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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2016

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Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final

☒ Return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite

PO BOX 930

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

SUNDANCE, WY 827290930

F Name and address of principal officer

MICHAEL EASLEY

PO BOX 930

SUNDANCE, WY 827290930

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?

☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status

☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (12) ◀(insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ WWW PRECORP COOP

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation 1945

M State of legal domicile WY

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities

POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION IS A COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC UTILITY WHICH DISTRIBUTES ELECTRIC SERVICE TO RURAL CUSTOMERS IN NORTHEAST WYOMING AND SOUTHEASTERN MONTANA THE COMPANY IS OWNED BY THE MEMBERS IT SERVES

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

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)

4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)

5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)

7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12

7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34

Revenue

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)

9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)

10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)

11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)

12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)

Expenses

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)

14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)

15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)

16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)

b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶0

17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)

18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)

19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12

Net Assets or Fund Balances

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)

21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)

22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer

2017-11-02

Date

JOANNE KOLB CHIEF FINL AND ADMIN OFFICER

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN

Firm's name ▶

Firm's EIN ▶

Firm's address ▶

Phone no

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

THE MISSION OF POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION, A NONPROFIT COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION, IS TO DELIVER HIGH QUALITY, COMPETITIVELY-PRICED ELECTRIC POWER AND SERVICES TO OUR MEMBER-OWNERS, WHILE ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE BY PROVIDING LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

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	No
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	Yes
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> 	11d	Yes
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	Yes
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	No
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>	Yes	
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>	Yes	
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>		No
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <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>	Yes	
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	1a	142
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes
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	2a	157
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)	2b	Yes
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	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	3b	
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)?	4a	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?	5a	No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
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?	6a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
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?	7a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	
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?	8	
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	179,975,908
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b	7,872,925
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	
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	13a	
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	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b	

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	9		
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	9		
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			No
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			No
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		No	
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. ▶JOANNE KOLB 221 MAIN ST SUNDANCE, WY 82729 (307) 283-4921	

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) WALTER CHRISTENSEN PRESIDENT	12 00	X		X				11,666	0	32
(2) REUBEN RITTHALER VICE PRESIDENT	10 00	X		X				10,859	0	32
(3) PHILIP HABECK SECRETARY/TREASURER	10 00	X		X				8,850	0	32
(4) PAUL BAKER II DIRECTOR	8 00	X						6,939	0	32
(5) JIM BAUMGARTNER DIRECTOR	8 00	X						6,600	0	32
(6) GERRY GEIS DIRECTOR	8 00	X						9,900	0	32
(7) PAM KINCHEN DIRECTOR	8 00	X						6,060	0	32
(8) WADE LARSEN DIRECTOR	8 00	X						5,100	0	32
(9) MIKE LOHSE DIRECTOR	8 00	X						8,423	0	32
(10) TOM DAVIS END AUG 2016 DIRECTOR	8 00	X						3,239	0	32
(11) MIKE EASLEY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	48 00			X				1,385,144	0	132,398
(12) JOANNE KOLB BEG FEB 2016 CHIEF FINL & ADMINISTRATION OFFICER	43 00			X				129,680	0	52,194
(13) C CURTIS MOCK END MARCH 2016 CHIEF FINL & ADMINISTRATION OFFICER	42 00			X				74,783	0	18,847
(14) LES PENNING DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER & COO	66 00				X			251,531	0	77,165
(15) MIKE POMMARANE SR. VP OF SYSTEM OPERATIONS	53 00				X			155,209	0	78,248
(16) MICHAEL BINGHAM DISTRICT FOREMAN	49 00					X		138,201	0	55,424
(17) JEFFREY PILLOW JOURNEYMAN LINEMAN	47 00					X		125,614	0	53,455

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) CORY JENSEN SUBSTATION TECHNICIAN	44 00					X		123,288	0	55,539
(19) WAYNE POLLAT DISTRICT FOREMAN	44 00					X		121,590	0	55,435
(20) JEFFERY BUMGARNER VP OF MEMBER SERVICE	41 00					X		141,383	0	22,478
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								2,724,059	0	601,503

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 ► 45

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
SCHULTE TA INC 5950 SWANSON RD GILLETTE, WY 82801	CONTRACT LABOR	1,138,948
BESLER INC PO BOX 1527 RAPID CITY, SD 57709	CONTRACT LABOR	560,235
NORTHEAST WY CONSTRUCTION INC PO BOX 578 BUFFALO, WY 82834	CONTRACT LABOR	473,044
MCM GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC PO BOX 3563 GILLETTE, WY 82717	CONTRACT LABOR	349,491
ELECTRO TEST & MAINT INC PO BOX 1527 RAPID CITY, SD 82718	CONTRACT LABOR	340,069

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 ► 15

Part VIII **Statement of Revenue**

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
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 ELECTRIC SERVICE	221122	179,975,908	179,975,908		
	b CAPITAL CREDITS	221122	13,968,554	13,968,554		
	c TRANSMISSION REVENUE	211121	2,086,787	2,086,787		
	d OTHER RENTAL INCOME	531190	71,731	71,731		
	e JOINT USE POLE REVENUE	531190	16,042			16,042
	f All other program service revenue		-19,315	-19,315		
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶		196,099,707			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶		2,057,643			2,057,643
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶					
	5 Royalties ▶					
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal				
		15,435				
	b Less rental expenses	11,865				
	c Rental income or (loss)	3,570				
	d Net rental income or (loss) ▶		3,570			3,570
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other				
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	c Gain or (loss)					
	d Net gain or (loss) ▶					
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 a					
	b Less direct expenses b					
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . ▶					
	9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 a					
	b Less direct expenses b					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . ▶					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . a						
	304					
b Less cost of goods sold . . . b						
	453					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . ▶		-149	-149			
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a						
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶						
12 Total revenue. See Instructions ▶		198,160,771	196,083,516	0	2,077,255	

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.	97,822			
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.	13,500			
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.	8,094,199			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	2,433,160			
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).				
7 Other salaries and wages.	5,891,192			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	2,291,449			
9 Other employee benefits.	2,274,502			
10 Payroll taxes.	714,942			
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management.				
b Legal.	440,212			
c Accounting.	31,000			
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).	100,575			
12 Advertising and promotion.	49,448			
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.	6,588,012			
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	12,932,219			
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	139,898,695			
b OPER & MAINT EXP -DIST	3,942,983			
c OPER & MAINT EXP -TRAN	1,185,181			
d TAX EXPENSE - PROPERTY	519,412			
e All other expenses	2,287,268			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	189,785,771			
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		24,098	1	27,363	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		20,367,268	2	46,412,832	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3		
	4	Accounts receivable, net		11,251,982	4	16,222,369	
	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	504	
	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		940,973	7	865,678	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		7,474,217	8	6,626,794	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		366,952	9	853,950	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D.	10a	376,485,558			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	169,034,664	205,381,296	10c	207,450,894
	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		118,730,383	13	132,454,669	
	14	Intangible assets		225,978	14	211,248	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		36,143,384	15	27,286,152	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		400,906,531	16	438,412,453		
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		10,091,609	17	18,577,521	
	18	Grants payable			18		
	19	Deferred revenue		9,270,000	19	895,000	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20		
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D.			21		
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L			22		
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		135,488,991	23	156,056,821	
	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.		44,709,929	25	46,849,564	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		199,560,529	26	222,378,906	
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		0	30	0	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		0	31	0	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		201,346,002	32	216,033,547	
33	Total net assets or fund balances		201,346,002	33	216,033,547		
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		400,906,531	34	438,412,453		

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	198,160,771
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	189,785,771
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	8,375,000
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	201,346,002
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	214,714
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	6,097,831
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	216,033,547

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?		No
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		

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Form 990 (2016)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION, A NONPROFIT COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION, IS THE DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY TO ITS 12,256 MEMBER-OWNERS ORGANIZED UNDER 501(C)(12) IN 2016, THE COMPANY SOLD ITS MEMBER-OWNERS 2,259,178,030 KWH OF ELECTRICITY WITH A PEAK COINCIDENT LOAD OF 347,927 KW IN DECEMBER THE COMPANY ADDED NEARLY \$8.9 MILLION IN UTILITY PLANT IN ORDER TO EXTEND AND IMPROVE SERVICE

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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.

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POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION

Employer identification number
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Part I

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

(a) Donor advised funds

(b) Funds and other accounts

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

2a

Total number of conservation easements

2b

Total acreage restricted by conservation easements

2c

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

2d

Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ►

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes

☐ No

6

Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ►

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

9

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

Part III

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

1a

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

b

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

(i)

Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$

(ii)

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$

2

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

a

Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$

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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		7,829,178		7,829,178
b Buildings	265,538	9,182,041	5,378,024	4,069,555
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		354,645,933	163,656,640	190,989,293
e Other		4,562,868		4,562,868
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				207,450,894

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) ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS - PATRONAGE CAPITAL	129,748,936	C
(2) ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS - NON G&T	2,705,733	C
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13) ▶	132,454,669	

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) SPECIAL FUND - COST OF RETIREMENT (CBM)	18,771,404
(2) SPECIAL FUND - RISK MANAGEMENT (CBM)	6,666,960
(3) DEFERRED COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS	38,750
(4) SPECIAL FUND - BASIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	1,107,311
(5) SPECIAL FUND - CONSERVATION LOANS	293,022
(6) INTEREST AND OTHER RECEIVABLES	51,062
(7) MISCELLANEOUS	357,643
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15) ▶	27,286,152

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	
CUSTOMER ADVANCES FOR CONSTRUCTION	8,438,882
CBM PREPAID COST OF RETIREMENT	18,719,011
POST RETIREMENT BENEFIT	4,568,400
CUSTOMER CCR PREPAYMENTS	135,962
CONSUMER DEPOSITS/INTEREST	12,276,285
PREPAID DEMAND	381,005
MISCELLANEOUS	2,330,019
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25) ▶	46,849,564

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	196,116,453
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	38,386
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	38,386
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	196,078,067
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	2,082,704
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	2,082,704
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	198,160,771

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	179,394,154
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	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	179,394,154
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	10,391,617
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	10,391,617
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	189,785,771

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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Software Version:
EIN: 83-0162161
Name: POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2	THE COOPERATIVE IS EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAXES UNDER SECTION 501(C)(12) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (IRC) AND IS ANNUALLY REQUIRED TO FILE A FORM 990 THE COOPERATIVE IS SUBJECT TO INCOME TAX ON ITS UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME (UBI) ON FEDERAL FORM 990-T

Supplemental Information	
Return Reference	Explanation
PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	AMORTIZATION OF POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT LOSS 38,386

Supplemental Information	
Return Reference	Explanation
PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	FAS 158 POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT LOSS -214,714 REGULATORY CREDITS 2,297,418

Supplemental Information	
Return Reference	Explanation
PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	2016 MARGINS ALLOCATED IN 2017 8,094,199 REGULATORY CREDITS 2,297,418

Schedule I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

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

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Name of the organization
POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION

Employer identification number
83-0162161

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
(1) POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION FOUNDATION PO BOX 930 SUNDANCE, WY 82729	20-8802389	501(C)(3)	2,044	56,071	BOOK	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	CHARITABLE DONATION

- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table

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

▶

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

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
(1) SCHOLARSHIPS	18	13,500			
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2	THE COMPANY PROVIDES FUNDING TO THE POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION FOUNDATION THROUGH DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS, AS WELL AS PROVIDING ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS APPOINTED BY THE COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS NON-CASH ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO THE POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION FOUNDATION INCLUDES ADMINISTRATIVE, LEGAL, AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT
PART III, LINE 1	THE FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE IN CHARGE OF SELECTING RECIPIENTS AND ALTERNATES FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS MUST BE A FULL TIME STUDENT AND MAINTAIN A 2.5 OR HIGHER GPA TO RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP EACH RECIPIENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING IN THEIR TRANSCRIPT CHECKS ARE DISBURSED DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL THE SCHOOL SENDS THE CHECK BACK IF THE RECIPIENT IS NOT ENROLLED AT THAT SCHOOL

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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POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION

Employer identification number
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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	Yes	
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?	Yes	
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?		No
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
		Base (i) compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 MIKE EASLEY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	(i)	1,225,218 -----	154,311 -----	5,615 -----	114,878 -----	17,520 -----	1,517,542 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
2 JOANNE KOLB BEG FEB 2016 CHIEF FINL & ADMINISTRATION OFFICER	(i)	107,746 -----	21,934 -----	0 -----	46,425 -----	5,769 -----	181,874 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
3 LES PENNING DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER & COO	(i)	140,826 -----	50,711 -----	59,994 -----	68,450 -----	8,715 -----	328,696 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
4 MIKE POMMARANE SR VP OF SYSTEM OPERATIONS	(i)	149,503 -----	2,838 -----	2,868 -----	69,301 -----	8,947 -----	233,457 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
5 MICHAEL BINGHAM DISTRICT FOREMAN	(i)	135,312 -----	2,889 -----	0 -----	49,477 -----	5,947 -----	193,625 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
6 JEFFREY PILLOW JOURNEYMAN LINEMAN	(i)	122,769 -----	2,845 -----	0 -----	47,895 -----	5,560 -----	179,069 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
7 CORY JENSEN SUBSTATION TECHNICIAN	(i)	118,483 -----	2,899 -----	1,906 -----	49,592 -----	5,947 -----	178,827 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
8 WAYNE POLLAT DISTRICT FOREMAN	(i)	118,745 -----	2,845 -----	0 -----	49,488 -----	5,947 -----	177,025 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
9 JEFFERY BUMGARNER VP OF MEMBER SERVICE	(i)	119,615 -----	21,768 -----	0 -----	22,478 -----	0 -----	163,861 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----

Part III Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 1A	THE COMPANY HEADQUARTERS ARE LOCATED IN A REMOTE, RURAL AREA IN THE EXTREME NORTHEAST CORNER OF WYOMING. IT IS OCCASIONALLY DEEMED EXPEDIENT TO CHARTER SMALL PISTON-ENGINED AIRPLANES WHEN THE COMPANY BUSINESS REQUIRES TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF OUR SERVICE TERRITORY. THIS OCCURS PRIMARILY WHEN TRAVEL IS NECESSARY TO TWO DESTINATIONS. THE FIRST DESTINATION IS THE STATE CAPITAL IN CHEYENNE, WYOMING FOR REGULATORY, GOVERNMENTAL, AND ASSOCIATED MEETINGS OR ACTIVITIES AFFECTING THE COMPANY. THE SECOND LOCATION IS THE BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA OFFICES OF OUR PRINCIPAL POWER SUPPLIER, BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE. AS BASIN IS A COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION, THE COMPANY IS AN OWNER-MEMBER OF BASIN AND PARTICIPATES IN ITS GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS. THESE CHARTERS ARE FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES ONLY, HAVE NO COMPENSATORY PURPOSES WHATSOEVER, AND OFTEN ALLOW FOR SAME DAY ROUND TRIP TRAVEL. ONLY THE COMPANY CEO, MIKE EASLEY, OR ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS CAN AUTHORIZE CHARTER EXPENSE. THE COMPANY OFFERS A WELLNESS PROGRAM EACH YEAR FOR ALL EMPLOYEES. PART OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDES REIMBURSEMENT OF FITNESS CENTER OR WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FEES IN AN AMOUNT OF 50% OF THE TOTAL FEES, WITH A MAXIMUM OF \$50 PER QUARTER.
PART I, LINE 3	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DETERMINE BONUSES FOR THE CEO. EVERYONE ELSE PARTICIPATES IN THE BALANCED SCORECARD AND PERSONAL SCORECARD WHICH IS BASED UPON MEETING CERTAIN METRICS THAT ARE SET BY THE EXECUTIVE STAFF AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DETERMINE THE AMOUNT ELIGIBLE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR THAT THE COOPERATIVE CAN EARN AS A WHOLE. THEN BASED ON HOW MANY METRICS THE COOPERATIVE ACHIEVES AND IF THE PERSON PARTICIPATES AND COMPLETES INDIVIDUAL METRICS, THE BONUS AMOUNT IS DETERMINED IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER.
SCHEDULE J INFORMATION	THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION INCLUDES FUNDS FROM THE PENSION RESTORATION PROGRAM REALIZED IN 2016 TO ACCOMMODATE CONSTRAINTS ON RETIREMENT DISTRIBUTIONS DUE FROM NRECA TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION RECEIVED A CREDIT ON ITS R&S BILL FOR THE PENSION RESTORATION PROGRAM FROM NRECA IN 2014. THE CREDIT WAS INVESTED IN THE PENSION RESTORATION PLAN FUND. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BECAME FULLY VESTED IN THE FUND IN JANUARY 2016, AND HIS COMPENSATION REFLECTS THE PAYMENT OF THAT FUND.

Additional Data

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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				
1 MIKE EASLEY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	(i)	1,225,218	154,311	5,615	114,878	17,520	1,517,542	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 JOANNE KOLB BEG FEB 2016 CHIEF FINL & ADMINISTRATION OFFICER	(i)	107,746	21,934	0	46,425	5,769	181,874	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 MICHAEL BINGHAM DISTRICT FOREMAN	(i)	135,312	2,889	0	49,477	5,947	193,625	0
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	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 JEFFERY BUMGARNER VP OF MEMBER SERVICE	(i)	119,615	21,768	0	22,478	0	163,861	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.
▶ Information about Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
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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
(1) MIKE EASLEY	CEO	MEMBERSHIP		X	500	129		No		No	Yes	
(2) MIKE EASLEY	CEO	PERSONAL		X	375	375		No		No	Yes	
Total						504	▶ \$					

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

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 ServiceName of the organization
POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE ORGANIZATION HAS MEMBERS

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	THE COMPANY IS ORGANIZED AS A COOPERATIVE, AND THEREFORE HAS MEMBER-OWNERS WHO ELECT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8B	THERE ARE NO COMMITTEES WITH BROAD AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE FORM 990 AND ACCOMPANYING SCHEDULES ARE PREPARED BY THE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL ANALYST, AND REVIEWED BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICER. THE FORM 990 IS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THEIR REVIEW, AND PRESENTED AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING TO ADDRESS QUESTIONS. THE PROCESS INCLUDES A REVIEW OF THE FORM BY THE COMPANY'S AUDITORS. ANY NECESSARY REVISIONS ARE INCORPORATED BEFORE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICER AUTHORIZES ELECTRONIC FILING OF THE FORM 990 AND SCHEDULES. THE FINAL VERSION IS PROVIDED TO AUDITORS FOR FILING AND TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND KEY EMPLOYEES ARE GIVEN ANNUAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES TO COMPLETE ALL EMPLOYEES ARE EXPECTED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THE COMPANY'S CODE OF ETHICS POLICY, AND ARE EXPECTED TO DISCLOSE ANY SITUATIONS THAT VIOLATE, MAY VIOLATE, OR COULD APPEAR TO VIOLATE THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF THE POLICY THE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING ALL POLICY INTERPRETATIONS OR VIOLATIONS DECISIONS CONSIDERED INCONSISTENT WITH THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ARE REPORTED TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THROUGH THE BOARD PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT OR THE CEO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL DECIDE IF AN INTEREST SHOULD PREVENT THE COOPERATIVE FROM ENTERING INTO A PARTICULAR TRANSACTION A PERSON WHO IS EMPLOYED BY OR HAS A SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A COMPETING BUSINESS OR ONE SELLING ENERGY OR SUPPLIES TO THE COOPERATIVE IS NOT QUALIFIED TO BE A BOARD MEMBER

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A	THE COMPANY HAS A COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION POLICY WHICH PROVIDES THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAINTAINS FINAL AUTHORITY FOR COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION. THE COMPANY HIRES A COMPENSATION CONSULTANT WHO PROVIDES INFORMATION ON MARKET BENCHMARKS AND ASSISTS THE COMPANY IN CREATING ITS SALARY STRUCTURE. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS THE ULTIMATE DETERMINING BODY OF THE SALARY OF THE CEO.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE COMPANY FILES AN ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT, THE RUS FINANCIAL AND OPERATING REPORT EL ECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WHICH IS A MATTER O F PUBLIC RECORD THE COMPANY, WHICH IS ORGANIZED AS A COOPERATIVE, AND THEREFORE IS OWNED BY ITS MEMBERS, MAKES ALL OF ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND POLICIES AVAILABLE TO THEM BYLAW S ARE PROVIDED WHEN A NEW MEMBER ENROLLS, AND ALL OTHER POLICIES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUES T

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	ALLOCATED CAPITAL CREDITS 11,169,061 RETIRED CAPITAL CREDITS -2,297,168 PATRONAGE CAPITAL CREDITS ASSIGNABLE 5,397,900 NET CHANGE IN FORFEITED, RETIRED, UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS -29,697 NET CHANGE IN RETIRED, UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS 194,349 DEFERRED REVENUE -8,375,000 AMORTIZATION OF NET LOSS POST-RETIREMENT BENEFIT 38,386

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART IX, LINE 4	THE COMPANY HAS INTERPRETED THE INSTRUCTIONS TO PART IX, LINE 4, TO MEAN PATRONAGE CAPITAL ALLOCATED FOR THE YEAR, RATHER THAN PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIRED THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE BY-LAWS OF THE COOPERATIVE

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART XII, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTING, NUMBERS 2A-C	THE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE COMPILED INTERNALLY, AND THEN AUDITED BY INDEPENDENT AUDITORS. THE COMPANY HAS AN AUDIT COMMITTEE THAT OVERSEES THE AUDIT PROCESS. THE COMPANY CHANGED ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT PERIOD TO A CALENDAR YEAR, STARTING IN 2015. THEREFORE THE FINANCIALS IN THIS FORM 990 HAVE BEEN AUDITED.

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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

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

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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
(1) PRECORP SERVICES LLC PO BOX 930 SUNDANCE, WY 82729 83-0331925	NO ACTIVITY	WY	0	0	POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION

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
(1)POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION FOUNDATION INC PO BOX 930 SUNDANCE, WY 82729 20-8802389	CHARITABLE GIVING	WY	501(C)(3)	LINE 7	POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION	Yes	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

f Dividends from related organization(s)

g Sale of assets to related organization(s)

h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

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

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

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

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

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

o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

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

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

Yes

No

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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)POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION FOUNDATION	B	58,115	COST

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

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Part VII **Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I	THE COMPANY HAS A DISREGARDED ENTITY, PRECORP SERVICES, LLC, WHICH HAS NOT, TO-DATE, CONDUCTED ANY ACTIVITY
PART II	IN 2008, THE COMPANY ESTABLISHED THE POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION FOUNDATION, A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PROVIDING DONATIONS AND GRANTS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES WITHIN THE COMPANY'S SERVICE TERRITORY. THE FOUNDATION HAS A SEPARATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE COMPANY CONTINUES TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO THE FOUNDATION, INCLUDING ACCOUNTING, OFFICE SPACE AND SUPPLIES, AND COMMUNICATIONS. THE COMPANY PROCESSES AND TRANSFERS DONATIONS MADE THROUGH THE OPERATION ROUND-UP PROGRAM, WHICH ALLOWS MEMBERS TO CHOOSE TO ROUND UP THEIR ELECTRIC BILL TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR WITH THE DIFFERENCE CONTRIBUTED TO THE FOUNDATION AS A DONATION.