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Form **990**  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)  
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OMB No 1545-0047  
**2016**  
Open to Public Inspection

### A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2016, and ending 12-31-2016

- B** Check if applicable  
 Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Final  
 Return/terminated  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

**C** Name of organization  
CONNEXUS ENERGY

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
14601 RAMSEY BOULEVARD

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
RAMSEY, MN 55303

**D** Employer identification number  
41-0128105

**E** Telephone number  
(763) 323-2600

**G** Gross receipts \$ 272,638,319

**F** Name and address of principal officer  
GREG RIDDERBUSCH  
14601 RAMSEY BOULEVARD  
RAMSEY, MN 55303

**H(a)** Is this a group return for subordinates?  Yes  No  
**H(b)** Are all subordinates included?  Yes  No  
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)  
**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶

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

**J** Website: ▶ WWW.CONNEXUSENERGY.COM

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

**L** Year of formation 1937 **M** State of legal domicile MN

### Part I Summary

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities  
PROVIDING UTILITY SERVICES TO MEMBERS

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

<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	8
<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	8
<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)	283
<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	0
<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	544,973
<b>7b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	-297,227

	Prior Year	Current Year
<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	0	0
<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	256,811,952	270,831,055
<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	418,131	1,065,188
<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	363,626	490,390
<b>12</b> Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	257,593,709	272,386,633
<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	489,718	412,673
<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	8,456,018	15,096,366
<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	23,907,191	24,529,173
<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 0		
<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	224,740,782	232,348,421
<b>18</b> Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	257,593,709	272,386,633
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	0	0

	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	371,645,339	393,699,930
<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	200,453,708	213,470,498
<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	171,191,631	180,229,432

### Part II Signature Block

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

**Sign Here**  
Signature of officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 2017-09-28  
MICHAEL BASH VICE PRESIDENT / CFO  
Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer Use Only**  
Print/Type preparer's name: LAURIE HANSON  
Preparer's signature: LAURIE HANSON  
Date: 2017-09-28  
Check  if self-employed PTIN: P00851848  
Firm's name: EIDE BAILLY LLP Firm's EIN: 45-0250958  
Firm's address: 200 EAST 10TH ST PO BOX 5125 SIOUX FALLS, SD 571175125 Phone no: (605) 339-1999

**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

CONNEXUS ENERGY SERVES OUR MEMBERSHIP BY PROVIDING COST COMPETITIVE, RELIABLE ELECTRICITY AND RELATED SERVICES, WITH AN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT, AFFIRMING THE VALUE OF MEMBER COOPERATIVE OWNERSHIP

**2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?  Yes  No

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

**3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?  Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

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

**4a** (Code ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
See Additional Data

**4b** (Code ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4c** (Code ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )  
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4e** Total program service expenses ▶

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> . . . . .	<b>1</b>	No
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? . . . . .	<b>2</b>	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	No
<b>4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i> . . . . .	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> . . . . .	<b>5</b>	No
<b>6</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> 🗑️ . . . . .	<b>6</b>	No
<b>7</b> Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> 🗑️ . . . . .	<b>7</b>	No
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> 🗑️ . . . . .	<b>8</b>	No
<b>9</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> 🗑️ . . . . .	<b>9</b>	No
<b>10</b> Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> 🗑️ . . . . .	<b>10</b>	No
<b>11</b> 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		
<b>a</b> Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> 🗑️ . . . . .	<b>11a</b>	Yes
<b>b</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> 🗑️ . . . . .	<b>11b</b>	No
<b>c</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> 🗑️ . . . . .	<b>11c</b>	Yes
<b>d</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> 🗑️ . . . . .	<b>11d</b>	No
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 🗑️ . . . . .	<b>11e</b>	Yes
<b>f</b> 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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 🗑️ . . . . .	<b>11f</b>	Yes
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> 🗑️ . . . . .	<b>12a</b>	Yes
<b>b</b> Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> 🗑️ . . . . .	<b>12b</b>	No
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> . . . . .	<b>13</b>	No
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? . . . . .	<b>14a</b>	No
<b>b</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i> . . . . .	<b>14b</b>	No
<b>15</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i> . . . . .	<b>15</b>	No
<b>16</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i> . . . . .	<b>16</b>	No
<b>17</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> (see instructions) . . . . .	<b>17</b>	No
<b>18</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> . . . . .	<b>18</b>	No
<b>19</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> . . . . .	<b>19</b>	No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include 20a, 20b, 21, 22, 23, 24a, 24b, 24c, 24d, 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, 28c, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35a, 35b, 36, 37, 38.

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

Table with columns for question ID, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes sections for backup withholding, employee reporting, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, charitable contributions, and organizational details.

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 [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a (Voting members), 1b (Independent members), 2 (Family/Business relationships), 3 (Delegation of control), 4 (Changes to governing documents), 5 (Asset diversion), 6 (Members/stockholders), 7a (Election power), 7b (Governance decisions), 8 (Meeting documentation), 8a (Governing body), 8b (Committee authority), 9 (Officer reachability).

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a (Local chapters), 10b (Policies for chapters), 11a (Form 990 distribution), 11b (Review process), 12a (Conflict of interest policy), 12b (Disclosure of interests), 12c (Policy enforcement), 13 (Whistleblower policy), 14 (Document retention), 15 (Compensation review), 15a (CEO/Exec Director), 15b (Other officers), 16a (Joint venture investment), 16b (Joint venture policy).

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 17 (States for Form 990), 18 (Public inspection methods), 19 (Governing documents availability), 20 (Person with books/records).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) PETER WOJCIECHOWSKI CHAIR	23 00	X		X			51,534	0	0	
(2) MARK ETHEN VICE CHAIR	15 00	X		X			46,581	0	0	
(3) FRAN BATOR SECRETARY/TREASURER	17 00	X		X			46,821	0	0	
(4) GORDON WESTERLIND ASST SECRETARY/TREASURER	16 00	X		X			22,581	0	24,000	
(5) KENNETH FIERECK DIRECTOR	16 00	X					26,580	0	20,000	
(6) MICHAEL KERR DIRECTOR UNTIL 05/2016	12 00	X					19,388	0	0	
(7) DONALD HOLL DIRECTOR	16 00	X					46,581	0	0	
(8) MICHAEL CADY DIRECTOR	12 00	X					46,581	0	0	
(9) BETSY WERGIN DIRECTOR FROM 06/2016	16 00	X					27,193	0	0	
(10) GREG RIDDERBUSCH PRESIDENT/CEO	55 00			X			435,855	0	22,986	
(11) MICHAEL BASH VP,CFO	50 00			X			365,594	0	107,461	
(12) MATT YSETH VP, ELECTRIC OPERATIONS	50 00			X			278,985	0	73,021	
(13) BRIAN BURANDT VP, POWER SUPPLY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMEN	50 00			X			171,805	0	41,275	
(14) PETER MILLER VP, HUMAN RESOURCES	50 00			X			268,834	0	67,047	
(15) DON HALLER VP, MEMBER SVC, PRODUCTS & SALES	50 00			X			229,107	0	62,952	
(16) GREG GROENJES MGR CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	45 00					X	154,945	0	23,824	
(17) NANCY BASARA CONTROLLER	45 00					X	189,095	0	53,062	

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations	
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former				
(18) MARK KOPLIN MGR INFORMATION TECHNOLO	45 00					X		188,349	0	40,215	
(19) NICK LOEHLEIN MANAGER OF ENGINEERING	45 00					X		155,586	0	46,679	
(20) DARRIN HELGET LINEMAN	53 00					X		160,539	0	24,515	
<b>1b Sub-Total</b>											
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>											
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								2,932,534	0	607,037	

**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 ▶ 80

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

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
RP SCHROEDER CONSTRUCTION 18329 263RD AVE BIG LAKE, MN 55309	CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	2,003,454
ASPLUNDH 708 BLAIR MILL ROAD WILLOW GROVE, PA 190901784	TREE TRIMMING SERVICES	1,854,193
WRIGHT TREE SERVICE PO BOX 1718 DES MOINES, IA 50306	TREE TRIMMING SERVICES	913,113
CARR'S TREE SERVICE INC PO BOX 250 OTTERTAIL, MN 56571	TREE TRIMMING SERVICES	797,031
CENTRAL APPLICATORS PO BOX 279 FOLEY, MN 56329	TRIMMING SERVICES/VEGETATION MANAGEMENT	492,135

**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 ▶ 18

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<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>				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .					
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>		Business Code				
	<b>2a</b> SALE OF ELECTRICITY . . . . .	221000	260,683,089	260,672,594	10,495	
	<b>b</b> GEN & TRANS CAP CREDIT . . . . .	221000	8,149,957	8,149,957		
	<b>c</b> OTHER . . . . .	221000	1,494,063	1,462,585	31,478	
	<b>d</b> UTILITY/RETAIL/FLEET . . . . .	221000	503,946	798	503,148	
	<b>e</b> _____ . . . . .					
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue . . . . .					
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .		270,831,055				
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .		667,820		667,820	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . . .					
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . .					
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents . . . . .	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
			339,254			
		<b>b</b> Less rental expenses . . . . .		0		
	<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss) . . . . .		339,254			
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .		339,254		339,254	
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory . . . . .	(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other		649,054		
		<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .		251,686		
		<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) . . . . .		397,368		
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .		397,368		397,368	
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .	<b>a</b>				
<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . .		<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .						
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	<b>a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .					
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .					
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
<b>11a</b> EQ EARNINGS - FED ACQ . . . . .	900099	151,136	151,284	-148		
<b>b</b> _____ . . . . .						
<b>c</b> _____ . . . . .						
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .						
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .		151,136				
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See Instructions . . . . .		272,386,633	270,437,218	544,973	1,404,442	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21	412,673			
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, line 15 and 16				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members	15,096,366			
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	2,333,016			
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages	16,811,160			
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	2,256,873			
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits	1,776,021			
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes	1,352,103			
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees)				
<b>a</b> Management				
<b>b</b> Legal	139,144			
<b>c</b> Accounting	69,676			
<b>d</b> Lobbying				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees				
<b>g</b> Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	1,173,443			
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion	288,843			
<b>13</b> Office expenses	1,369,484			
<b>14</b> Information technology	1,673,247			
<b>15</b> Royalties				
<b>16</b> Occupancy	697,188			
<b>17</b> Travel	287,300			
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings	44,999			
<b>20</b> Interest	6,270,819			
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	12,000,713			
<b>23</b> Insurance	274,836			
<b>24</b> 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.)				
<b>a</b> COST OF POWER	197,355,548			
<b>b</b> ELECTRIC OPERATIONS	5,018,687			
<b>c</b> PROP & REAL ESTATE TAX	3,595,664			
<b>d</b> FLEET/VEHICLE EXPENSE	947,997			
<b>e</b> All other expenses	1,140,833			
<b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	272,386,633			
<b>26</b> Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	9,472	<b>1</b>	3,373
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	8,041	<b>2</b>	254
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .		<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	25,688,436	<b>4</b>	27,884,229
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> 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		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	10,000,000
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .	3,489,104	<b>8</b>	3,068,153
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	703,026	<b>9</b>	1,685,064
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	333,666,719		
	<b>b</b> Less accumulated depreciation	136,178,006		
		195,367,685	<b>10c</b>	197,488,713
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .		<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	9,345,997	<b>12</b>	9,381,120
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	124,352,674	<b>13</b>	132,900,234
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .	941	<b>14</b>	941
<b>15</b> Other assets See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	12,679,963	<b>15</b>	11,287,849	
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	371,645,339	<b>16</b>	393,699,930	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	16,582,858	<b>17</b>	17,934,558
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> 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 . . . . .		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	142,173,077	<b>23</b>	150,933,597
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	5,769,000	<b>24</b>	10,260,000
	<b>25</b> 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	35,928,773	<b>25</b>	34,342,343
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	200,453,708	<b>26</b>	213,470,498
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>27 Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b> Unrestricted net assets		<b>27</b>	
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .		<b>28</b>	
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets		<b>29</b>	
	<b>30 Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .	0	<b>30</b>	0
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .	0	<b>31</b>	0
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	171,191,631	<b>32</b>	180,229,432
	<b>33 Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .</b>	171,191,631	<b>33</b>	180,229,432
	<b>34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .</b>	371,645,339	<b>34</b>	393,699,930

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	<b>1</b>	272,386,633
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) . . . . .	<b>2</b>	272,386,633
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1 . . . . .	<b>3</b>	0
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) . . . . .	<b>4</b>	171,191,631
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses . . . . .	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments . . . . .	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>9</b>	9,037,801
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	180,229,432

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

	Yes	No
<p><b>1</b> 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</p>		
<p><b>2a</b> 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</p>		No
<p><b>b</b> 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</p>	Yes	
<p><b>c</b> 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</p>	Yes	
<p><b>3a</b> 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?</p>		No
<p><b>b</b> 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</p>		

## Additional Data

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**Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:**

CONNEXUS ENERGY PROVIDED UTILITY SERVICES TO APPROXIMATELY 131,000 MEMBERS IN SEVEN COUNTIES IN THE NORTH SUBURBAN AREA OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST PAUL, MN

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**SCHEDULE D**  
(Form 990)

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2016**

**Open to Public Inspection**

▶ 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**  
CONNEXUS ENERGY

**Employer identification number**  
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**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.**  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
<b>1</b> Total number at end of year		
<b>2</b> Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
<b>3</b> Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
<b>4</b> Aggregate value at end of year		
<b>5</b> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>6</b> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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
<b>a</b> Total number of conservation easements	<b>2a</b>
<b>b</b> Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	<b>2b</b>
<b>c</b> Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	<b>2c</b>
<b>d</b> Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	<b>2d</b>

**3** Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**4** Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**5** Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?  Yes  No

**6** Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**7** Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**8** Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?  Yes  No

**9** In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.**  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

**1a** If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

**b** If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2** If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

**a** Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**b** Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** (continued)

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)
- a**  Public exhibition
  - b**  Scholarly research
  - c**  Preservation for future generations
  - d**  Loan or exchange programs
  - e**  Other
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table
- |  | Amount |
|--|--------|
| <b>c</b> Beginning balance             |        |
| <b>d</b> Additions during the year     |        |
| <b>e</b> Distributions during the year |        |
| <b>f</b> Ending balance                |        |
- 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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance . . . . .					
<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 . . . . .					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses . . . . .					
<b>g</b> End of year balance . . . . .					

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
  - b** Permanent endowment ▶
  - c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%
- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by
- |  |            |           |
|--|------------|-----------|
| <b>(i)</b> unrelated organizations . . . . .   | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| <b>(ii)</b> related organizations . . . . .  |            |           |
| <b>b</b> If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? . . . . . |            |           |
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land . . . . .		2,317,228		2,317,228
<b>b</b> Buildings		14,425,383	6,187,508	8,237,875
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements				
<b>d</b> Equipment . . . . .		313,320,733	129,990,498	183,330,235
<b>e</b> Other . . . . .		3,603,375		3,603,375
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) . . . ▶				197,488,713

**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.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives . . . . .		
(2) Closely-held equity interests . . . . .		
(3) Other _____		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12 )		

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

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) GREAT RIVER ENERGY	127,168,008	C
(2) OTHER ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS	5,732,226	C
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13 )	132,900,234	

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (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.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
MEMBER DEPOSITS	1,257,793
DEFERRED CREDITS	195,980
PAYABLE TO GREAT RIVER ENERGY	29,390,941
OTHER LIABILITIES	1,176,422
DEFERRED COMP	2,321,207
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25 )	34,342,343

**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.

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	272,386,633
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>2a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .		<b>2e</b>	0
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .		<b>3</b>	272,386,633
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line <b>1</b> :			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .		<b>4c</b>	0
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12) . . . . .		<b>5</b>	272,386,633

**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.

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	257,290,267
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25			
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Other losses . . . . .	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .		<b>2e</b>	0
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .		<b>3</b>	257,290,267
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line <b>1</b> :			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	15,096,366	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .		<b>4c</b>	15,096,366
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18) . . . . .		<b>5</b>	272,386,633

**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
See Additional Data Table	



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## Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2	THE COOPERATIVE IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAXES UNDER SECTION 501(C)(12) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE THE COOPERATIVE IS SUBJECT TO INCOME TAX ON ITS UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME THE COOPERATIVE EVALUATES ITS INCOME TAX POSITIONS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS MANAGEMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT THERE ARE NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS AT DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015 THAT MEET THE CRITERIA FOR RECOGNITION IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THE COOPERATIVE WOULD RECOGNIZE FUTURE ACCRUED INTEREST AND PENALTIES RELATED TO UNRECOGNIZED TAX BENEFITS IN INCOME TAX EXPENSE IF INCURRED

## Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	ALLOCATION OF 2016 MARGINS TO MEMBERS IN 2017 15,096,366

**Schedule I  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

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

OMB No 1545-0047

**2016**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Name of the organization  
CONNEXUS ENERGY

**Employer identification number**  
41-0128105

**Part I**

**General Information on Grants and Assistance**

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?  Yes  No
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

**Part II**

**Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
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See Additional Data Table

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- 2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ 13
- 3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2	THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS PLANNED FOR A YEAR IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD AS A PART OF OUR ANNUAL PROFIT PLANNING PROCESS. INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE APPROVED AND SUBSTANTIATED USING OUR NORMAL PAYMENT APPROVAL PROCESS.

**Additional Data**

**Software ID:**  
**Software Version:**  
**EIN:** 41-0128105  
**Name:** CONNEXUS ENERGY

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

<b>(a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section if applicable	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of non-cash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance
ANOKA COUNTY 550 BUNKER LAKE BLVD NW ANDOVER, MN 55303	41-6005752	GOVENMENTAL	25,000				WARGO NATURE CENTER SPONSOR
ANOKA TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOUNDATION 1355 WEST HWY 10 ANOKA, MN 55303	41-6008267	501(C)(3)	11,900				DONATION TO FOUNDATION - GENERAL

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

<b>(a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section if applicable	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of non-cash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance
INITIATIVE FOUNDATION 405 FIRST ST SE LITTLE FALLS, MN 56345	36-3451562	501(C)(3)	10,000				DONATION TO FOUNDATION - GENERAL
MERCYUNITY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION 550 OSBORNE RD FRIDLEY, MN 55432	36-3261413	501(C)(3)	34,304				LEGACY OF CARING CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND GENERAL

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

<b>(a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section if applicable	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of non-cash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance
GREATER TWIN CITIES UNITED WAY 404 S 8TH STREET MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55404	41-1973442	501(C)(3)	20,240				MATCH EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS
ANOKA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION 550 BUNKER LAKE BLVD ANDOVER, MN 55304	41-6005752	GOVENMENTAL	7,500				BUNKER BEACH SPONSORSHIP

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

<b>(a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section if applicable	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of non-cash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance
ALEXANDRA HOUSE PO BOX 49030 BLAINE, MN 55449	41-1309977	501(C)(3)	20,000				GENERAL DONATION
ANOKA RAMSEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION 11200 MISSISSIPPI BLVD COON RAPIDS, MN 55433	41-1574797	501(C)(3)	12,300				SCHOLARSHIP

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

<b>(a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section if applicable	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of non-cash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance
AMERICAN RED CROSS 1201 W RIVER PKWY MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55454	03-0585610	501(C)(3)	10,000				GENERAL DONATION
SALVATION ARMY HEATSHARE 2445 PRIOR AVE ROSEVILLE, MN 55113	41-0698597	501(C)(3)	30,000				GENERAL DONATION

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

<b>(a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section if applicable	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of non-cash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance
TREE TRUST 2231 EDGEWOOD AVE S ST LOUIS PARK, MN 55426	41-1291626	501(C)(3)	10,000				GENERAL DONATION
HOPE 4 YOUTH 2665 4TH AVE N 40 ANOKA, MN 55303	46-1626500	501(C)(3)	25,900				GENERAL DONATION

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

<b>(a)</b> Name and address of organization or government	<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> IRC section if applicable	<b>(d)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(e)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(f)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(g)</b> Description of non-cash assistance	<b>(h)</b> Purpose of grant or assistance
NATIONAL SPORTS CENTER 1700 105TH AVE NE BLAINE, MN 55449	41-1646516	501(C)(3)		85,000	OTHER	IN-KIND ELECTRICITY	GENERAL DONATION

**Schedule J**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**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.**

**2015**  
**Open to Public Inspection**

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

Name of the organization CONNEXUS ENERGY	Employer identification number 41-0128105
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**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

	Yes	No								
<p><b>1a</b> Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)</td> </tr> </table>	<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)		
<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)									
<p><b>b</b> If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain.</p>	1b	Yes								
<p><b>2</b> Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?</p>	2	Yes								
<p><b>3</b> Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee				
<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract									
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study									
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee									
<p><b>4</b> During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:</p>										
<p><b>a</b> Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?</p>	4a	No								
<p><b>b</b> Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</p>	4b	Yes								
<p><b>c</b> Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</p> <p>If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.</p>	4c	No								
<p><b>Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</b></p>										
<p><b>5</b> For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:</p>										
<p><b>a</b> The organization?</p>	5a									
<p><b>b</b> Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.</p>	5b									
<p><b>6</b> For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:</p>										
<p><b>a</b> The organization?</p>	6a									
<p><b>b</b> Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.</p>	6b									
<p><b>7</b> For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.</p>	7									
<p><b>8</b> Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.</p>	8									
<p><b>9</b> If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?</p>	9									

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column(B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
See Additional Data Table							

**Part III Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 1A	OUR POLICY IS TO GROSS UP ALL RECOGNITION PAYMENTS \$50 AND LESS THIS APPLIES TO ALL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING EXECUTIVES
PART I, LINE 4B	THE FOLLOWING OFFICER PARTICIPATED IN A NON-QUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN MICHAEL BASH NO DISBURSEMENTS WERE MADE FROM THE PLAN IN 2016 THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN BALANCES ARE PAYABLE ON DEMAND, IN FULL, BUT THE BALANCES ARE SUBJECT TO RISK OF FORFEITURE UNTIL FULLY DISTRIBUTED
SCHEDULE J, PART II, COLUMN C	AS REQUIRED BY THE INSTRUCTIONS TO SCHEDULE J, PART II, COLUMN C INCLUDES THE CHANGE IN ACTUARIAL VALUE IN THE DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN THESE AMOUNTS CAN VARY DEPENDING ON YEARS OF SERVICE AND ELIGIBLE COMPENSATION THE CHANGE IN ACTUARIAL VALUES ARE GREG RIDDERBUSCH - DOES NOT PARTICIPATE MICHAEL BASH - \$70,090 MATT YSETH - \$38,119 BRIAN BURANDT - \$228 PETER MILLER - \$33,343 DON HALLER - \$30,416 GREG GROENJES - DOES NOT PARTICIPATE NANCY BASARA - \$20,782 MARK KOPLIN - DOES NOT PARTICIPATE NICK LOEHLEIN - \$14,128 DARRIN HELGET - \$16,980



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

OMB No 1545-0047

**2016****Open to Public Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
CONNEXUS ENERGY

Employer identification number

41-0128105

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2	MATT YSETH, DONALD HALLER, GREG RIDDERBUSCH, AND MICHAEL BASH ARE ALL OFFICERS OF CONNEXUS ENERGY AND BOARD MEMBERS OF CONNEXUS BLOCKER (A CONTROLLED SUBSIDIARY OF CONNEXUS ENERGY) DON HOLL AND FRAN BATOR ARE BOTH DIRECTORS OF CONNEXUS ENERGY AND GREAT RIVER ENERGY

## 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	CUSTOMERS WHO PURCHASE ELECTRICITY FROM THE ORGANIZATION ARE MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE THERE IS ONLY ONE MEMBER CLASS

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	EACH MEMBER HAS ONE VOTE

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY SELL THE PROPERTY OF THE COOPERATIVE UPON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE AND IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COOPERATIVE NO SALE OF MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE (25%) PERCENT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE COOPERATIVE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE, HOWEVER, UNLESS AUTHORIZED AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8B	NO COMMITTEES ARE AUTHORIZED TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY

# 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE 990 INFORMATION RETURN IS DELIVERED TO BOARD MEMBERS A WEEK BEFORE THE BOARD MEETING IT IS REVIEWED WITH THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR STAFF AT THE BOARD MEETING, P RIOR TO ISSUANCE

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE COVERED BY THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ANNUALLY, BOARD MEMBERS SIGN A CERTIFICATION STATEMENT THAT THEY MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A BOARD MEMBER. THIS CERTIFICATION INCLUDES CONFLICT OF INTEREST LANGUAGE. IF A BOARD MEMBER STATES ON THE CERTIFICATION THAT THERE IS A CONFLICT, THE ENTIRE BOARD WILL REVIEW THE CONFLICT AT THAT TIME. RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON A PERSON WITH A CONFLICT WOULD BE DEPENDENT UPON THE SPECIFIC SITUATION, AND MAY INCLUDE ABSTAINING FROM DISCUSSIONS AND VOTING AND/OR A REQUEST FOR RESIGNATION.

## 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	COMPENSATION IS BASED ON MARKET DATA FOR SIMILAR POSITIONS AT COMPARABLE COMPANIES A MARKET STUDY WAS COMPLETED IN 2014 FOR THE CEO AND FOR OTHER COOPERATIVE OFFICERS THE BOARD REVIEWES AND APPROVES THE COMPENSATION FOR THE CEO ANNUALLY

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PREVIOUS 5 YEARS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PART VII, COLUMN F, OTHER COMPENSATION	INCLUDED IN OTHER COMPENSATION IS THE ESTIMATED CURRENT YEAR INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE ACTUARIAL VALUE OF THE DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE COOPERATIVE WHO ARE COVERED BY THE PENSION PLAN

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 4, BENEFITS PAID TO OR FOR MEMBERS	THE COOPERATIVE HAS INTERPRETED THE INSTRUCTIONS TO PART IX, LINE 4, TO MEAN PATRONAGE CAPITAL ALLOCATED FOR THE YEAR, RATHER THAN PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIRED THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE BY-LAWS OF THE COOPERATIVE

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	CAPITAL CREDITS RETIRED -6,058,565 ALLOCATION OF 2016 MARGINS TO MEMBERS IN 2017 15,096,366

**SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)**

**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2016**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

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

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization  
CONNEXUS ENERGY

**Employer identification number**

41-0128105

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	
<b>(1)</b> CONNEXUS COMMUNITY SOLAR 1 LLC 14601 RAMSEY BLVD RAMSEY, MN 55303 35-2505435	SOLAR ENERGY INVESTMENT	MN	N/A									

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
<b>(1)</b> CONNEXUS BLOCKER LLC 14601 RAMSEY BLVD RAMSEY, MN 55303 46-5423665	HOLDING COMPANY FOR SOLAR ENERGY INVESTMENTS	MN	CONNEXUS ENERGY	C	-53,941	93,804	100 000 %	Yes	

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

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

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?		
<b>a</b> Receipt of <b>(i)</b> interest, <b>(ii)</b> annuities, <b>(iii)</b> royalties, or <b>(iv)</b> rent from a controlled entity . . . . .	<b>1a</b>	No
<b>b</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1b</b>	No
<b>c</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1c</b>	No
<b>d</b> Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1d</b>	No
<b>e</b> Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1e</b>	No
<b>f</b> Dividends from related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1f</b>	No
<b>g</b> Sale of assets to related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1g</b>	No
<b>h</b> Purchase of assets from related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1h</b>	No
<b>i</b> Exchange of assets with related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1i</b>	No
<b>j</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1j</b>	No
<b>k</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1k</b>	No
<b>l</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1l</b>	No
<b>m</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1m</b>	No
<b>n</b> Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1n</b>	No
<b>o</b> Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1o</b>	No
<b>p</b> Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses . . . . .	<b>1p</b>	No
<b>q</b> Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses . . . . .	<b>1q</b>	No
<b>r</b> Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1r</b>	No
<b>s</b> Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1s</b>	No

**2** If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved



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

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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