

2015

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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)

- Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public
- Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990)

## A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 02-01-2015, and ending 01-31-2016

B Check if applicable	C Name of organization Fresh Energy		D Employer identification number 41-1735501
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change			
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	Doing business as		E Telephone number (651) 225-0878
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return			
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 408 St Peter St ste 220	Room/suite	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return			G Gross receipts \$ 2,001,647
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code St Paul, MN 55102		
F Name and address of principal officer MICHAEL NOBLE 408 St Peter St ste 220 St Paul, MN 55102		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ►	

I Tax-exempt status  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( ) (insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527J Website: ► [www.fresh-energy.org](http://www.fresh-energy.org)K Form of organization  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other ► L Year of formation 1992 M State of legal domicile MN

## Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities  
Shape and drive realistic, visionary energy policies that benefit all

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

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) . . . . .	3	13
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) . . . . .	4	13
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a) . . . . .	5	29
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) . . . . .	6	17
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 . . . . .	7a	750
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 . . . . .	7b	0

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) . . . . .	Prior Year	Current Year
	1,943,434	1,983,031
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) . . . . .	0	4,415
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) . . . . .	8,402	13,044
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	595	1,157
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,952,431	2,001,647

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) . . . . .	0	0
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) . . . . .	0	0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	982,353	1,472,457
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) . . . . .	0	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 146,259		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) . . . . .	615,575	864,316
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,597,928	2,336,773
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 . . . . .	354,503	-335,126

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) . . . . .	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	2,563,582	2,094,793
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) . . . . .	300,793	181,874
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20 . . . . .	2,262,789	1,912,919

## 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

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Signature of officer

2016-08-25

Date

MICHAEL NOBLE Executive Director

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name BRUCE THIEL	Preparer's signature BRUCE THIEL	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00526510
	Firm's name ► CBIZ MHM LLC			Firm's EIN ► 34-1873282	
	Firm's address ► 222 SOUTH 9TH STREET SUITE 1000 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402			Phone no (612) 339-7811	

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

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III **1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

Shape and drive realistic, visionary energy policies that benefit all

**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

<b>4a</b>	(Code ) (Expenses \$ 977,113 including grants of \$ 0 ) (Revenue \$ 4,415 )
ENERGY, EFFICIENCY AND CLIMATE - SEE SCHEDULE O	
<b>4b</b>	(Code ) (Expenses \$ 562,327 including grants of \$ 0 ) (Revenue \$ 0 )
Buildings - See Schedule O	
<b>4c</b>	(Code ) (Expenses \$ 297,623 including grants of \$ 0 ) (Revenue \$ 0 )
Media & Innovation Lab - See Schedule O	
<b>4d</b>	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )
<b>4e</b>	<b>Total program service expenses</b> <input type="text"/> 1,837,063

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

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

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

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

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

**5** Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III

**6** Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I

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

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

**9** Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV

**10** Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V

**11** If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable

**a** Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI

**b** Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII

**c** Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII

**d** Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX

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

**f** Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X

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

**b** Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional

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

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

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

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

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

**17** Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)

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

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

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

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

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

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

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	<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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34		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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b		
36	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <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
<b>1a</b> Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable . . .	<b>1a</b>	36	
<b>1b</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>	29	
<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>		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O</i> . . .	<b>3b</b>		
<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>		No
<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>		No
<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>		No
<b>f</b> Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . .	<b>7f</b>		No
<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>		
<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>		
<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? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i> . . .	<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	13	
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O			
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	13	
<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?	2	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?	3	No
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	No
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	No
<b>6</b>	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	No
<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?	7a	No
<b>7b</b>	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	No
<b>8</b>	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
<b>8a</b>	The governing body?	8a	Yes
<b>8b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	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	9	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?	10a	No
<b>10b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
<b>11a</b>	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Yes
<b>11b</b>	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
<b>12a</b>	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes
<b>12b</b>	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes
<b>12c</b>	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	Yes
<b>13</b>	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes
<b>14</b>	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes
<b>15</b>	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
<b>15a</b>	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes
<b>15b</b>	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	No
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?	16a	No
<b>16b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

**Section C. Disclosure**

<b>17</b>	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed	MN
<b>18</b>	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain in Schedule O)	
<b>19</b>	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	
<b>20</b>	State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records	ELLEN PALMER 408 ST PETER STREET STE 220 ST PAUL, MN 55102 (651) 225-0878

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII **Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

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

• List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid

• List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."

• List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations

• List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

• List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099- MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated	Former			
(1) Beth Pearlman Board Member	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(2) Chuck Nadler Board Member	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(3) Donna Allan Board Member	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(4) Joe devito Board Member	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(5) Cody Fleischfresser Board Member	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(6) Bridget Levin Board Member	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(7) Nick Garbis Board Member	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(8) Raj V Rajan Board Member	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(9) Chris O'Brien board Member	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(10) Jeff Broberg board Member	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0
(11) Gary Schokmiller vice Chair	1 00 .....	X	X					0	0	0
(12) Rich Lehman Treasurer	1 00 .....	X	X					0	0	0
(13) Anita S Duckor Chair	1 00 .....	X	X					0	0	0
(14) Anne Weyandt Chair Emeritus	1 00 .....	X						0	0	0

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

**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 ► 1

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

## **Section B. Independent Contractors**

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

**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 ► 0

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

**Contributions, Gifts, Grants  
and Other Similar Amounts**

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
<b>1a</b>	Federated campaigns . . .	<b>1a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Membership dues . . .	<b>1b</b>			
<b>c</b>	Fundraising events . . .	<b>1c</b>			
<b>d</b>	Related organizations . . .	<b>1d</b>			
<b>e</b>	Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>			
<b>f</b>	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	1,983,031		
<b>g</b>	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		1,886		
<b>h</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . .			<b>1,983,031</b>	

**Program Service Revenue**

		Business Code			
<b>2a</b>	Program revenue	900099	4,415	4,415	
<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b>					
<b>d</b>					
<b>e</b>					
<b>f</b>	All other program service revenue				
<b>g</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . .		<b>4,415</b>		

**Other Revenue**

<b>3</b>	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . .		13,044		13,044
<b>4</b>	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds				
<b>5</b>	Royalties . . .				
<b>6a</b>	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal		
<b>b</b>	Less rental expenses				
<b>c</b>	Rental income or (loss)				
<b>d</b>	Net rental income or (loss) . . .				
<b>7a</b>	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other		
<b>b</b>	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
<b>c</b>	Gain or (loss)				
<b>d</b>	Net gain or (loss) . . .				
<b>8a</b>	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . .	a			
<b>b</b>	Less direct expenses . . .	b			
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . .				
<b>9a</b>	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . .	a			
<b>b</b>	Less direct expenses . . .	b			
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . .				
<b>10a</b>	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . .	a			
<b>b</b>	Less cost of goods sold . . .	b			
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . .				
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code			
<b>11a</b>	Advertising revenue	900099	750	750	
<b>b</b>	miscellaneous	900099	407		407
<b>c</b>					
<b>d</b>	All other revenue . . .				
<b>e</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . .		<b>1,157</b>		
<b>12</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> See Instructions . . .		<b>2,001,647</b>	<b>4,415</b>	<b>750</b>
					<b>13,451</b>

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

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

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

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>	<b>(A)</b> Total expenses	<b>(B)</b> Program service expenses	<b>(C)</b> Management and general expenses	<b>(D)</b> Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21 . . . . .				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .				
4 Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	304,487	190,795	93,803	19,889
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 . . . . .	942,053	728,464	123,093	90,496
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .				
9 Other employee benefits . . . . .	128,014	96,260	19,720	12,034
10 Payroll taxes . . . . .	97,903	68,240	20,944	8,719
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management . . . . .				
b Legal . . . . .	37,012	37,012		
c Accounting . . . . .	79,880	56,651	23,229	
d Lobbying . . . . .	48,299	48,299		
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) . . . . .	363,591	349,769	13,390	432
12 Advertising and promotion . . . . .	22,926	22,926		
13 Office expenses . . . . .	72,617	51,794	7,655	13,168
14 Information technology . . . . .	6,677	5,350	1,327	
15 Royalties . . . . .				
16 Occupancy . . . . .	83,405	60,109	23,296	
17 Travel . . . . .	44,368	43,013	942	413
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	29,871	23,121	5,642	1,108
20 Interest . . . . .				
21 Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	5,178	5,027	151	
23 Insurance . . . . .	2,401	1,716	685	
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 Communication	32,119	25,236	6,883	
b Dues, Memb & Subscripti	12,547	10,451	2,096	
c Miscellaneous	12,464	1,869	10,595	
d EVENTS	10,961	10,961		
e All other expenses				
<b>25 Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	2,336,773	1,837,063	353,451	146,259
<b>26 Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)	12,730	10,438	931	1,361

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

		<b>(A)</b> Beginning of year	<b>(B)</b> End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	86,783	194,255
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	1,466,564	1,232,650
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	845,112	544,577
	4 Accounts receivable, net	32,467	471
	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	8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	17,966	17,280
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	67,406
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b	56,791
		15,794	10c
		10,615	
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	98,896	94,945
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11	12	
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11	13	
	14 Intangible assets	14	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	15	
	<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	2,563,582	2,094,793
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	300,793	181,874
	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	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	23	
	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	25	
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	300,793	181,874
Net Assets or Fund Balances	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>		
	27 Unrestricted net assets	778,949	832,376
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	1,483,840	1,080,543
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	29	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>		
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund	31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	2,262,789	1,912,919
	<b>34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	<b>2,563,582</b>	<b>2,094,793</b>

**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	2,001,647
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,336,773
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-335,126
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	2,262,789
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-14,744
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	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	1,912,919

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	No
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input 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? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	2c	Yes
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a	No
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	3b	

**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990EZ)**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**2015****Open to Public  
Inspection**Department of the  
Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Employer identification number**

41-1735501

**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.

2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))

3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.

4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state \_\_\_\_\_

5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II)

6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.

7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II)

8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

9  An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III)

10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4)**.

11  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g

a  **Type I**. A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B**.

b  **Type II**. A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C**.

c  **Type III functionally integrated**. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E**.

d  **Type III non-functionally integrated**. A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V**.

e  Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization

f Enter the number of supported organizations . . . . .

g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii)EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?	(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
				Yes	No
<b>Total</b>					

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**  
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants )	1,989,040	2,572,271	2,189,568	1,943,434	1,983,031	10,677,344
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	1,989,040	2,572,271	2,189,568	1,943,434	1,983,031	10,677,344
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						5,189,923
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						5,487,421

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4	1,989,040	2,572,271	2,189,568	1,943,434	1,983,031	10,677,344
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	3,937	4,811	10,626	8,402	13,044	40,820
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on			2,053	595	1,157	3,805
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI )						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						10,721,969
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)				12		11,300
<b>13 First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . . . . . ►						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	51 180 %
15 Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	50 300 %
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test—2015.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►✓		
<b>b 33 1/3% support test—2014.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►		
<b>17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►		
<b>b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►		
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ►		

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
<b>14 First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18
<b>19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	
<b>b 33 1/3% support tests—2014.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	
<b>20 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions	

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.	1	
<b>2</b> Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).	2	
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.	3a	
<b>b</b> Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> when and how the organization made the determination.	3b	
<b>c</b> Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.	3c	
<b>4a</b> Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.	4a	
<b>b</b> Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.	4b	
<b>c</b> Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.	4c	
<b>5a</b> Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).	5a	
<b>b</b> <b>Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?	5b	
<b>c</b> <b>Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	5c	
<b>6</b> Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations, (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .	6	
<b>7</b> Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).	7	
<b>8</b> Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part II of Schedule L (Form 990).	8	
<b>9a</b> Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .	9a	
<b>b</b> Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .	9b	
<b>c</b> Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .	9c	
<b>10a</b> Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer b below.	10a	
<b>b</b> Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).	10b	
<b>11</b> Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
<b>a</b> A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?	11a	
<b>b</b> A family member of a person described in (a) above?	11b	
<b>c</b> A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .	11c	

**Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)****Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? *If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.*

2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? *If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.*

	Yes	No
1		
2		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? *If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).*

	Yes	No
1		

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided? *If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).*

2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? *If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).*

3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? *If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.*

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

**Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations**

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (**see instructions**)

a  The organization satisfied the Activities Test Complete **line 2** below

b  The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations Complete **line 3** below

c  The organization supported a governmental entity Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (**see instructions**)

**2 Activities Test Answer (a) and (b) below.**

a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? *If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.*

b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? *If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.*

**3 Parent of Supported Organizations Answer (a) and (b) below.**

a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? *Provide details in Part VI.*

b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? *If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.*

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
3b		

**Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations**

**1** Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov 20, 1970 **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E

**Section A - Adjusted Net Income**

**1** Net short-term capital gain  
**2** Recoveries of prior-year distributions  
**3** Other gross income (see instructions)  
**4** Add lines 1 through 3  
**5** Depreciation and depletion  
 Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)  
**6** Other expenses (see instructions)  
**7** **Adjusted Net Income** (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)

	(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b>		
<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b>		
<b>8</b>		

**Section B - Minimum Asset Amount**

**1** Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)  
**a** Average monthly value of securities  
**b** Average monthly cash balances  
**c** Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets  
**d** **Total** (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)  
**e** **Discount** claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI) \_\_\_\_\_  
**2** Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets  
**3** Subtract line 2 from line 1d  
**4** Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)  
**5** Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)  
**6** Multiply line 5 by 035  
**7** Recoveries of prior-year distributions  
**8** **Minimum Asset Amount** (add line 7 to line 6)

	(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b>		
<b>1a</b>		
<b>1b</b>		
<b>1c</b>		
<b>1d</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b>		
<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b>		
<b>8</b>		

**Section C - Distributable Amount**

**1** Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)  
**2** Enter 85% of line 1  
**3** Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)  
**4** Enter greater of line 2 or line 3  
**5** Income tax imposed in prior year  
**6** **Distributable Amount.** Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)  
**7** Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)

	Current Year
<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	

**Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)**

<b>Section D - Distributions</b>		<b>Current Year</b>
<b>1</b>	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
<b>2</b>	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
<b>3</b>	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
<b>4</b>	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
<b>5</b>	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
<b>6</b>	Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
<b>7</b>	<b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6	
<b>8</b>	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
<b>9</b>	Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
<b>10</b>	Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

<b>Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)</b>	<b>(i) Excess Distributions</b>	<b>(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015</b>	<b>(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015</b>
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
<b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015			
<b>d</b> From 2013. . . . .			
<b>e</b> From 2014. . . . .			
<b>f Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>h</b> Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
<b>4</b> Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7 \$ _____			
<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>b</b> Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
<b>c</b> Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
<b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
<b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2015 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
<b>7</b> <b>Excess distributions carryover to 2016.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c			
<b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2013. . . . .			
<b>d</b> From 2014. . . . .			
<b>e</b> From 2015. . . . .			

**Part VI Supplemental Information.**

Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

**Facts And Circumstances Test**

## Return Reference

## Explanation

Schedule A	Fresh Energy changed their year end to January 31 in 2015. The year ended January 31, 2015, 2014 tax return, is a short year (7 month) filing
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**SCHEDULE C**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities****2015****Open to Public  
Inspection****For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527****►Complete if the organization is described below. ►Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.****►Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at  
[www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).****If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then**

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

**If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then**

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

**If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then**

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization Fresh Energy	Employer identification number 41-1735501
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**Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.**

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV
- 2 Political expenditures ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Volunteer hours \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).**

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?  Yes  No
- 4a Was a correction made?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

**Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).**

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?  Yes  No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

**Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

**A** Check  if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)

**B** Check  if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

**Limits on Lobbying Expenditures**  
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)

(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
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**1a** Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)

**f** Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns

If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000

**g** Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)

**h** Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-

**i** Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-

**j** If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?

Yes  No

**4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)**

**(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)**

**Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount	243,095	266,888	229,896	266,839	1,006,718
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					1,510,077
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures	17,037	45,240	14,344	62,173	138,794
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount	60,774	66,722	57,474	66,710	251,680
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					377,520
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures	1,359	377			1,736

**Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of

a Volunteers?

b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?

c Media advertisements?

d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?

e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?

f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?

g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?

h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?

i Other activities?

j Total Add lines 1c through 1i

2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?

b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912

c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912

d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?

	(a)		(b)	
	Yes	No	Amount	
1				
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
f				
g				
h				
i				
j				
2a				
b				
c				
d				

**Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).**

1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?

2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?

3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

**Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."**

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members

2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).

a Current year

b Carryover from last year

c Total

3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues

4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?

5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)

1	
2a	
2b	
2c	
3	
4	
5	

**Part IV Supplemental Information**

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information

Return Reference	Explanation

2015

Open to Public  
Inspection**SCHEDULE D**  
(Form 990)**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).Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Name of the organization**

Fresh Energy

**Employer identification number**

41-1735501

**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?  Yes  No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?  Yes  No

**Part II Conservation Easements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" 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
2a	
2b	
2c	
2d	

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)

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

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

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" 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

<b>c</b> Beginning balance	<b>Amount</b>
<b>d</b> Additions during the year	
<b>e</b> Distributions during the year	
<b>f</b> Ending balance	

Amount	
<b>1c</b>	
<b>1d</b>	
<b>1e</b>	
<b>1f</b>	

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
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance . . . . .			75,000	75,000	75,000
<b>b</b> Contributions . . . . .					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses . . . . .					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .			75,000		
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses . . . . .					
<b>g</b> End of year balance . . . . .				75,000	75,000

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

**a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ►

**b** Permanent endowment ►

**c** Temporarily restricted endowment ►

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

**(i)** unrelated organizations . . . . .

**(ii)** related organizations . . . . .

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

Yes	No
<b>3a(i)</b>	
<b>3a(ii)</b>	
<b>3b</b>	

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	Cost or other basis (a) (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	Accumulated (c) depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land . . . . .					
<b>b</b> Buildings . . . . .					
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements . . . . .					
<b>d</b> Equipment . . . . .		67,406	56,791	10,615	
<b>e</b> Other . . . . .					
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . . .					10,615

**Part VII Investments—Other Securities.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

<b>(a)</b> Description of security or category (including name of security)	<b>(b)</b> Book value	<b>(c)</b> Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
<b>(1)</b> Financial derivatives		
<b>(2)</b> Closely-held equity interests		
<b>(3)</b> Other		

**Total.** (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)

## **Part VIII Investments—Program Related**

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

**Total.** (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13.)

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

<b>(a) Description</b>	<b>(b) Book value</b>

**Total (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15 )**

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

**Total.** (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25.)

**2. Liability for uncertain tax positions** In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	3,931,485
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-14,744
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII )	2d	1,944,582
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,929,838
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,001,647
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	0
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c.(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 )	5	2,001,647

**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	3,934,704
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	1,597,931
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	1,597,931
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,336,773
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	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c.(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 )	5	2,336,773

**Part XIII Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation
Part X, Line 2	The accounting standard on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes addresses the determination of whether tax benefits claimed or expected to be claimed on a tax return should be recorded in the financial statements. Under that guidance, the Organization may recognize the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by taxing authorities based on the technical merits of the position. Examples of tax positions include the tax exempt status of the Organization and various positions related to the potential sources of unrelated business taxable income (UBIT). The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements from such a position are measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50 percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. There were no unrecognized tax benefits identified or recorded as liabilities for the nineteen months ended January 31, 2016 and the year ended June 30, 2014.
Part XI, Line 2d - Other Adjustments	Revenues 7/1/14-1/13/15 1,944,582
Part XII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments	Expenses 7/1/14-1/31/15 1,597,931
Part V, Line 4	Part V, line 4. The board designated endowment was intended as a fundraising tool in hopes that one day the Organization would receive sufficient funds to set up a permanently or temporarily restricted endowment. During the year ended June 30, 2014, the Board of Directors voted to eliminate the board designated endowment.

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

Return Reference	Explanation

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

OMB No 1545-0047

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

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**2015****Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization  
Fresh Energy

Employer identification number

41-1735501

**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

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

<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments	<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)

**b** If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

**2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

**3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III

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

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

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

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

**Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.**

**5** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of

**a** The organization?

**b** Any related organization?

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

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

**a** The organization?

**b** Any related organization?

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

**7** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

**8** Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

**9** If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
<b>1b</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>4a</b>		No
<b>4b</b>		No
<b>4c</b>		No
<b>5a</b>		No
<b>5b</b>		No
<b>6a</b>		No
<b>6b</b>		No
<b>7</b>		No
<b>8</b>		No
<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
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 MICHAEL NOBLE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	(i) 148,120	0	0	7,406	10,530	166,056	0
	(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Part III Supplemental Information**

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
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**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  
Fresh Energy**Employer identification number**

41-1735501

Return Reference	Explanation
Part III, line 4a	Energy, Efficiency, Climate Fresh Energy develops and drives Minnesota policies that increase the use of solar, wind, and other renewable energy Fresh Energy uses technical knowledge to build coalitions across communities that achieve the strong, flexible, and modern electricity grid crucial to a large-scale transition to clean energy Fresh Energy pursues policies that make our economy more efficient - saving consumers money and cutting carbon emissions Fresh Energy's work spurs the transition to utility business models that value and promote efficiency Fresh Energy promotes tough state and national laws and standards that lead to deep, permanent reductions in pollution from power plants, vehicles, and industry We support policies that will limit the worst impacts of global warming and create a modern energy system that makes Minnesota and the Midwest leaders in the clean energy economy Fresh Energy promotes innovative policies that increase use of renewable energy-powered electric cars and buses, and supports improved street design policies and mobility options that help Minnesota communities become cleaner, more connected, and more equitable

Return Reference	Explanation
Part III, line 4b	Buildings Fresh Energy is committed to making homes, schools, and commercial buildings more energy efficient. Fresh Energy shapes codes for new construction and takes steps to grow the market for energy efficient buildings and support safe and equitable access to energy use data so prospective buyers and renters can make informed decisions, and building owners are inspired to improve efficiency.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part III, line 4c	Media & Innovation Lab Editorially independent from our clean energy work, Fresh Energy publishes US Energy News, Midwest Energy News, and Southeast Energy News - publications that surface crucial stories and shape the narrative on America's transition to a clean energy economy. Fresh Energy also leads innovative communications projects to amplify nontraditional voices to bring new perspectives to the value of clean energy

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 1	There are no material differences in voting rights among members of the board of directors and The executive committee may consider any actions, or take up any matters deemed important or necessary for the continued operation of the corporation between scheduled meetings of the full board

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11	The 990 is provided to the entire board for review prior to filing. The chair and treasurer carefully reviewed each page of the 990 and made a recommendation to the executive committee to accept the 990. The executive committee members had also reviewed the 990 and approved the recommendation. The executive director signed the 990.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	<p>PROCEDURE WHEN DIRECTOR OR OFFICER HAS CONFLICT 1) EACH DIRECTOR OR OFFICER OF FRESH ENERGY HAS A DUTY TO DISCLOSE TO THE BOARD (AND TO ANY APPLICABLE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD THAT ONE IS ADDRESSING) THE MATERIAL FACTS OF ANY PROPOSED TRANSACTION OR ACTION OF FRESH ENERGY IN WHICH SUCH DIRECTOR HAS ANY CONFLICTS 2) THE DISCLOSURE REQUIRED UNDER #1 (ABOVE) MUST BE MADE, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, PRIOR TO ANY CONSIDERATION OF SUCH PROPOSED TRANSACTION OR ACTION BY THE BOARD OR BY ANY APPLICABLE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD IF A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE EXISTENCE OF A CONFLICT PRIOR TO THE BOARD'S DECISION REGARDING THE TRANSACTION, THE BOARD MEMBER HAS A DUTY TO DISCLOSE THE MATERIAL FACTS OF THE CONFLICT AS SOON AS THE CONFLICT IS RECOGNIZED 3) THE DIRECTOR OR OFFICER HAVING A CONFLICT SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DELIBERATION OR DECISION REGARDING THE MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION AND SHALL RETIRE FROM THE ROOM DURING DELIBERATIONS EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT HE OR SHE HAS BEEN INVITED BY THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE TO PARTICIPATE, AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE SIGNIFICANCE TO FRESH ENERGY OF THE DISCLOSED CONFLICT THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE MAY ALSO REQUEST THAT HE OR SHE PROVIDE FRESH ENERGY WITH ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION KNOWN TO THE DIRECTOR REGARDING THE MATTER 4) ANY PROPOSED TRANSACTION OR ACTION IN WHICH THE BOARD HAS DETERMINED THAT A DIRECTOR OR OFFICER HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IS TO BE APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE DIRECTORS ENTITLED TO VOTE OTHER THAN THE INTERESTED DIRECTOR(S) AT A MEETING AT WHICH A QUORUM IS PRESENT (I E, BY A SUPERMAJORITY OF THE ENTIRE BOARD NOT INCLUDING THE CONFLICTED DIRECTOR(S)), EVEN THOUGH THE NON-CONFLICTED DIRECTORS MAY CONSTITUTE LESS THAN A QUORUM 5) WHEN THERE IS ANY DOUBT AS TO WHETHER A CONFLICT EXISTS (AND THESE PROCEDURES ARE THUS TO BE EMPLOYED) THE MATTER SHALL BE RESOLVED BY ACTION OF THE BOARD, NOT INCLUDING THE PARTICIAPTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICT IS AT ISSUE ALL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS ARE OBLIGATED TO NOTIFY THE BOARD IF THEY BELIEVE AN INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR OR OFFICER HAS FAILED TO PROFFER DISCLOSURE OF A CONFLICT THEY BELIEVE TO BE AT HAND, AND THE AFORMENTIONED PROCEDURE (RESOLUTION BY ACTION OF THE BOARD, NOT INCLUDING THE PARTCIAPTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICT IS AT ISSUE) SHALL BE EMPLOYED BY THE BOARD IN ALL SUCH INSTANCES</p> <p>PROCEDURE WHEN STAFF HAS CONFLICT 1) EACH STAFF MEMBER HAS A DUTY TO DISCLOSE TO THE Director of Operations and Finance OF FRESH ENERGY THE MATERIAL FACTS OF ANY PROPOSED TRANSACTION OF FRESH ENERGY IN WHICH SUCH PERSON HAS ANY CONFLICT 2) THE DISCLOSURE REQUIRED UNDER #1 (ABOVE) IS TO BE MADE IMMEDIATELY, AND TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, BEFORE ANY CONSIDERATION OF SUCH PROPOSED TRANSACTION BY FRESH ENERGY IF A STAFF MEMBER DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE EXISTANCE OF A CONFLICT PRIOR TO FRESH ENERGY'S DECISION REGARDING THE TRANSACTION, THE STAFF MEMBER HAS A DUTY TO DISCLOSE THE MATERIAL FACTS OF THE CONFLICT AS SOON AS IT IS RECOGNIZED 3) A STAFF MEMBER HAVING A CONFLICT SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DELIBERATION OR DECISION BY FRESH ENERGY REGARDING THE TRANSACTION UNDER CONSIDERATION, UNLESS INVITED BY THE Director of Operations and Finance OF FRESH ENERGY TO DO SO, AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE SIGNIFICANCE TO FRESH ENERGY OF THE DISCLOSED CONFLICT THE Director of Operations and Finance OF FRESH ENERGY MAY ALSO REQUEST THAT HE OR SHE PROVIDE FRESH ENERGY WITH ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE MATTER 4) THE Director of Operations and Finance OF FRESH ENERGY SHALL TAKE SUCH ADDITIONAL ACTION AS MAY BE REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT THE CONFLICT IS PROPERLY NOTICED TO MANAGEMENT AND THAT APPROPRIATE STEPS ARE EMPLOYED AS THE TRANSACTION AND ITS TERMS ARE BROUGHT FORTH FOR DECISION-MAKING AND/OR IMPLEMENTATION FURTHERMORE, THE Director of Operations and Finance OF FRESH ENERGY SHALL MAINTAIN A RECORD OF THE EXISTENCE, PROCEDURE EMPLOYED IN MANAGING, AND RESOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT 5) WHEN THERE IS ANY DOUBT AS TO WHETHER A CONFLICT EXISTS, THE MATTER SHALL BE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Gift Ban Fresh Energy's directors, officers, and staff shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, donors, grantees or parties to sub-agreements (with the exception that unsolicited gifts of nominal value may be accepted)</p>

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15a	The executive director's salary is reviewed by the board of directors in February of each year during the annual performance valuation process. Periodically, the board of directors uses a third party to perform an analysis and provide a competitive compensation study as a more in depth review of the executive director's salary. This process was last undertaken in November of 2013. The Director of Operations and Finance's salary is also determined during the annual performance valuation which is complete in February of each year. Periodically, a third party is used to perform an analysis and provide a competitive compensation study to determine the salary. This process was last undertaken in December of 2014.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, BYLAWS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. EVERY REQUEST IS CONSIDERED INDIVIDUALLY BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part IX, line 11g	PROGRAM CONSULTANTS Program service expenses 68,707 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 68,707 IT SERVICES Program service expenses 29,095 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 29,095 WEBSITE SUPPORT SERVICES Program service expenses 32,368 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 32,368 General Office Services Program service expenses 22,863 Management and general expenses 13,390 Fundraising expenses 432 Total expenses 36,685 Midwest Energy News Reporters Program service expenses 146,173 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 146,173 NEWS NETWORK CONTRACTORS Program service expenses 49,930 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 49,930 STRATEGIC PLANNING SERVICES Program service expenses 633 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 633

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part XII, Line 2c	The Organization has not changed its oversight process of the audit or its selection process of an independent accountant during the tax year. Due to a change in year end, the Organization's audited financial statements cover a 19 month period ended January 31, 2016.