2009       |    |     |    |     |    |
|         |                                                                                                                  | Yes        | No | Yes        | No | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| 14      | Were the bonds issued as part of a current refunding issue? . . . .                                              | X          |    | X          |    |     |    |     |    |
| 15      | Were the bonds issued as part of an advance refunding issue? . . . .                                             |            | X  |            | X  |     |    |     |    |
| 16      | Has the final allocation of proceeds been made? . . . . .                                                        | X          |    | X          |    |     |    |     |    |
| 17      | Does the organization maintain adequate books and records to support the final allocation of proceeds? . . . . . | X          |    | X          |    |     |    |     |    |

| Part III Private Business Use |                                                                                                                                      |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|
|                               |                                                                                                                                      | A   |    | B   |    | C   |    | D   |    |
|                               |                                                                                                                                      | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| 1                             | Was the organization a partner in a partnership, or a member of an LLC, which owned property financed by tax-exempt bonds? . . . . . |     | X  |     | X  |     |    |     |    |
| 2                             | Are there any lease arrangements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property? . . . . .                        |     | X  |     | X  |     |    |     |    |

Part III

Private Business Use (Continued)

|    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | A   |    | B   |    | C   |    | D   |    |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|
|    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| 3a | Are there any management or service contracts that may result in private business use of bond-financed property? . . . . .                                                                                                                     |     | X  |     | X  |     |    |     |    |
| b  | If "Yes" to line 3a, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any management or service contracts relating to the financed property?                                                             |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |
| c  | Are there any research agreements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property? . . . . .                                                                                                                                 |     | X  |     | X  |     |    |     |    |
| d  | If "Yes" to line 3c, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any research agreements relating to the financed property?                                                                         |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |
| 4  | Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use by entities other than a section 501(c)(3) organization or a state or local government . . . . .                                                                      | 0 % |    | 0 % |    |     |    |     |    |
| 5  | Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use as a result of unrelated trade or business activity carried on by your organization, another section 501(c)(3) organization, or a state or local government . . . . . | 0 % |    | 0 % |    |     |    |     |    |
| 6  | Total of lines 4 and 5 . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 0 % |    | 0 % |    |     |    |     |    |
| 7  | Does the bond issue meet the private security or payment test? . . .                                                                                                                                                                           |     | X  |     | X  |     |    |     |    |
| 8a | Has there been a sale or disposition of any of the bond-financed property to a nongovernmental person other than a 501(c)(3) organization since the bonds were issued? . . . . .                                                               |     | X  |     | X  |     |    |     |    |
| b  | If "Yes" to line 8a, enter the percentage of bond-financed property sold or disposed of                                                                                                                                                        |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |
| c  | If "Yes" to line 8a, was any remedial action taken pursuant to Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2? . . . . .                                                                                                                            |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |
| 9  | Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that all nonqualified bonds of the issue are remediated in accordance with the requirements under Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2? . . . . .                           | X   |    | X   |    |     |    |     |    |

Part IV

Arbitrage

|    |                                                                                                                        | A                    |    | B                    |    | C   |    | D   |    |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----|----------------------|----|-----|----|-----|----|
|    |                                                                                                                        | Yes                  | No | Yes                  | No | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| 1  | Has the issuer filed Form 8038-T, Arbitrage Rebate, Yield Reduction and Penalty in Lieu of Arbitrage Rebate? . . . . . |                      | X  |                      | X  |     |    |     |    |
| 2  | If "No" to line 1, did the following apply? . . . . .                                                                  |                      |    |                      |    |     |    |     |    |
| a  | Rebate not due yet? . . . . .                                                                                          |                      | X  |                      | X  |     |    |     |    |
| b  | Exception to rebate? . . . . .                                                                                         |                      | X  |                      | X  |     |    |     |    |
| c  | No rebate due? . . . . .                                                                                               |                      | X  |                      | X  |     |    |     |    |
|    | If "Yes" to line 2c, provide in Part VI the date the rebate computation was performed . . . . .                        |                      |    |                      |    |     |    |     |    |
| 3  | Is the bond issue a variable rate issue? . . . . .                                                                     |                      | X  |                      | X  |     |    |     |    |
| 4a | Has the organization or the governmental issuer entered into a qualified hedge with respect to the bond issue?         | X                    |    | X                    |    |     |    |     |    |
| b  | Name of provider . . . . .                                                                                             | LEHMAN BROTHERS SPEC |    | LEHMAN BROTHERS SPEC |    |     |    |     |    |
| c  | Term of hedge . . . . .                                                                                                | 3000 00000000000 %   |    | 3000 00000000000 %   |    |     |    |     |    |
| d  | Was the hedge superintegrated? . . . . .                                                                               |                      | X  |                      | X  |     |    |     |    |
| e  | Was the hedge terminated? . . . . .                                                                                    | X                    |    | X                    |    |     |    |     |    |

Part IV

Arbitrage (Continued)

|    |                                                                                                       | A   |    | B   |    | C   |    | D   |    |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|
|    |                                                                                                       | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| 5a | Were gross proceeds invested in a guaranteed investment contract (GIC)?                               |     | X  |     | X  |     |    |     |    |
| b  | Name of provider . . . . .                                                                            |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |
| c  | Term of GIC . . . . .                                                                                 |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |
| d  | Was the regulatory safe harbor for establishing the fair market value of the GIC satisfied? . . . . . |     |    |     |    |     |    |     |    |
| 6  | Were any gross proceeds invested beyond an available temporary period?                                |     | X  |     | X  |     |    |     |    |
| 7  | Has the organization established written procedures to monitor the requirements of section 148? . . . |     | X  |     | X  |     |    |     |    |

Part V

Procedures To Undertake Corrective Action

|  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | A   |    | B   |    | C   |    | D   |    |
|--|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|
|  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No |
|  | Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that violations of federal tax requirements are timely identified and corrected through the voluntary closing agreement program if self-remediation is not available under applicable regulations? |     | X  |     | X  |     |    |     |    |

Part VI

Supplemental Information. Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule K (see instructions).

| Return Reference  | Explanation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| PART I (F)PURPOSE | THE PURPOSE OF THE BOND ISSUE IS FOR SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION TO CONSTRUCT AND INSTALL APPROXIMATELY 2 3 MILES OF NEW 115KV POWER LINES AND SWITCHING STATIONS IN YAZOO CITY, MS AND 2 8 MILES OF NEW 115KV POWER LINES AND SWITCHING STATIONS IN ADAMS COUNTY, MS BOND PROCEEDS HAVE ALSO BEEN USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION AND/OR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FIXED IMPROVEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH OF THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS LOCATED AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES 1 HEADQUARTERS EXPANSION LOCATED AT 7037 US HWY 49, HATTIESBURG, MS 2 FIELD OPERATIONS CENTER LOCATED AT 3492 HWY 42, HATTIESBURG, MS 3 PLANT MORROW FACILITIES, BUILDING AND OFFICE RENOVATION LOCATED AT 304 OLD OKAHOLA ROAD, PURVIS, MS |
|                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

**▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

**▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at  
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Name of the organization  
SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC POWER  
ASSOCIATION

**Employer identification number**

64-0367992

| Return<br>Reference                           | Explanation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| FORM 990,<br>PART VI,<br>SECTION A,<br>LINE 2 | THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION CONSISTS OF 2 DIRECTORS FROM EACH OF THE 11 MEMBER NONPROFIT DISTRIBUTION COOPERATIVES THAT OWN SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC POWER FOR A TOTAL OF 22 DIRECTORS ONE OF 2 DIRECTORS SERVING ON SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE MEMBER COOPERATIVE AND THE OTHER IS A DIRECTOR SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MEMBER COOPERATIVE. THUS THE GENERAL MANAGER AND DIRECTOR FROM EACH MEMBER COOPERATIVE HAVE A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER WHILE SERVING AS DIRECTORS FOR SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION |

| Return Reference                     | Explanation                                        |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6 | SEE RESPONSE TO PART VI SECTION A QUESTION 2 ABOVE |

| Return Reference                      | Explanation                                        |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A | SEE RESPONSE TO PART VI SECTION A QUESTION 2 ABOVE |

| Return Reference                         | Explanation                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| FORM 990, PART VI,<br>SECTION B, LINE 11 | A COPY OF THE 2015 FORM 990 WAS REVIEWED WITH THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE AND REPORTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ON THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTION AND FILING OF THE RETURN. |

| Return Reference                          | Explanation                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| FORM 990, PART VI,<br>SECTION B, LINE 12C | CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ENFORCEMENT - DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND KEY EMPLOYEES ANNUALLY COMPLETE, AND SIGN, A QUESTIONNAIRE RELATIVE TO INDEPENDENCE, BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS, ETC |

| Return<br>Reference                            | Explanation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| FORM 990,<br>PART VI,<br>SECTION B,<br>LINE 15 | <p>DURING 2015, AN EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION SURVEY WAS PERFORMED BY A CONSULTANT FOR OLD DOMINION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE. THE SURVEY INCLUDED ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES (INCLUDING SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION) FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS-CEO, CFO, AND SR VP, POWER SUPPLY. AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE SURVEY, SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION RECEIVED RESULTS OF THE SURVEY. THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO UTILIZED THIS SURVEY FOR DETERMINING SALARIES FOR THE EXECUTIVE TEAM. THE CONSULTANT'S INFORMATION RELATIVE TO CEO COMPENSATION WAS SENT TO THE BOARD BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE. THE SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION BOARD DETERMINES THE SALARY FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO. ADDITIONALLY, THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO ADVISES THE BOARD OF AVERAGE ANNUAL SALARY INCREASES AS PART OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET APPROVAL PROCESS. APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET IS DOCUMENTED IN THE BOARD MINUTES.</p> |

| Return<br>Reference                   | Explanation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19 | RECEPTIONISTS HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE FORM 990 WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE. A FORM IS UTILIZED FOR PARTIES REQUESTING A COPY OF THE FORM 990. THIS FORM ADVISES REQUESTING PARTIES THAT PHOTOCOPIES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE UPON RECEIPT OF COPYING FEES (ALSO SPECIFIED IN THE REQUEST FORM). FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE. |

| Return Reference          | Explanation                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9 | OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS 17,044,627 |

| Return Reference                                                           | Explanation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| FORM 990, PART XI,<br>LINE 9 - OTHER<br>CHANGE IN ASSET<br>OR FUND BALANCE | EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES, OR NET MARGIN OF \$24,654,000, IS ALLOCATED TO THE 11 MEMBER COOPERATIVES BASED ON SALES THIS IS ONLY AN ALLOCATION OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL NO ACTUAL PAYMENT IS MADE TO THE MEMBERS THIS ALLOCATION OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL IS SHOWN AS A FUNCTIONAL EXPENSE IN PART IX, NUMBER 4, PER FORM 990 INSTRUCTIONS EFFECTIVE FOR 2012 REPORTING SOUTH MISSISSIPPI ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION DOES NOT INCLUDE THIS ALLOCATION OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL AS AN EXPENSE FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING DURING 2015, PATRONAGE CAPITAL AMOUNTING TO \$7,609,373 WAS RETIRED |

| Return Reference            | Explanation                                                |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C | THERE WERE NO CHANGES IN THE PROCESS FOR THE 2015 TAX YEAR |