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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

COMMITMENT TO OUR MEMBERS TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE AT DELIVERING RELIABLE ELECTRIC POWER AND RELATED SERVICES AT A COMPETITIVE PRICE TO FACILIATE THIS COMMITMENT, WE WILL CONTINUE TO INVEST IN THE LATEST PROVEN TECHNOLOGIES, GOOD STEWARDSHIP OF OUR ENVIRONMENT AND THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE, AS WELL AS IN THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC, OUR MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES - THE TRUE SOURCE OF ENERGY OF BLUEBONNET

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	Yes	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		No
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	Yes	
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		No
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		No
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		No
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	Yes	
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		No
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		No
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		No
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	Yes	
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	Yes	
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		No
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		No
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable	108	
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	0	
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	323	
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	204,404,049	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	3,570,475	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI. ☒**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

			Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	1a	11		
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.				
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b	11		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2			No
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3			No
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		Yes	
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5			No
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6		Yes	
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a		Yes	
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b		Yes	
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
a The governing body?	8a		Yes	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b			No
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O.	9			No

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed:	
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. ☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)	
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.	
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records. ► ELIZABETH KANA CFO 155 ELECTRIC AVENUE BASTROP, TX 78602 (888) 622-2583	

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck 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) BENNIE FLENCHE CHAIRMAN	6 70 1 00	X		X				43,924	0	0
(2) KENNETH MUTSCHER VICE-CHAIRMAN	7 60 1 00	X		X				40,684	0	0
(3) RODERICK EMANUEL SECRETARY/TREASURER	7 60 1 00	X		X				40,534	0	0
(4) BYRON BALKE ASST SECRETARY/TREASURER	6 90 1 00	X		X				39,803	0	0
(5) KATHLEEN HANDY DIRECTOR (JAN - APR)	3 00 1 00	X						17,239	0	0
(6) RUSSELL JURK DIRECTOR	7 40 1 00	X						39,934	0	0
(7) JAMES KERSHAW DIRECTOR	3 20 1 00	X						37,803	0	0
(8) ROBERT MIKESKA DIRECTOR	3 60 1 00	X						38,453	0	0
(9) RICHARD SCHMIDT DIRECTOR	7 20 1 00	X						39,119	0	0
(10) MILTON SHAW DIRECTOR	8 80 1 00	X						39,003	0	0
(11) SUANNA TUMLINSON DIRECTOR	12 40 1 00	X						39,953	0	0
(12) MARK ROSE CEO	40 00			X				566,347	0	106,602
(13) MATT BENTKE COO/CEO	55 00			X				380,608	0	97,886
(14) ELIZABETH KANA CFO	45 00			X				305,817	0	87,176
(15) GRANT GUTIERREZ CIO/CONTROLLER	50 00			X				260,443	0	78,727
(16) RACHEL ELLIS CHIEF ADMINISTRATION OFFICER	50 00			X				265,052	0	165,683
(17) ERIC KOCIAN CHIEF ENGINEER/SYSTEM OPS OFFICER	50 00			X				264,379	0	70,343

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) SARAH NEWMAN-ALTAMIRANO GENERAL COUNSEL	50 00			X				301,430	0	50,905
(19) JOHN SANDERS MGR OF COMMUNITY & ECO DEV	50 00				X			173,848	0	73,422
(20) WILLIAM HOLFORD MGR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS	50 00					X		160,242	0	23,125
(21) DAVID TOBOLA MGR OF OPERATIONS	50 00					X		145,268	0	76,638
(22) LESLIE BARRIOS MGR OF FUNCTIONAL SUPPORT	50 00					X		144,640	0	20,441
(23) THOMAS ELLIS MGR OF ENGINEERING	50 00					X		140,452	0	43,087
(24) CASEY ACKER MGR OF CONTRACTORS	50 00					X		128,860	0	36,070

1b Sub-Total			
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A			
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	3,653,835	0	930,105

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 **▶ 38**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		No
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	Yes	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		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
BURLIN POWER LINE LLC 1079 CR 418 LEXINGTON, TX 78947	CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR	2,893,059
ECHO POWERLINE LLC 313 WALNUT STREET BUNKIE, LA 71322	R O W CONTRACTOR	2,530,093
OVER & UNDER LLC 518 AVENUE L SOMERVILLE, TX 77879	CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR	2,190,578
THE DAVEY TREE SURGERY COMPANY PO BOX 5015 LIVERMORE, CA 94551	R O W CONTRACTOR	1,935,959
LINETEC SERVICES LLC PO BOX 13650 ALEXANDRIA, LA 71315	CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR	1,869,432

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 **▶ 34**

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck 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
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns . . .	1a				
	b Membership dues . . .	1b				
	c Fundraising events . . .	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶					
Program Service Revenue			Business Code			
	2a SALES OF ELECTRICITY		221000	191,094,904	191,094,904	
	b PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS		221000	1,339,983	1,339,983	
	c TRANSMISSION ACCESS		221000	1,102,927	1,102,927	
	d SERVICE FEES		221000	884,103	884,103	
	e TRANSMISSION LEASE		221000	853,660	853,660	
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶		195,275,577			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶		116,263		208	116,055
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶					
	5 Royalties ▶		1,126			1,126
			(i) Real	(ii) Personal		
	6a Gross rents					
		2,600				
	b Less rental expenses	373				
	c Rental income or (loss)	2,227				
	d Net rental income or (loss) ▶		2,227			2,227
			(i) Securities	(ii) Other		
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory			83,528		
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses			34,493		
	c Gain or (loss)			49,035		
	d Net gain or (loss) ▶		49,035			49,035
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 a					
	b Less direct expenses b					
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . ▶					
	9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 a					
	b Less direct expenses b					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . ▶					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . a						
		1,046,042				
b Less cost of goods sold . . . b		897,740				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . ▶		148,302	148,302			
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11a REGULATORY DEFERRED REVENUE		221000	1,177,877	1,177,877		
b POLE ATTACHMENT INCOME		221000	582,160		582,160	
c MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		221000	24,482	24,482		
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶			1,784,519			
12 Total revenue. See Instructions ▶			197,377,049	196,626,238	208	750,603

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

**Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.**

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21.	1,416,620			
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, line 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members.	6,986,081			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	3,665,117			
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).				
7 Other salaries and wages.	14,953,773			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	3,535,423			
9 Other employee benefits.	2,780,881			
10 Payroll taxes.	1,248,840			
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management.				
b Legal.				
c Accounting.				
d Lobbying.				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f Investment management fees.				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).				
12 Advertising and promotion.				
13 Office expenses.				
14 Information technology.				
15 Royalties.				
16 Occupancy.				
17 Travel.				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.				
20 Interest.	12,655,868			
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	21,060,031			
23 Insurance.				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O):				
a PURCHASED POWER	108,308,227			
b DISTRIBUTION EXPENSE	10,821,281			
c ADMIN & GENERAL EXPENSE	6,129,309			
d CONSUMER EXPENSE	3,233,913			
e All other expenses	281,879			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	197,077,243			
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐

				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		3,802,050	1	2,919,952
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		7,566,909	2	11,320,718
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		15,180,381	4	17,559,126
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L.			5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L.			6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		45,400	7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		4,622,167	8	5,721,645
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		11,522,374	9	10,569,849
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D.	10a	557,916,214		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	121,553,710		
				418,592,311	10c	436,362,504
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities			11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11			12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		12,694,825	13	13,225,829
	14	Intangible assets			14	
15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		464,314	15	23,254	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		474,490,731	16	497,702,877	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		18,139,183	17	19,063,804
	18	Grants payable			18	
	19	Deferred revenue		1,862,539	19	665,203
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D.		431,475	21	451,517
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L			22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		272,320,495	23	286,748,790
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D.		22,827,611	25	29,864,028
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		315,581,303	26	336,793,342
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☐ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.					
	27	Unrestricted net assets			27	
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets			29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 30 through 34.					
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		954,710	30	905,050
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		0	31	0
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		157,954,718	32	160,004,485
	33	Total net assets or fund balances		158,909,428	33	160,909,535
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		474,490,731	34	497,702,877

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☒

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	197,377,049
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	197,077,243
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	299,806
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	158,909,428
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	1,700,301
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	160,909,535

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☒

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis		No
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 ☐ Separate basis ☒ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	Yes	
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	Yes	

Additional Data

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Name: BLUEBONNET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

Form 990 (2016)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

PROVIDING ELECTRIC ENERGY TO OUR MEMBERS - 91,917 ACTIVE SERVICES AT YEAR END ALL ACTIVE SERVICES DURING THE YEAR WERE PROVIDED ELECTRICITY ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS THROUGH THE ALLOCATION OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Supplemental Financial Statements ► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. ► Attach to Form 990. Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.			OMB No 1545-0047 2016 Open to Public Inspection
Name of the organization BLUEBONNET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC				Employer identification number 74-0754103	
Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.					
		(a) Donor advised funds		(b) Funds and other accounts	
1	Total number at end of year				
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)				
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)				
4	Aggregate value at end of year				
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?				☐ Yes ☐ No
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?				☐ Yes ☐ No
Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.					
1	Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply) ☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education) ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area ☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure ☐ Preservation of open space				
2	Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year				
a	Total number of conservation easements	Held at the End of the Year			
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2a			
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2b			
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2c			
		2d			
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	► \$			
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Part III

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

3

Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a

☐ Public exhibition

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

4

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

5

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☒ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

☒ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

☒

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

2

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

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment

b

Permanent endowment

c

Temporarily restricted endowment

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

3a

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

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

b

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

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

4

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

Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' 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
1a Land		4,657,060		4,657,060
b Buildings		32,182,686	8,269,385	23,913,301
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		506,820,222	113,284,325	393,535,897
e Other		14,256,246		14,256,246
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				436,362,504

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)		
Total. (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)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13) ▶		

Part IX

Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d See Form 990, Part X, line 15

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15) ▶	

Part X

Other Liabilities.

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
ACCRUED OPERATING TAXES	853,251
CONSUMER DEPOSITS	3,879,630
PATRONAGE CAPITAL PAYABLE	3,387,508
ACCUMULATED PROVISION FOR PENSION AND BENEFITS	13,345,510
POWER COST OVER COLLECTED	8,398,129
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25) ▶	29,864,028

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

☒

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

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

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

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

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

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

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
See Additional Data Table	

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

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Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART IV, LINE 2B	PURSUANT TO SECTION 74 3013 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY CODE, THE COOPERATIVE HAS ESTABLISHED A RURAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND WITH AMOUNTS DESIGNATED UNCLAIMED PER STATE LAW THE AMOUNTS DEPOSITED INTO THE RURAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND ARE APPROVED BY THE STATE OF TEXAS AND CAN ONLY BE USED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO ENABLE STUDENTS FROM RURAL AREAS TO ATTEND COLLEGE, TECHNICAL SCHOOL OR OTHER POST SECONDARY EDUCATION INSTITUTION ANY AMOUNTS SO DEPOSITED INTO THE RURAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND ARE STILL PAYABLE TO THE PERSON TO WHOM THE ORIGINAL PAYMENT WAS MADE BUT UNCLAIMED ALSO PURSUANT TO SECTION 74 3013 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY CODE, THE COOPERATIVE HAS ESTABLISHED AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND WITH AMOUNTS DESIGNATED UNCLAIMED PER STATE LAW THE AMOUNTS DEPOSITED INTO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND ARE APPROVED BY THE STATE OF TEXAS AND CAN ONLY BE USED FOR THE STIMULATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN RURAL COMMUNITIES ANY AMOUNTS SO DEPOSITED INTO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND ARE STILL PAYABLE TO THE PERSON TO WHOM THE ORIGINAL PAYMENT WAS MADE BUT UNCLAIMED ALSO PURSUANT TO SECTION 74 3013 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY CODE, THE COOPERATIVE HAS ESTABLISHED AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY ASSISTANCE FUND AMOUNTS DESIGNATED UNCLAIMED PER STATE LAW THE AMOUNTS DEPOSITED INTO THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY ASSISTANCE FUND ARE APPROVED BY THE STATE OF TEXAS AND CAN ONLY BE USED TO ASSIST MEMBERS OF AN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE IN REDUCING THEIR ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND ELECTRICITY BILLS ANY AMOUNTS SO DEPOSITED INTO THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY ASSISTANCE FUND ARE STILL PAYABLE TO THE PERSON TO WHOM THE ORIGINAL PAYMENT WAS MADE BUT UNCLAIMED

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2	THE COOPERATIVE FOLLOWS THE "UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS" PROVISIONS OF ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE PRIMARY TAX POSITION OF THE COOPERATIVE IS ITS FILING STATUS AS A TAX EXEMPT ENTITY THE COOPERATIVE DETERMINED THAT IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THAT ITS TAX POSITION WILL BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, OR OTHER STATE TAXING AUTHORITY, AND THAT ALL TAX BENEFITS ARE LIKELY TO BE REALIZED UPON SETTLEMENT WITH TAXING AUTHORITIES

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 11, PART X, LINE 15	PART VIII THE AMOUNT OF INVESTMENTS - PROGRAM RELATED ON FORM 990, PAGE 11, PART X, LINE 13 DOES NOT EQUAL OR EXCEED 5 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL ASSETS ON FORM 990, PAGE 11, PART X, LINE 16, COLUMN B CONSEQUENTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH IRS INSTRUCTIONS SCHEDULE D, PART VIII HAS BEEN LEFT BLANK PART IX THE AMOUNT OF OTHER ASSETS ON FORM 990, PAGE 11, PART X, LINE 15 DOES NOT EQUAL OR EXCEED 5 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL ASSETS ON FORM 990, PAGE 11, PART X, LINE 16, COLUMN B CONSEQUENTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH IRS INSTRUCTIONS SCHEDULE D, PART IX HAS BEEN LEFT BLANK

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Schedule I
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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.

Name of the organization
BLUEBONNET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

Employer identification number
74-0754103

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
See Additional Data Table							
(1)							
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2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 41

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table 41

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

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE I, PART IV	GRANT RECIPIENTS ARE CHOSEN THROUGH AN APPLICATION PROCESS AND ASSESSED BASED ON STATED PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED USE OF GRANT PROCEEDS GRANT RECIPIENTS ARE NON-PROFIT AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE LOCATED IN THE COOPERATIVE'S SERVICE AREA ALL DONATIONS ARE INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH OUR MEMBERS RESIDE GRANTS ARE MONITORED TO INSURE THAT DONATIONS ARE USED FOR THEIR INTENDED PURPOSES

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 74-0754103
Name: BLUEBONNET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

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ART GUILD OF FAYETTEVILLE PO BOX 33 FAYETTEVILLE, TX 789400033	86-1075343	501(C)(3)	25,000				TO FUND ELECTRICAL, PAINTING, PLUMBING, AND DRYWALL
BASTROP COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS PO BOX 888 BASTROP, TX 786020888	74-2491063	501(C)(3)	7,245				TO FUND PURCHASE OF FIVE EAD'S

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BASTROP OPERA HOUSE PO BOX 691 BASTROP, TX 786020691	74-2161743	501(C)(3)	30,000				TO FUND BUILDING RENOVATIONS
BLEIBLERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PO BOX 151 BLEIBLERVILLE, TX 789310151	74-2972513	501(C)(3)	19,500				TO FUND PURCHASE OF POLARIS RANGER WITH SKID UNIT AND TRAILER

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BLUE BRANCH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 4401 COUNTY ROAD 309 LEXINGTON, TX 789475171	74-2763153	501(C)(3)	50,000				TO FUND PURCHASE OF FIRE TRUCK
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF WASHINGTON COUNTY 1710 E TOM GREEN STREET BRENHAM, TX 778335088	75-3071779	501(C)(3)	28,148				TO FUND 50% COST OF 2015 NEXBUS

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BURLESON COUNTY WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION PO BOX 301 LYONS, TX 778630301	84-1719618	501(C)(3)	15,580				TO FUND HUNTING STANDS, BINDS, FEEDERS, AND FEED
CAMP FOR ALL FOUNDATION 10500 NORTHWEST FWY STE 220 HOUSTON, TX 770928224	76-0404267	501(C)(3)	56,500				TO FUND WEIR PORTION OF DAM

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DALE COMMUNITY CENTER PO BOX 305 DALE, TX 786160305	74-2343399	501(C)(4)	28,050				TO FUND DEMO OF KITCHEN, DINING ROOM, ELECTRICAL, AND HVAC
EBENEZER LUTHERAN CHURCH 269 CHURCH STREET MAXWELL, TX 78656	74-2032795	501(C)(3)	50,000				TO FUND CONCRETE AND ASPHALT

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ELGIN CAREGIVERS PO BOX 1368 ELGIN, TX 786211313	74-3249341	501(C)(3)	42,150				TO FUND PURCHASE OF VAN
ELGIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PO BOX 689 ELGIN, TX 786210689	20-1244608	501(C)(3)	27,855				TO FUND PURCHASE OF RANGES WITH SKID UNIT, TRAILER, AND ACCESSORIES

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FAITH MISSION 500 E ACADEMY STREET BRENHAM, TX 778335088	74-2389934	501(C)(3)	50,000				TO FUND ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING
FAYETTE RESALE INC 529 W TRAVIS STREET LA GRANGE, TX 789452517	74-2897534	501(C)(3)	24,000				TO FUND FOUR HVAC UNITS

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GIDDINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 118 E RICHMOND STREET GIDDINGS, TX 789424120	74-2241320	501(C)(3)	33,400				TO FUND REPLACEMENT OF FOUR SCBA UNITS
HEART OF THE PINES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PO BOX 98 SMITHVILLE, TX 789570098	74-2200618	501(C)(4)	10,080				TO FUND FIFTEEN HEADLAMPS, FIFTEEN HELMETS, AND AIR COMPRESSOR

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JOE ROLAND COMMUNITY CENTER 7943 FM 672 DALE, TX 786162539	47-4374669	501(C)(3)	25,000				TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNITY CENTER
LEE COUNTY FIRST RESPONDER ORGANIZATION 1018 COUNTY ROAD 420 LEXINGTON, TX 789476345	74-2860024	501(C)(3)	46,500				TO FUND PURCHASE OF FIFTEEN RESPONDER BAGS

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LINCOLN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 1135 MAIN AVE LINCOLN, TX 789486504	74-2623925	501(C)(3)	25,000				TO FUND CONSTRUCTION/MATERIALS FOR RESTROOM
LOCKHART AREA SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER 901 BOIS D ARC STREET LOCKHART, TX 786442058	46-0494689	501(C)(3)	17,335				TO FUND VEHICLE, ICE MAKER, AND FRIDGE

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LULING AREA OIL MUSEUM ASSOCIATION INC PO BOX 1002 LULING, TX 786481002	74-2559148	501(C)(3)	25,500				TO FUND 25% OF CONCRETE AND ELEVATOR SHAFT CONSTRUCTION
LULING FOUNDATION 523 S MULBERRY STREET LULING, TX 786482940	74-1143102	501(C)(3)	30,000				TO FUND PURCHASE OF 60X40 WORKSHOP

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LULING LITTLE LEAGUE 300 TRINITY STREET LULING, TX 786481630	47-2991898	501(C)(3)	23,775				TO FUND FIELD GROOMER, ZERO TURN MOWER, AND UTV
LULING MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE 402 S MULBERRY STREET LULING, TX 786482863	74-2954207	501(C)(3)	19,500				TO FUND REPLACEMENT OF ROOF AND PORCH ENCLOSURE

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MARTINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PO BOX 508 MARTINDALE, TX 786550508	41-2029639	501(C)(3)	29,050				TO FUND PURCHASE OF FIVE MULTIBAND PORTABLE RADIOS AND ACCESSORIES
MCMAHAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 291 WHIZZERVILLE RD DALE, TX 786163609	74-2353702	501(C)(3)	50,000				TO FUND PURCHASE OF FIRE TRUCK

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MEALS ON WHEELS AND MORE 3227 E 5TH STREET AUSTIN, TX 787024907	23-7202594	501(C)(3)	22,500				TO FUND 50% PURCHASE OF VEHICLE
MEYERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 10032 HIGHWAY 105 BRENHAM, TX 778330318	74-2310120	501(C)(3)	37,500				TO FUND SITE WORK AND CONCRETE SLAB

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MULDOON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PO BOX 133 MULDOON, TX 789490133	74-3004298	501(C)(3)	18,553				TO FUND WIRELESS COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT
NRECA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION 4301 WILSON BLVD ARLINGTON, VA 222031819	52-1409279	501(C)(3)	25,000				TO FUND BENEFITS - ELECTRIFYING LIBERIA - TOTOTA

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PRAIRIE HILL - ROCKY HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 7559 FM 50 BRENHAM, TX 778330318	74-2707525		24,990				TO FUND PURCHASE OF FIVE PPE, RADIO REC, FOAM PACKS, GAS DET, AND CAMERA
PRIMERA INGLESIA DE BASTROP TEXAS 306 PAUL C BELL STREET BASTROP, TX 786024207	71-0954235	501(C)(3)	19,926				TO FUND PANTRY REMODEL, FREEZER, AND SHELVING

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ROSANKY COMMUNITY CENTER PO BOX 141 ROSANKY, TX 789530141	74-2856740	501(C)(4)	18,900				TO FUND INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR RESTORATION
SMITHVILLE FOOD PANTRY PO BOX 433 SMITHVILLE, TX 789570433	74-2885979	501(C)(3)	40,000				TO FUND REQUESTED ITEMS FOR NEW FACILITY

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SMITHVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PO BOX 328 SMITHVILLE, TX 789570328	74-2116378	501(C)(4)	21,374				TO FUND PURCHASE OF FIVE PORTABLE RADIOS
SOMERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 742 MEORY LANE SOMERVILLE, TX 77879	74-6002326		50,000				TO FUND PURCHASE OF CAMERA, HELMET LIGHTS, AND SCBAS

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TANGLEWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 1146 W COUNTY ROAD 415 LEXINGTON, TX 789479682	20-3373594	501(C)(3)	19,999				TO FUND EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS
TEJAS HEALTH CARE PO BOX 1251 LA GRANGE, TX 789458251	75-3260266	501(C)(3)	32,479				TO FUND MEDICAL AND DENTAL EQUIPMENT

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UNITY THEATRE COMPANY 300 CHURCH ST BRENHAM, TX 778333666	74-2763040	501(C)(3)	20,071				TO FUND A/C UNIT UPGRADE
WASHINGTON TEXAS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 20304 FM 1155 EAST WASHINGTON, TX 77880	74-2376349		50,000				TO FUND CONCRETE PORTION OF PROJECT

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YORK CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 9951 FM 1101 SEGUIN, TX 78155	74-2407560	501(C)(4)	15,793				TO FUND PURCHASE OF THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

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

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

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

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Name of the organization
BLUEBONNET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

Employer identification number
74-0754103

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

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

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 4B	THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATE IN A SECTION 457(F) NON-QUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION (NQDC) PLAN. THE AMOUNTS LISTED REPRESENT THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR TO SUCH PLANS. MARK ROSE - \$42,735. MATT BENTKE - \$17,325.
FORM 990, SCHEDULE J, PART II, COLUMN C	INCLUDED IN THIS AMOUNT IS THE INCREASE IN ACTUARIAL VALUE OF BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER A DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN. THE CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE NRECA R&S DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN ARE THE SAME FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THIS MULTI-EMPLOYER PLAN. THE CHANGE IN ACTUARIAL VALUE FOR EACH PARTICIPANT, HOWEVER, VARIES WITH AGE. IN OTHER WORDS, THE OLDER A PLAN PARTICIPANT IS, THE GREATER THE INCREASE IN THAT INDIVIDUAL'S CHANGE IN ACTUARIAL VALUE, ALL OTHER THINGS BEING EQUAL. BECAUSE THIS RELATES TO A MULTI-EMPLOYER PLAN, CASH CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PLAN IN LIEU OF THE ACTUARIAL INCREASE ARE EXPENSED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. MARK ROSE: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN \$ 73,999. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO 401(K) PLAN 8,250. TOTAL REPORTED IN COLUMN C \$ 82,249. LESS: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (73,999). ADD: CASH CONTRIBUTION TO DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN 120,536. ADD: CASH CONTRIBUTION TO PENSION RESTORATION PLAN 42,735. EXPENSE TO THE COOPERATIVE \$ 171,521. MATT BENTKE: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN \$ 62,572. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO 401(K) PLAN 8,250. TOTAL REPORTED IN COLUMN C \$ 70,822. LESS: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (62,572). ADD: CASH CONTRIBUTION TO DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN 86,969. ADD: CASH CONTRIBUTION TO PENSION RESTORATION PLAN 17,325. EXPENSE TO THE COOPERATIVE \$ 112,544. ELIZABETH KANA: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN \$ 55,907. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO 401(K) PLAN 7,428. TOTAL REPORTED IN COLUMN C \$ 63,335. LESS: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (55,907). ADD: CASH CONTRIBUTION TO DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN 70,185. EXPENSE TO THE COOPERATIVE \$ 77,613. GRANT GUTIERREZ: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN \$ 38,810. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO 401(K) PLAN 8,423. TOTAL REPORTED IN COLUMN C \$ 47,233. LESS: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (38,810). ADD: CASH CONTRIBUTION TO DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN 62,557. EXPENSE TO THE COOPERATIVE \$ 70,980. RACHEL ELLIS: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN \$ 134,489. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO 401(K) PLAN 7,950. TOTAL REPORTED IN COLUMN C \$ 142,439. LESS: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (134,489). ADD: CASH CONTRIBUTION TO DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN 57,979. EXPENSE TO THE COOPERATIVE \$ 65,929. ERIC KOCIAN: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN \$ 35,289. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO 401(K) PLAN 7,435. TOTAL REPORTED IN COLUMN C \$ 42,724. LESS: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (35,289). ADD: CASH CONTRIBUTION TO DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN 62,557. EXPENSE TO THE COOPERATIVE \$ 69,992. SARAH NEWMAN-ALTAMIRANO: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN \$ 0. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO 401(K) PLAN 21,200. TOTAL COLUMN C AND EXPENSE TO COOPERATIVE \$ 21,200. JOHN SANDERS: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN \$ 41,449. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO 401(K) PLAN 5,258. TOTAL REPORTED IN COLUMN C \$ 46,707. LESS: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (41,449). ADD: CASH CONTRIBUTION TO DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN 45,773. EXPENSE TO THE COOPERATIVE \$ 51,031. WILLIAM HOLFORD: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN \$ 0. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO 401(K) PLAN 12,823. TOTAL COLUMN C AND EXPENSE TO COOPERATIVE \$ 12,823. DAVID TOBOLA: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN \$ 43,149. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO 401(K) PLAN 4,609. TOTAL REPORTED IN COLUMN C \$ 47,758. LESS: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (43,149). ADD: CASH CONTRIBUTION TO DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN 41,196. EXPENSE TO THE COOPERATIVE \$ 45,805. LESLIE BARRIOS: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN \$ 0. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO 401(K) PLAN 9,919. TOTAL COLUMN C AND EXPENSE TO COOPERATIVE \$ 9,919. THOMAS ELLIS: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN \$ 26,842. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO 401(K) PLAN 4,256. TOTAL REPORTED IN COLUMN C \$ 31,098. LESS: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (26,842). ADD: CASH CONTRIBUTION TO DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN 40,402. EXPENSE TO THE COOPERATIVE \$ 44,658. CASEY ACKER: ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN \$ 0. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO 401(K) PLAN 10,328. TOTAL COLUMN C AND EXPENSE TO COOPERATIVE \$ 10,328.

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

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base Compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1MARK ROSECEO	(i)	442,543	0	123,804	82,249	24,353	672,949	65,294
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
1MATT BENTKECOO/CEO	(i)	318,773	60,000	1,835	70,822	27,064	478,494	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
2ELIZABETH KANACFO	(i)	262,699	40,000	3,118	63,335	23,841	392,993	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
3GRANT GUTIERREZ CIO/CONTROLLER	(i)	229,272	30,000	1,171	47,233	31,494	339,170	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
4RACHEL ELLIS CHIEF ADMINISTATION OFFICER	(i)	222,989	20,000	22,063	142,439	23,244	430,735	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
5ERIC KOCIAN CHIEF ENGINEER/SYSTEM OPS OFFICER	(i)	233,109	30,000	1,270	42,724	27,619	334,722	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
6SARAH NEWMAN-ALTAMIRANO GENERAL COUNSEL	(i)	259,906	40,000	1,524	21,200	29,705	352,335	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
7JOHN SANDERS MGR OF COMMUNITY & ECO DEV	(i)	154,212	15,000	4,636	46,707	26,715	247,270	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
8WILLIAM HOLFORD MGR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS	(i)	148,972	10,000	1,270	12,823	10,302	183,367	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
9DAVID TOBOLA MGR OF OPERATIONS	(i)	130,971	13,357	940	47,758	28,880	221,906	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
10LESLIE BARRIOS MGR OF FUNCTIONAL SUPPORT	(i)	133,225	10,145	1,270	9,919	10,522	165,081	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
11THOMAS ELLIS MGR OF ENGINEERING	(i)	134,074	4,580	1,798	31,098	11,989	183,539	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0
12CASEY ACKER MGR OF CONTRACTORS	(i)	116,447	11,143	1,270	10,328	25,742	164,930	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	-0	-0	0

Schedule L

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Transactions with Interested Persons

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only)
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a, or Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Total						▶ \$						

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) GARY GUTIERREZ	FAMILY RELATIONSHIP	64,778	GARY GUTIERREZ RECEIVED COMPENSATION AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COOPERATIVE HE AND GRANT GUTIERREZ, EMPLOYEE OFFICER, ARE FAMILY MEMBERS PER THE 990 DEFINITION OF FAMILY MEMBERS		No
(2) GARRETT GUTIERREZ	FAMILY RELATIONSHIP	85,655	GARRETT GUTIERREZ RECEIVED COMPENSATION AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COOPERATIVE HE AND GRANT GUTIERREZ, EMPLOYEE OFFICER, ARE FAMILY MEMBERS PER THE 990 DEFINITION OF FAMILY MEMBERS		No
(3) PHILLIP ELLIS	FAMILY RELATIONSHIP	121,869	PHILLIP ELLIS RECEIVED COMPENSATION AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COOPERATIVE HE AND RACHEL ELLIS, EMPLOYEE OFFICER, ARE FAMILY MEMBERS PER THE 990 DEFINITION OF FAMILY MEMBERS		No
(4) DAVID TOBOLA	FAMILY RELATIONSHIP	145,268	DAVID TOBOLA RECEIVED COMPENSATION AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COOPERATIVE HE AND RACHEL ELLIS, EMPLOYEE OFFICER, ARE FAMILY MEMBERS PER THE 990 DEFINITION OF FAMILY MEMBERS		No
(5) ELIZABETH HERSCHAP	FAMILY RELATIONSHIP	35,858	ELIZABETH HERSCHAP RECEIVED COMPENSATION AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COOPERATIVE SHE AND ELIZABETH KANA, EMPLOYEE OFFICER, ARE FAMILY MEMBERS PER THE 990 DEFINITION OF FAMILY MEMBERS		No

Part V Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Name of the organization

BLUEBONNET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

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.

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 4	ON OCTOBER 18, 2016, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED BYLAW AMENDMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES AND SECTIONS: ARTICLE I - MEMBERS: IN SECTION 1, THE QUALIFICATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS WERE CLARIFIED ON WHO MAY BECOME A MEMBER IN THE COOPERATIVE. SECTION 1 ALSO DEFINED EASEMENT OBLIGATIONS AND JOINT MEMBERSHIPS WHICH NOW HAVE THEIR OWN SECTIONS, 2 AND 3, RESPECTIVELY. SECTION 4 WAS PREVIOUSLY ARTICLE VII, AND WAS MOVED AS IT PERTAINS TO MEMBERS AND THEIR RIGHTS/OBLIGATIONS. TRANSFERING MEMBERSHIPS WAS EXPANDED ON TO CLARIFY THE OUTCOME OF A MEMBERSHIP UPON LEGAL TERMINATION OF A MARRIAGE IN SECTION 9. THE PREVIOUS SECTION 7, REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS, HAS BEEN MOVED TO ARTICLE III - DIRECTORS. ARTICLE II - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS: SECTION 4 WAS CLARIFIED TO STATE THAT AT LEAST 1% OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON OR REPRESENTED BY PROXY SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS. THE ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR A MEMBER MEETING IN SECTION 9 WAS UPDATED TO STATE THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD MAY TAKE ACTIONS REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR EFFICIENTLY AND CONDUCTING THE MEMBER MEETING. ARTICLE III - DIRECTORS: THE GENERAL POWERS IN SECTION 1 HAS REMOVED THE APPOINTING OF ADVISORY DIRECTORS BY THE BOARD. SECTION 2 HAS BEEN EXPANDED UPON TO CLARIFY THE QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMS FOR DIRECTORS AND DIRECTOR CANDIDATES. SECTION 5, REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS AND DISQUALIFICATION, HAS BEEN ADDED TO ARTICLE III FROM ARTICLE I. SECTION 6 HAS ADDED THAT A VACANT BOARD SEAT MAY BE LEFT UNFILLED UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING IF THE BOARD SO CHOOSES. ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS: SECTION 1 CLARIFIES THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE HELD ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH. SECTION 3 HAS CLARIFIED THE TIMING OF A NOTICE OF A SPECIAL OR REGULAR MEETING SHALL BE GIVEN AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING TAKING PLACE. ARTICLE VII - NON-PROFIT OPERATION: SECTION 2, PATRONAGE CAPITAL IN CONNECTION WITH FURNISHING ELECTRIC ENERGY CLARIFIES THE PRE-EXISTING OBLIGATION THE COOPERATIVE HAS TO ISSUE PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS TO THE PATRONS IN A FAIR AND EQUITABLE MANNER, ON THE BASIS OF PATRONAGE AND IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO OPERATING MARGINS DERIVED FROM THE PROVISION OF A COOPERATIVE SERVICE. THE AMENDMENTS ALSO CLARIFIED THE AUTHORITY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS TO DETERMINE HOW A LOSS FROM OPERATIONS SHOULD BE HANDLED, TO SPECIALLY ALLOCATE PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS RECEIVED FROM OTHER COOPERATIVE, AND TO CREATE UNALLOCATED RESERVES FROM NON-OPERATING MARGINS. INCONSISTENT USE OF TERMS WERE CLARIFIED AS WELL AS THE AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE THE RETIREMENT OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL, INCLUDING THE NATURE, TIMING AND EXTENT OF SUCH RETIREMENTS. A COMPLETE COPY OF THE BYLAWS CAN BE FOUND ON THE COOPERATIVE'S WEBSITE AT: HTTPS://WWW.BLUEBONNETELECTRICCOOP/ABOUT/REPORTS-FORMS

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE COOPERATIVE WAS FORMED BY THE MEMBERS TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC SERVICE AT COST ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	THE MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE VOTE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS ARE DONE ON A ONE MEMBER ONE VOTE BASIS

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	THE FOLLOWING ACTS REQUIRE APPROVAL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE 1 DISSOLUTION/LIQU IDATION OF THE COOPERATIVE, 2 MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION OF THE COOPERATIVE WITH ANOTHER ORG ANIZATION, 3 DISPOSAL OF A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE COOPERATIVE'S ASSETS, 4 AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8B	THE COOPERATIVE HAS NO COMMITTEES WITH AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY T HEREFORE, AND PURSUANT TO FORM 990 INSTRUCTIONS, THE QUESTION HAS BEEN ANSWERED "NO"

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	MANAGEMENT PRESENTED A COPY OF THE FORM 990 TO THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSION AND REVIEW PRIOR TO FILING

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COOPERATIVE ARE REQUIRED TO REVIEW AND BE FAMILIAR WITH THE POLICIES OUTLINED IN THE COOPERATIVE'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY OFFICE RS, BOARD MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE ANY ACTION OR SITUATION THAT MIGHT VIOLATE THE POLICY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT ANY ACTION OR SITUATION TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT ANY ACTION OR SITUATION TO MANAGEMENT

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS USE A COMPENSATION SURVEY AND COMPARE COMPENSATION REPORTED ON IRS FORMS 990 FOR OTHER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES WHEN DETERMINING THE COMPENSATION OF THE GENERAL MANAGER. THE SURVEY SHOWS COMPARATIVE SALARIES FOR GENERAL MANAGERS FROM COOPERATIVES LOCATED IN TEXAS AND THE NATION. INTERNAL AND /OR EXTERNAL RESOURCES ARE ALSO USED TO COMPARE ANNUAL COMPENSATION WITHIN THE INDUSTRY. WHEN DETERMINING SALARIES FOR OTHER EMPLOYEES MEETING THE DEFINITION OF OFFICER, KEY AND HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOYEE, THE COOPERATIVE USES A WEB-BASED SOFTWARE THAT COLLECTS INFORMATION FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING THE UTILITY INDUSTRY, IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. THE AVAILABLE DATA FOR UTILITIES OF SIMILAR SIZE TO AND IN THE REGION OF THE COOPERATIVE, ALONG WITH COMPENSATION DATA OBTAINED FROM FORMS 990 OF OTHER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, IS USED TO SET APPROPRIATE MARKET BASED SALARIES. THIS PROCESS IS ADMINISTERED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER AND THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE COOPERATIVE PROVIDES A SUMMARIZED COPY OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING THE COOPERATIVE WILL PROVIDE A COMPLETE COPY OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, OR GOVERNING DOCUMENTS TO ANY MEMBER WHO REQUESTS A COPY

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VII, COLUMN D	THE COMPENSATION REPORTED FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS INCLUDE HEALTH INSURANCE P REMIUMS PAID BY THE COOPERATIVE ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VIII, LINE 2	PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS RESULT FROM THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST FROM COOPERATIVE BANKS AND THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES FROM OTHER COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS THE EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH PURCHASES FROM AND PAYMENTS TO SUCH COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS ARE A DIRECT COMPONENT OF COST OF THE ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE COOPERATIVE TO ITS MEMBERS

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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FORM 990, PART IX, LINES 5-7	SALARIES AND WAGES ARE ALLOCATED TO ASSET, LIABILITY, AND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS BASED ON THE AC COUNTING SYSTEM DESCRIBED ABOVE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE RECONCILES AMOUNTS REPORTED ON LIN ES 5-7 TO TOTAL WAGES ACCRUED AND/OR PAID TOTAL PER LINES 5-7 \$ 18,618,890 LESS DIRECTORS FEES REPORTED ON 1099-MISC (416,449) LESS EMPLOYEE OFFICER & KEY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS INCLUD ED IN LINE 5 (730,744) PLUS SALARIES AND WAGES ALLOCATED TO NONOPERATING MARGIN 183,561 PL US SALARIES AND WAGES ALLOCATED TO ASSET ACCOUNTS 6,103,933 TOTAL WAGES ACCRUED AND/OR PAI D \$ 23,759,191

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 24	ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSE IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE SERVICES EMPLOYE D \$ 1,115,260 OUTSIDE SERVICES EMPLOYED - IT 899,767 TECHNOLOGY 1,613,830 DUES AND SUBSCRI PTIONS 226,530 GENERAL MAINTENANCE 213,925 INSURANCE 295,083 DIRECTOR EXPENSE 200,469 PROP ERTY TAX 312,661 OTHER TAX EXPENSE 325,659 TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION 23,201 OTHER GENERAL AN D ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE 902,924 TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSE PER 990 \$ 6,129, 309

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FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 4	PURSUANT TO THE FORM 990 INSTRUCTIONS, THE AMOUNT OF PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS PAID TO THE MEMBERS (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "PATRONS") SHOULD BE REPORTED ON PART IX, LINE 4. THE PHRASE "PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS PAID" REFERS TO THE PROCESS, SUBSEQUENT TO YEAR-END, BY WHICH THE COOPERATIVE ALLOCATES PATRONAGE CAPITAL TO AND, THEREFORE, OPERATES AT COST WITH ITS PATRONS. THE COOPERATIVE'S TAX EXEMPT PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY TO ITS PATRONS AND TO DO SO ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS. TAX LAW DEFINES "OPERATING ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS" AS SUBORDINATION OF CAPITAL, DEMOCRATIC CONTROL, AND OPERATION AT COST. THE COOPERATIVE OPERATES AT COST THROUGH THE ALLOCATION OF TRUE PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS (ALSO REFERRED TO AS ALLOCATIONS OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL) TO ITS PATRONS. PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS ARE CONSIDERED PAID IF THE ALLOCATION IS MADE (1) PURSUANT TO A PRE-EXISTING OBLIGATION, (2) FROM THE MARGINS PRODUCED FROM THE TRANSACTIONS DONE WITH OR FOR PATRONS, AND (3) IN A FAIR AND EQUITABLE MANNER ON THE BASIS OF PATRONAGE (I.E. PURCHASES). ADDITIONALLY, THE ALLOCATION OF PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS SHOULD BE MADE WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME PERIOD AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE COOPERATIVE'S YEAR-END OF DECEMBER 31. EACH ONE OF THESE REQUIREMENTS FOR A TRUE PATRONAGE DIVIDEND IS PROVIDED FOR IN THE NON-PROFIT OPERATION ARTICLE OF THE COOPERATIVE'S BYLAWS. THE AMOUNT REPORTED ON PART IX, LINE 4 REPRESENTS THE AMOUNT OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL THAT IS EITHER ALLOCATED OR TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE PATRONS RESULTING FROM THEIR PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY FROM THE COOPERATIVE FOR THE 2016 CALENDAR YEAR. BECAUSE PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS ARE THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE COOPERATIVE OPERATES AT COST WITH ITS PATRONS AND THEREBY A KEY COMPONENT TO ACCOMPLISHING ITS EXEMPT PURPOSE, THE COOPERATIVE HAS REPORTED SUCH AMOUNTS AS AN EXPENSE FOR FORM 990 REPORTING. PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS ARE NOT AN EXPENSE FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES, HOWEVER.

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FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 24E	OTHER EXPENSES IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING TRANSMISSION EXPENSE \$ 281,879 TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES PER FORM 990, LINE 24E \$ 281,879

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FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	PATRONAGE CAPITAL ASSIGNED 6,986,081 PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIRED - TOTAL -4,809,073 PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIRED - DISCOUNT 784,987 NET DECREASE IN MEMBERSHIPS -49,660 OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME(LOSS) PROVISION FOR PENSIONS AND BENEFITS -1,207,949 EQUITY METHOD INCOME(LOSS) FROM INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY -4,085

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FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE ASSIGNED MEMBERS TO AN AUDIT COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT AND SELECT THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDITOR. PROCEDURAL CHANGES DID NOT OCCUR DURING THE YEAR.

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SCHEDULE R (Form 990)	Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships				OMB No 1545-0047
					2016
	▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.				Open to Public Inspection
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990 .					
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service					
Name of the organization BLUEBONNET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC				Employer identification number 74-0754103	

Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.					
(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.							
(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No

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

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

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b) (13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1) BLUEBONNET RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PO BOX 729 BASTROP, TX 78602 74-2532344	RURAL DEVELOPMENT	TX	BLUEBONNET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC	C	1,380	121,771	100 000 %	Yes	

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

	Yes	No
a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity	1a Yes	
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)	1b	No
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)	1c	No
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)	1d	No
e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)	1e	No
f Dividends from related organization(s)	1f	No
g Sale of assets to related organization(s)	1g	No
h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)	1h	No
i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)	1i	No
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)	1j	No
k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)	1k	No
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)	1l	No
m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)	1m	No
n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)	1n	No
o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	1o	No
p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses	1p	No
q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses	1q Yes	
r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)	1r	No
s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)	1s	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
(1) BLUEBONNET RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	A	208	CASH
(2) BLUEBONNET RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	Q		N/A - LESS THAN \$50,000

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

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Part VII**Supplemental Information**

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

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