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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 PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC  
  
Doing business as  
  
Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
PO BOX 1830  
  
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
LUBBOCK, TX 79408  
  
**F** Name and address of principal officer  
DALE ANCELL  
PO BOX 1830  
LUBBOCK, TX 79408

**D** Employer identification number  
  
75-0569260  
  
E Telephone number  
  
(806) 775-7732  
  
**G** Gross receipts \$ 137,286,001

**I** Tax-exempt status  
☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) ( 12 ) ◀ (insert no ) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

**J** Website: ▶ WWW SPEC COOP

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

**L** Year of formation 1943 **M** State of legal domicile TX

Part I

Summary

Activities & Governance

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities  
TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC ENERGY TO MEMBERS AT COST ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS

**2** Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	12
<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	12
<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	192
<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	0
<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	116,039
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>	63,627

Revenue

<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Current Year</b>
<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0	0
<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d )	149,504,215	129,148,776
<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	223,521	210,361
<b>12</b> Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,109,920	7,577,771
	150,837,656	136,936,908

Expenses

<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3 )	108,540	123,374
<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	8,048,076	5,647,163
<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	9,661,517	10,117,998
<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <sup>0</sup>		
<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	132,980,179	116,419,103
<b>18</b> Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	150,798,312	132,307,638
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	39,344	4,629,270

Net Assets or Fund Balances

	<b>Beginning of Current Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>
<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	319,503,923	335,539,013
<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	191,439,889	196,948,410
<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	128,064,034	138,590,603

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

2016-11-11

Date

DALE ANCELL GENERAL MANAGER

Type or print name and title

Print/Type preparer's name  
Matt R Willis

Preparer's signature  
Matt R Willis

Date  
2016-11-11

Check ☒ if self-employed

PTIN  
P00419741

Firm's name ▶ BOLINGER SEGARS GILBERT AND MOSS LLP

Firm's EIN ▶ 75-0882037

Firm's address ▶ 8215 NASHVILLE AVENUE

Phone no (806) 747-3806

LUBBOCK, TX 79423

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1

Briefly describe the organization's mission

TO BE THE PREFERRED ELECTRIC UTILITY PROVIDER IN THE SERVICE AREA, OFFERING APPROPRIATE, VALUE-BASED SERVICES DESIRED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

2

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

Yes

No

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

3

Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes

No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a

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

SALES OF ELECTRIC ENERGY TO OUR MEMBERS - 53,226 ACTIVE SERVICES WERE PROVIDED ELECTRIC POWER AT YEAR END AT COST ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS THROUGH THE ALLOCATION OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL

4b

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

4c

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

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )

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

4e

Total program service expenses

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A . . . . .	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? . . . . .	2	No
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I . . . . .	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .	4	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III . . . . .	5	No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I . . . . .	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II . . . . .	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III . . . . .	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV . . . . .	9	Yes
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V . . . . .	10	No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI . . . . .	11a	Yes
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII . . . . .	11b	No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII . . . . .	11c	Yes
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX . . . . .	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X . . . . .	11e	Yes
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X . . . . .	11f	Yes
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII . . . . .	12a	No
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional . . . . .	12b	Yes
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? . . . . .	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV . . . . .	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV . . . . .	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV . . . . .	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions) . . . . .	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II . . . . .	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III . . . . .	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H . . . . .	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? . . . . .	20b	

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

<b>21</b>	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II . . . . .</i>	<b>21</b>		No
<b>22</b>	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III . . . . .</i>	<b>22</b>		No
<b>23</b>	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J . . . . .</i>	<b>23</b>	Yes	
<b>24a</b>	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a . . . . .</i>	<b>24a</b>		No
<b>b</b>	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . .	<b>24b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .	<b>24c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . .	<b>24d</b>		
<b>25a</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .</i>	<b>25a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .</i>	<b>25b</b>		
<b>26</b>	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II . . . . .</i>	<b>26</b>		No
<b>27</b>	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III . . . . .</i>	<b>27</b>		No
<b>28</b>	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
<b>a</b>	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>	<b>28a</b>		No
<b>b</b>	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>	<b>28b</b>		No
<b>c</b>	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>	<b>28c</b>		No
<b>29</b>	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .</i>	<b>29</b>		No
<b>30</b>	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .</i>	<b>30</b>		No
<b>31</b>	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I . . . . .</i>	<b>31</b>		No
<b>32</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II . . . . .</i>	<b>32</b>		No
<b>33</b>	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I . . . . .</i>	<b>33</b>		No
<b>34</b>	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1 . . . . .</i>	<b>34</b>	Yes	
<b>35a</b>	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	<b>35a</b>	Yes	
<b>b</b>	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .</i>	<b>35b</b>	Yes	
<b>36</b>	<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>	<b>36</b>		
<b>37</b>	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI . . . . .</i>	<b>37</b>		No
<b>38</b>	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O . . . . .	<b>38</b>	Yes	

<b>Part V</b> <b>Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance</b>			
Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V <input type="checkbox"/>			
		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>1a</b> Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	<b>1a</b> 79		
<b>b</b> Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	<b>1b</b> 0		
<b>c</b> Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	<b>1c</b>		
<b>2a</b> 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.	<b>2a</b> 192		
<b>b</b> If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	<b>2b</b>	Yes	
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	<b>3a</b>	Yes	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.	<b>3b</b>	Yes	
<b>4a</b> 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)?	<b>4a</b>		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
<b>5a</b> Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	<b>5a</b>		No
<b>b</b> Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<b>5b</b>		No
<b>c</b> If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	<b>5c</b>		
<b>6a</b> 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?	<b>6a</b>		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	<b>6b</b>		
<b>7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>			
<b>a</b> 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?	<b>7a</b>		
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	<b>7b</b>		
<b>c</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	<b>7c</b>		
<b>d</b> If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	<b>7d</b>		
<b>e</b> Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7e</b>		
<b>f</b> Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7f</b>		
<b>g</b> If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	<b>7g</b>		
<b>h</b> If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	<b>7h</b>		
<b>8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b> Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	<b>8</b>		
<b>9a</b> Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	<b>9a</b>		
<b>b</b> Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	<b>9b</b>		
<b>10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter			
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	<b>10a</b>		
<b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	<b>10b</b>		
<b>11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter			
<b>a</b> Gross income from members or shareholders.	<b>11a</b> 126,477,544		
<b>b</b> Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).	<b>11b</b> 10,074,976		
<b>12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	<b>12a</b>		
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	<b>12b</b>		
<b>13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>			
<b>a</b> 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.	<b>13a</b>		
<b>b</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.	<b>13b</b>		
<b>c</b> Enter the amount of reserves on hand.	<b>13c</b>		
<b>14a</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	<b>14a</b>		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	<b>14b</b>		

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure**

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

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

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O	<b>1a</b> 12		
<b>b</b> Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	<b>1b</b> 12		
<b>2</b> Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	<b>2</b>		No
<b>3</b> Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	<b>3</b>		No
<b>4</b> Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	<b>4</b>	Yes	
<b>5</b> Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	<b>5</b>		No
<b>6</b> Did the organization have members or stockholders?	<b>6</b>	Yes	
<b>7a</b> Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	<b>7a</b>	Yes	
<b>b</b> Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	<b>7b</b>	Yes	
<b>8</b> Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
<b>a</b> The governing body?	<b>8a</b>	Yes	
<b>b</b> Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	<b>8b</b>	Yes	
<b>9</b> Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	<b>9</b>		No

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

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

**Section C. Disclosure**

**17** List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶

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**18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.  
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

**19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year

**20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records  
 ▶RONNIE RUCKER 4727 SOUTH LOOP 289 LUBBOCK, TX 79424 (806) 775-7732

Part VII

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

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

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Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) TOMMY JOINES ..... PRESIDENT	14 29 .....	X		X				24,515	0	0
(2) RD MCCALLISTER ..... VICE PRESIDENT	11 08 .....	X		X				28,257	0	0
(3) BOBBY RICHEY ..... SECRETARY AND TREASURER	8 31 .....	X		X				23,793	0	0
(4) DANNY STANTON ..... ASST SECRETARY/TREASURER	11 98 .....	X		X				29,547	0	0
(5) PAUL ZUBER ..... DIRECTOR (1/2015 - 9/2015)	8 14 .....	X						17,441	0	0
(6) BENNY NIXON ..... DIRECTOR	11 75 .....	X						25,753	0	0
(7) GLENN JONES ..... DIRECTOR	11 10 .....	X						27,664	0	0
(8) MARVIN SCHOEPF ..... DIRECTOR	8 77 .....	X						24,532	0	0
(9) KEN HARRIS ..... DIRECTOR	8 98 .....	X						16,660	0	0
(10) ROBERT FORBIS ..... DIRECTOR	8 96 .....	X						25,864	0	0
(11) BILL BEDNARZ JR ..... DIRECTOR (1/2015 - 6/2015)	4 83 .....	X						10,047	0	0
(12) LARRY BROWNING ..... DIRECTOR	8 19 .....	X						22,673	0	0
(13) DAVID GOSSETT ..... DIRECTOR (9/2015 - 12/2015)	11 47 .....	X						7,725	0	0
(14) RYNN TRUETT ..... DIRECTOR (9/2015 - 12/2015)	11 73 .....	X						4,277	0	0



Part VII

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) DALE ANCELL ..... GENERAL MANAGER	50 00 .....			X				222,859	0	41,848
(16) RONNIE RUCKER ..... DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	45 00 .....			X				171,948	0	27,535
(17) RANDAL BAILEY ..... ASSISTANT MANAGER	42 77 .....			X				177,707	0	152,174
(18) SHANE ADAMS ..... MANAGER OF ACCOUNTING	44 30 .....					X		125,574	0	44,143
(19) ALLAN BROWN ..... DIRECTOR OF RISK MANAGEMENT	40 15 .....					X		135,799	0	48,611
(20) ZACH TAYLOR ..... MANAGER OF ENGINEERING	40 65 .....					X		123,207	0	40,176
(21) LYNN SIMMONS ..... DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION	40 15 .....					X		121,715	0	37,438
(22) TAHNEE TRUITT ..... DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCE	40 63 .....					X		139,042	0	38,014

<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> . . . . .	▶	1,506,599	0	429,939

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 ▶ 30

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

1

Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
SIEGEL CONSTRUCTION INC  PO BOX 1026 SHALLOWATER, TX 79363	CONTRACT LINE CONSTRUCTION	2,393,594
ECHO POWERLINE INC  313 WALNUT ST BUNKIE, LA 71322	CONTRACT LINE CONSTRUCTION	1,914,941
ALL TEXAS BUILDERS INC  PO BOX 53486 LUBBOCK, TX 79407	BUILDING & REPAIR	1,223,859
CONTECH INC  5710 40TH LUBBOCK, TX 79407	SECURITY UPGRADES	1,161,448
BIRD ELECTRIC  8787 IH 20 EASTLAND, TX 76448	CONTRACT LINE CONSTRUCTION	999,656

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Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶ 16

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

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

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				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a				
	b	Membership dues . . . .	1b				
	c	Fundraising events . . . .	1c				
	d	Related organizations . . .	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .					
Program Service Revenue	2a	ELECTRIC SALES	Business Code 221000	122,211,574	122,211,574		
	b	PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS	221000	6,937,202	6,937,202		
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .		129,148,776			
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .		210,361		
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . .					
5		Royalties . . . . .					
6a		Gross rents	(i) Real 143,701	(ii) Personal 169,260			
b		Less rental expenses	81,741	55,915			
c		Rental income or (loss)	61,960	113,345			
d		Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .		175,305	60,460	113,345	1,500
7a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
b		Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
c		Gain or (loss)					
d		Net gain or (loss) . . . . .					
8a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . .	a				
b		Less direct expenses . . . .	b				
c		Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . .					
9a		Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . .	a				
b		Less direct expenses . . . .	b				
c		Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . .					
10a		Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . .	a				
b		Less cost of goods sold . . .	b	379,055			
c		Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . .		211,437			
				167,618	164,924	2,694	
		Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
11a		REGULATORY SETTLEMENT	221000	7,234,848	7,234,848		
b							
c							
d	All other revenue . . . . .						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .		7,234,848				
12	Total revenue. See Instructions . . . . .		136,936,908	136,609,008	116,039	211,861	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns All other organizations must complete column (A)

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



Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21 . . . . .	123,374			
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 . . . . .	5,647,163			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	1,082,819			
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .				
7	Other salaries and wages . . . . .	5,806,124			
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .	591,136			
9	Other employee benefits . . . . .	2,129,974			
10	Payroll taxes . . . . .	507,945			
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management . . . . .				
b	Legal . . . . .				
c	Accounting . . . . .				
d	Lobbying . . . . .				
e	Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees . . . . .				
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O) . . . . .				
12	Advertising and promotion . . . . .				
13	Office expenses . . . . .				
14	Information technology . . . . .				
15	Royalties . . . . .				
16	Occupancy . . . . .				
17	Travel . . . . .				
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .				
20	Interest . . . . .	5,953,237			
21	Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	7,692,318			
23	Insurance . . . . .				
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O )				
a	PURCHASED POWER	95,540,817			
b	DISTRIBUTION EXPENSE	3,155,050			
c	ADMIN & GEN EXPENSE	1,531,675			
d	U B I T	7,777			
e	All other expenses	2,538,229			
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	132,307,638			
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X

Balance Sheet

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

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					(A)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .				1	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .			5,807,006	2	6,517,369
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .				3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net . . . . .			11,500,334	4	7,336,372
	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 . . . . .			18,466	8	19,402
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .			426,653	9	758,533
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D . . . . .	10a	300,609,793			
	b	Less—accumulated depreciation . . . . .	10b	84,871,940	201,201,874	10c	215,737,853
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .				11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .				12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .			94,709,296	13	99,511,842
	14	Intangible assets . . . . .				14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .			5,840,294	15	5,657,642
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .			319,503,923	16	335,539,013	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .			13,873,317	17	12,477,747
	18	Grants payable . . . . .				18	
	19	Deferred revenue . . . . .				19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .				20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .			199,460	21	178,956
	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 . . . . .			156,795,534	23	158,521,030
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .				24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24). Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .			20,571,578	25	25,770,677
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .			191,439,889	26	196,948,410
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 . . . . .			128,064,034	32	138,590,603
	33	Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .			128,064,034	33	138,590,603
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .			319,503,923	34	335,539,013

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	136,936,908
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	132,307,638
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	4,629,270
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	128,064,034
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	5,897,299
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	138,590,603

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 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both		No
Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis			
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both	Yes	
Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis			
2c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

SCHEDULE D  
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.  
► Attach to Form 990.  
Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Name of the organization  
SOUTH PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

Employer identification number  
75-0569260

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)  
☐ Protection of natural habitat  
☐ Preservation of open space

☐ Preservation of an historically important land area  
☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

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

 2a || b |

Total acreage restricted by conservation easements

 2b || c |

Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)

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

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" 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

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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 . . . . .

3a(i)

☐

Yes

3a(ii)

☐

No

b

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

3b

☐

4

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

Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a)Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	Accumulated (c)depreciation	(d)Book value
1a Land . . . . .		716,823		716,823
b Buildings . . . . .		8,122,586	4,055,596	4,066,990
c Leasehold improvements . . . . .				
d Equipment . . . . .		270,946,555	80,816,344	190,130,211
e Other . . . . .		20,823,829		20,823,829
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c) ) . . . . . ▶				215,737,853

Schedule D (Form 990) 2015





Part XI

Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

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

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

Part XII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

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

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

Part XIII

Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part IV, Line 2b	PURSUANT TO SECTION 74 3013 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY CODE, THE COOPERATIVE HAS ESTABLISHED A RURAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND WITH AMOUNTS DETERMINED UNCLAIMED UNDER STATE LAW. THE AMOUNTS DEPOSITED INTO THE RURAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND ARE APPROVED BY THE STATE OF TEXAS AND CAN ONLY BE USED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO ENABLE STUDENTS FROM RURAL AREAS TO ATTEND COLLEGE, TECHNICAL SCHOOL OR OTHER POST SECONDARY EDUCATION INSTITUTION. ANY AMOUNTS SO DEPOSITED INTO THE RURAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND ARE STILL PAYABLE TO THE PERSON TO WHOM THE ORIGINAL PAYMENT WAS MADE BUT UNCLAIMED. ALSO PURSUANT TO SECTION 74 3013 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY CODE, THE COOPERATIVE HAS ESTABLISHED AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND WITH AMOUNTS DETERMINED UNCLAIMED UNDER STATE LAW. THE AMOUNTS DEPOSITED INTO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND ARE APPROVED BY THE STATE OF TEXAS AND CAN ONLY BE USED FOR THE STIMULATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN RURAL COMMUNITIES. ANY AMOUNTS SO DEPOSITED INTO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND ARE STILL PAYABLE TO THE PERSON TO WHOM THE ORIGINAL PAYMENT WAS MADE BUT UNCLAIMED.

**Part XIII**   **Supplemental Information** *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE D	Part IX THE AMOUNT OF OTHER ASSETS ON FORM 990, PAGE 11, PART X, LINE 15 DOES NOT EQUAL OR EXCEED 5 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL ASSETS ON FORM 990, PAGE 11, PART X, LINE 16, COLUMN B CONSEQUENTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH IRS INSTRUCTIONS SCHEDULE D, PART IX HAS BEEN LEFT BLANK

## Additional Data

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**Software Version:**

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**Name:** SOUTH PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

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

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)CAPITAL TERM CERTIFICATES - CFC	3,553,671	C
(2)PATRONAGE CAPITAL - CFC	3,352,174	C
(3)PATRONAGE CAPITAL - TEC	1,482,329	C
PATRONAGE CAPITAL - GOLDEN SPREAD (4)ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC	65,565,856	C
PATRONAGE CAPITAL - BRAZOS ELECTRIC (5)COOPERATIVE	20,670,564	C
OTHER INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATED (6)ORGANIZATIONS	426,164	C
(7)NRECA DEFERRED COMPENSATION FUNDS	94,725	C
(8)INVESTMENT IN AFFILIATED COMPANY	2,366,359	C
(9) MEMBER CAPITAL TERM CERTIFICATES - CFC	2,000,000	C

Schedule J  
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees  
▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.  
▶ Attach to Form 990.  
▶ Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Name of the organization  
SOUTH PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

Employer identification number  
75-0569260

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> 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><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)</div></div>		
<b>b</b> If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	<b>1b</b>	
<b>2</b> 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?	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> 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><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</div></div>		
<b>4</b> 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: <b>a</b> Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	<b>4a</b>	No
<b>b</b> Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	<b>4b</b>	No
<b>c</b> Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.	<b>4c</b>	No
<b>Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</b>		
<b>5</b> 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: <b>a</b> The organization?	<b>5a</b>	
<b>b</b> Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.	<b>5b</b>	
<b>6</b> 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: <b>a</b> The organization?	<b>6a</b>	
<b>b</b> Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.	<b>6b</b>	
<b>7</b> 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.	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> 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.	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b> If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	<b>9</b>	

**Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii) Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

**Note.** The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column(B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		Base (i) compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 DALE ANCELL GENERAL MANAGER	(i)	215,297 ----- 0	3,800 ----- 0	3,762 ----- 0	17,870 ----- 0	23,978 ----- 0	264,707 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
2 RONNIE RUCKER DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	(i)	163,613 ----- 0	3,175 ----- 0	5,160 ----- 0	13,626 ----- 0	13,909 ----- 0	199,483 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
3 RANDAL BAILEY ASSISTANT MANAGER	(i)	173,178 ----- 0	2,000 ----- 0	2,529 ----- 0	127,114 ----- 0	25,060 ----- 0	329,881 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
4 SHANE ADAMS MANAGER OF ACCOUNTING	(i)	124,082 ----- 0	972 ----- 0	520 ----- 0	11,346 ----- 0	32,797 ----- 0	169,717 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
5 ALLAN BROWN DIRECTOR OF RISK MANAGEMENT	(i)	128,225 ----- 0	1,375 ----- 0	6,199 ----- 0	12,413 ----- 0	36,198 ----- 0	184,410 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
6 ZACH TAYLOR MANAGER OF ENGINEERING	(i)	117,988 ----- 0	5,000 ----- 0	219 ----- 0	10,019 ----- 0	30,157 ----- 0	163,383 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
7 LYNN SIMMONS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION	(i)	118,143 ----- 0	2,377 ----- 0	1,195 ----- 0	11,236 ----- 0	26,202 ----- 0	159,153 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							
8 TAHNEE TRUITT DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCE	(i)	135,307 ----- 0	2,923 ----- 0	812 ----- 0	11,874 ----- 0	26,140 ----- 0	177,056 ----- 0	0 ----- 0
	(ii)							

**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
FORM 990, PART II, COLUMN C	EXCPET FOR MR RANDAL BAILEY THE COLUMN C AMOUNT REPORTED FOR ALL EMPLOYEES LISTED IN SCHEDULE J PART II IS THE COOPERATIVE'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE EMPLOYEES 401K RETIREMENT ACCOUNT MR BAILEY IS NOT ENROLLED IN THE 401K PLAN, BUT IS ENROLLED IN THE NRECA R&S DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN PER THE FORM 990 INSTRUCTIONS THE ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN THE PLAN IS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN COLUMN C, BUT BECAUSE THIS RELATES TO A MULTI-EMPLOYER PLAN, CASH CONTRIBUTION TO THE PLAN IN LIEU OF THE ACTUARIAL INCREASE IS EXPENSED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS SUCH THE FOLLOWING RECONCILIATION IS PROVIDED TO SHOW THE AMOUNT OF CASH CONTRIBUTED BY THE COOPERATIVE TO THE PLAN RANDAL BAILEY ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN \$127,114 TOTAL COLUMN C 127,114 LESS ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (127,114) ADD CASH CONTRIBUTION TO DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN 61,974 TOTAL COOPERATIVE CASH CONTRIBUTION \$ 61,974

**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or**  
**990-EZ)**Department of the  
Treasury  
Internal Revenue  
Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at  
[www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**2015****Open to Public  
Inspection**Name of the organization  
SOUTH PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC**Employer identification number**

75-0569260

**Return  
Reference****Explanation**Form 990, Part  
VI, Section A,  
line 4

SUBSEQUENT TO YEAR-END BUT EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2015 CALENDAR YEAR, ARTICLE IX "NON-PROFIT OPERATION" OF THE BYLAWS WAS AMENDED SO THAT NON-OPERATING MARGINS OF THE COOPERATIVE ARE USED TO FIRST OFFSET LOSSES OF ANY CURRENT OR PRIOR YEAR, AND THEN, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD, EITHER (1) ALLOCATED TO THE PATRONS IN AN EQUITABLE MANNER ON A PATRONAGE BASIS OR (2) USED TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A NON-OPERATING RESERVE NOT ASSIGNABLE PRIOR TO DISSOLUTION OF THE COOPERATIVE

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



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

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

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

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	A LIST OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IS ANNUALLY DISTRIBUTED TO ALL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS EACH OFFICER AND DIRECTOR IS REQUIRED TO REVIEW THE LIST AND DISCLOSE ANY CONFLICTS

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS USE A COMPENSATION SURVEY WHEN DETERMINING THE COMPENSATION OF THE COOPERATIVE'S GENERAL MANAGER. THE SURVEY INCLUDES SALARIES FROM SIMILAR COOPERATIVES THROUGHOUT TEXAS AND THE NATION. THE BOARD AND THE GENERAL MANAGER USE A COMPENSATION SURVEY WHEN DETERMINING THE COMPENSATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S OTHER EMPLOYEES MEETING THE DEFINITION OF OFFICER AND KEY EMPLOYEES, IF ANY. THE SURVEY INCLUDES SALARIES FROM SIMILAR COOPERATIVES THROUGHOUT TEXAS AND THE NATION.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	THE COOPERATIVE WILL PROVIDE A COMPLETE COPY OF ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO ANY MEMBER WHO REQUESTS A COPY OF ANY SUCH DOCUMENT ANNUALLY THE COOPERATIVE PROVIDES A COPY OF THE AUDITED BALANCE SHEET AND INCOME STATEMENT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE WITH THE ANNUAL REPORT

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 14	THE COOPERATIVE DOES NOT HAVE A WRITTEN DOCUMENT RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION POLICY IN PLACE, BUT FOLLOWS THE RUS RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING DOCUMENT RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VII, Column F	<p>IN ORDER TO PROVIDE RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO ITS EMPLOYEES, THE COOPERATIVE HAS ESTABLISHED A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN UNDER SECTION 401(K) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PLAN ARE MADE PURSUANT TO THE PLAN DOCUMENT. ADDITIONALLY, THE COOPERATIVE PARTICIPATES IN A MULTI-EMPLOYER DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN, THIS PLAN COVERS SUBSTANTIALLY ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE DICKENS AND GATE CITY DIVISIONS. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS PLAN ARE BASED ON THE FULL FUNDING LIMITATION OF SUCH PLAN. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BOTH PLANS ARE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATING EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING EMPLOYEE OFFICERS AND HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOYEES, MEETING THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF SUCH PLANS. THE COOPERATIVE ALSO PROVIDES HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE TO ALL ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING EMPLOYEE OFFICERS AND HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOYEES, THROUGH A QUALIFIED PLAN. THE AMOUNTS REPORTED ON PART VII, COLUMN (F) FOR THE EMPLOYEE OFFICERS AND HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOYEES ARE COMPRISED OF THE ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN THE DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN, THE TOTAL AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED BY THE COOPERATIVE TO THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN AND INSURANCE PAID ON BEHALF OF AND FOR THEIR BENEFIT. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE PENSION PLANS, THE COOPERATIVE ALSO PROVIDES POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS THROUGH AN UNFUNDED WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN. THE VALUE OF THESE BENEFITS HAS NOT BEEN ESTIMATED.</p>



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

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

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part IX, Lines 5-7	SALARIES AND WAGES ARE ALLOCATED TO ASSET, LIABILITY, AND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS BASED ON THE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM DESCRIBED ABOVE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE RECONCILES AMOUNTS REPORTED ON LINES 5-7 TO TOTAL WAGES ACCRUED AND/OR PAID TOTAL PER LINES 5-7 \$ 6,888,943 LESS DIRECTORS FEES REPORTED ON 1099-MISC (288,748) LESS EMPLOYEE OFFICER BENEFITS REPORTED ON LINE 5 (221,557) PLUS SALARIES AND WAGES ALLOCATED TO NONOPERATING MARGINS 46,493 PLUS SALARIES AND WAGES CAPITALIZED DIRECTLY TO PLANT 4,019,453 PLUS SALARIES AND WAGES CAPITALIZED/EXPENSED INDIRECTLY THROUGH CLEARING & OTHER ACCOUNTS 493,973 TOTAL WAGES ACCRUED AND/OR PAID \$ 10,938,557

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part IX, Line 24	ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSE IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE SERVICES \$ 375,735 DUES TO ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS 79,592 ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSES 102,172 MAINTENANCE OF GENERAL PLANT 974,176 TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSE PER 990 \$1,531,675

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part IX, Line 24E	THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN OF THE EXPENSES REPORTED AS OTHER EXPENSES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 24E MISCELLANEOUS OTHER DEDUCTIONS \$ 22,345 SALES EXPENSE 252,741 CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS EXPENSE 1,944,022 NEGATIVE JOINT POLE RENTAL INCOME 319,121 TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES PER FORM 990, LINE 24E \$2,538,229

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 4	<p>PURSUANT TO THE FORM 990 INSTRUCTIONS, THE AMOUNT OF PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS PAID TO THE MEMBERS (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "PATRONS") SHOULD BE REPORTED ON PART IX, LINE 4 THE PHRASE "PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS PAID" REFERS TO THE PROCESS, SUBSEQUENT TO YEAR-END, BY WHICH THE COOPERATIVE ALLOCATES PATRONAGE CAPITAL TO AND, THEREFORE, OPERATES AT COST WITH ITS PATRONS THE COOPERATIVE'S TAX EXEMPT PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY TO ITS PATRONS AND TO DO SO ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS TAX LAW DEFINES "OPERATING ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS" AS SUBORDINATION OF CAPITAL, DEMOCRATIC CONTROL, AND OPERATION AT COST THE COOPERATIVE OPERATES AT COST THROUGH THE ALLOCATION OF TRUE PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS (ALSO REFERRED TO AS ALLOCATIONS OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL) TO ITS PATRONS PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS ARE CONSIDERED PAID IF THE ALLOCATION IS MADE (1) PURSUANT TO A PRE-EXISTING OBLIGATION, (2) FROM THE MARGINS PRODUCED FROM THE TRANSACTIONS DONE WITH OR FOR PATRONS, AND (3) IN A FAIR AND EQUITABLE MANNER ON THE BASIS OF PATRONAGE (I E PURCHASES) ADDITIONALLY, THE ALLOCATION OF PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS SHOULD BE MADE WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME PERIOD AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE COOPERATIVE'S YEAR-END OF DECEMBER 31 EACH ONE OF THESE REQUIREMENTS FOR A TRUE PATRONAGE DIVIDEND IS PROVIDED FOR IN THE NON-PROFIT OPERATION ARTICLE OF THE COOPERATIVE'S BYLAWS THE AMOUNT REPORTED ON PART IX, LINE 4 REPRESENTS THE AMOUNT OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL THAT IS EITHER ALLOCATED OR TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE PATRONS RESULTING FROM THEIR PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY FROM THE COOPERATIVE FOR THE 2015 CALENDAR YEAR BECAUSE PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS ARE THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE COOPERATIVE OPERATES AT COST WITH ITS PATRONS AND THEREBY A KEY COMPONENT TO ACCOMPLISHING ITS EXEMPT PURPOSE, THE COOPERATIVE HAS REPORTED SUCH AMOUNTS AS AN EXPENSE FOR FORM 990 REPORTING PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS ARE NOT AN EXPENSE FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES, HOWEVER</p>

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part IX, Line 1	ALL GRANTS, SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS ARE MADE TO NON-PROFIT AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE LOCATED IN THE COOPERATIVE'S SERVICE AREA ALL DONATIONS ARE INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH OUR MEMBERS RESIDE EACH GRANT, SCHOLARSHIP AND/OR DONATION MADE DURING THE YEAR WAS BELOW THE REPORTING THRESHOLD OF SCHEDULE I, PART II

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part XI, line 9	EQUITY METHOD INCOME FROM SUBSIDIARY -26,279 OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME PROVISION FOR PENSIONS AND BENEFITS 277,153 PATRONAGE CAPITAL ASSIGNABLE 5,647,163 PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIRED -738



Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part XII, Line 2C	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE ASSIGNED MEMBERS TO AN AUDIT COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT AND SELECT THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDITOR. PROCEDURAL CHANGES DID NOT OCCUR DURING THE YEAR.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part X, Lines 17 and 25	THE COOPERATIVE PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED ACCRUED EXPENSES COMPRISED OF (1) ACCRUED EMPLOYEE COMPENSATED ABSENCES AND (2) ACCRUED INTEREST AS COMPONENTS OF OTHER LIABILITIES ON LINE 25 OF PART X. HOWEVER, FOR THE 2015 CALENDAR YEAR, THE COOPERATIVE BEGAN REPORTING THESE AMOUNTS ON LINE 17 IN ACCORDANCE WITH FORM 990 INSTRUCTIONS. TO INCREASE CONSISTENCY, ACCRUED EXPENSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,186,336 FOR THE 2014 CALENDAR YEAR HAVE BEEN RECLASSIFIED FROM LINE 25 TO LINE 17.

SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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

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

Name of the organization  
SOUTH PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

Employer identification number

75-0569260

Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No

**Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

**Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512 (b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
<b>(1)</b> SOUTH PLAINS DEVELOPMENT CORP  PO BOX 1830 LUBBOCK, TX 79408 75-2329983	REAL ESTATE RENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT	TX	SOUTH PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC	C	208,331	2,368,109	100 000 %	Yes	

**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

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

**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

**a** Receipt of **(i)** interest, **(ii)** annuities, **(iii)** royalties, or **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity . . . . .

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

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

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

**e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s) . . . . .

**f** Dividends from related organization(s) . . . . .

**g** Sale of assets to related organization(s) . . . . .

**h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s) . . . . .

**i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s) . . . . .

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

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

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

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

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

**o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s) . . . . .

**p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses . . . . .

**q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses . . . . .

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

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

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b>		No
<b>1b</b>		No
<b>1c</b>		No
<b>1d</b>		No
<b>1e</b>		No
<b>1f</b>		No
<b>1g</b>		No
<b>1h</b>		No
<b>1i</b>		No
<b>1j</b>		No
<b>1k</b>		No
<b>1l</b>		No
<b>1m</b>		No
<b>1n</b>		No
<b>1o</b>	Yes	
<b>1p</b>		No
<b>1q</b>	Yes	
<b>1r</b>		No
<b>1s</b>		No

<b>2</b> If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds			
(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)SOUTH PLAINS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	O	18,000	CASH
(2)SOUTH PLAINS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	Q	14,666	CASH

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

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**Part VII**   **Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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