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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form

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-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

OMB No 1545-1150

2015

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 11-01-2015, and ending 10-31-2016

B Check if applicable:
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
ARKANSAS PROPANE GAS ASSOCIATION INC
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO BOX 835
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
GREENBRIER, AR 72058

D Employer identification number
71-0221300
E Telephone number
(479) 841-8635
F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ▶
I Website: ▶ N/A
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)(6) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

H Check ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

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

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 138,831

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)									
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒									
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received					1	50,000	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts					2	19,669	
	3	Membership dues and assessments					3	68,174	
	4	Investment income					4	256	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory				5a			
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				5b			
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)					5c		
	6	Gaming and fundraising events							
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)				6a			
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)				6b			
c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events				6c				
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)					6d			
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances				7a				
b	Less cost of goods sold				7b				
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)					7c			
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)					8	732		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8					9	138,831		
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)					10		
	11	Benefits paid to or for members					11		
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits					12	81,226	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors					13	3,560	
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance					14	2,349	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping					15	12,461	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)					16	52,852	
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16					17	152,448	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)					18	-13,617	
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)					19	223,750	
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)					20		
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20					21	210,133	

Part II **Balance Sheets** (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☒

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year	
22 Cash, savings, and investments	224,156	22	211,616
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24	
25 Total assets	224,156	25	211,616
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	406	26	1,483
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	223,750	27	210,133

Part III **Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☒

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
TRADE ASSOCIATION PROVIDING MEMBERS INDUSTRY INFORMATION AND SAFETY AND SERVICES
SCHOOLS

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

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See Additional Data Table

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► ☐

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(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐

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31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐

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32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) **1,000,000**

Part IV **List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV.

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Part V

Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		No
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		No
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	Yes	
b	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	Yes	
c	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		No
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶	37a	
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	No
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a	No
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶, section 4912 ▶, section 4955 ▶		
b	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	
c	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶		
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶		
e	All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ COX & CRESWELL PLLC Telephone no ▶ (501) 329-2503 Located at ▶ 811 PARKWAY CONWAY, AR ZIP + 4 ▶ 72034		
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)?	Yes	No
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶	42b	No
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ?	42c	No
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶	43	
		Yes	No
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	No
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	No
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	No
d	If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	No
45b	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," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b	No

		Yes	No
46	Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46	No

Part VI

Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

		Yes	No
47	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	47	
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶				

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000. ▶		

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE.** All Section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ▶ ☐ Yes ☐ No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	***** Signature of officer		2017-01-23 Date				
	SHERMAN MURRAY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title						
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name RYAN A CRESWELL		Preparer's signature		Date 2017-01-23	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P01223079
	Firm's name ▶ COX & CRESWELL PLLC					Firm's EIN ▶ 46-3957075	
	Firm's address ▶ 811 PARKWAY CONWAY, AR 72034					Phone no (501) 327-7181	
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ ☒ Yes ☐ No							

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 71-0221300

Name: ARKANSAS PROPANE GAS
ASSOCIATION INC

Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
(Required for 501(c)(3) and
501(c)(4) organizations and
4947(a)(1) trusts; optional
for others.)

TRADE ASSOCIATION PROVIDING MEMBERS INDUSTRY INFORMATION AND SAFETY AND
28 SERVICES SCHOOLS

(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐

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Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
SHERMAN MURRAY EXECUTIVE DI	40 00	48,000		
TOMMY VANAMAN PRESIDENT	000 00	0		
TOM BLACKWOOD VICE PRESIDE	000 00	0		
GORDON CUNNINGHAM PAST PRESIDE	000 00	0		
DONNIE RHEA SEC/TREASURE	000 00	0		
BILL DECLERK NPGA REPRESE	000 00	0		
MARCUS FELKER DISTRICT 1	000 00	0		
DREW CRAFT DISTRICT 1	000 00	0		
JERRY KORDSMEIER DISTRICT 2	000 00	0		
ED WILLIAMS DISTRICT 2	000 00	0		
BILLY PRINCE DISTRICT 3	000 00	0		
RAY STILL DISTRICT 4	000 00	0		
TOM BYRD DISTRICT 4	000 00	0		
KEN DEWITT AT LARGE MEM	000 00	0		
MARK PORTH AT LARGE MEM	000 00	0		

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TRAVIS LAMBORN PRES ASSOC M	000 00	0		
DAVID FULBRIGHT SUPPLIER REP	000 00	0		

**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.

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2015**Open to Public
Inspection**Name of the organization
ARKANSAS PROPANE GAS
ASSOCIATION INC**Employer identification number**

71-0221300

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 8	OTHER REVENUE 732 TOTAL 732
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	APGA NEWSLETTER OFFICE SUPPLIES 80 POSTAGE 39 EXPENSES OFFICE 2,327 TRAVEL 7,591 CONFERENC ES/MEETINGS 133 INSURANCE 1,449 AUTO EXPENSE 130 PUBLIC RELATIONS 300 SCHOLARSHIPS PAID 75 0 MEMBER DUES REFUNDS 36,006 SAFETY SCHOOL 4,047 TOTAL 52,852

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26	WITHHOLDING 406 1,483
FORM 990-EZ, PART III	TRADE ASSOCIATION PROVIDING MEMBERS INDUSTRY INFORMATION AND SAFETY AND SERVICES SCHOOLS