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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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A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning

, 2016, and ending

, 20

B Check if applicable	C Name of organization Salem Electric		D Employer identification number 93-0272945
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	Doing business as		E Telephone number 503-362-3601
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) 633 Seventh Street NW		Room/suite
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Salem, Oregon 97304-3802		G Gross receipts \$ 28,112,328
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated	F Name and address of principal officer Terry M Kelly		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	Same as above		H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending			If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

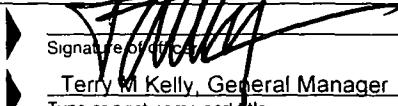
I Tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) 501(c) (12) (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527J Website: ► salemelectric.comK Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ► L Year of formation 1938 M State of legal domicile OR

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: Provide electric service to members		
	2 Check this box ► <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
Revenue	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	7
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	7
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)	5	55
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 3	7b	
		Prior Year	Current Year
Expenses	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	25,961,413	27,935,360
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	161,751	176,968
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	26,123,164	28,112,328
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	186,423	183,148
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,964,120	2,017,427
Net Assets or Fund Balances	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	1,498,948	1,763,380
	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) ►		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	22,473,673	24,148,373
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	26,123,164	28,112,328
	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	0	0
		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	55,686,485	57,114,664
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	17,423,892	16,719,104	
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	38,262,593	40,395,560	

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			Date 5-3-17
	Signature of officer	Terry M. Kelly, General Manager	
	Type or print name and title		

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> 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

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

Provide electric service to members

Provide energy conservation incentives, information, and equipment to members

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 \$ _____)
Electric sales - 19,339 customers4b (Code: _____) (Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)
Weatherwise Program - 76 projects completed
This program helps residential customers install energy conservation measures in their homes4c (Code: _____) (Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)
Heat Pump Program - 128 projects completed
This program helps residential customers install energy efficient heat pump systems in their homes4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4e Total program service expenses ►

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

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	84
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	✓
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	55
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	✓
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	✓
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	✓
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	✓
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5b	✓
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5c	
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	6a	✓
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?	6b	
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	7a	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).	7b	
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?	7c	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7d	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7e	
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7f	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7g	
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7h	
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	8	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	9	
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	
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.	9b	
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	10	
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	10a	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:	10b	
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	11a	27,885,926
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	11b	176,968
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:	12a	
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	12b	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	13a	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	13b	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	13c	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.	14a	✓
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	14b	
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	14c	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		
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 line 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

1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year. **1a** 7

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

1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent **1b** 7

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**

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**

4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? **4**

5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? **5**

6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? **6**

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**

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**

8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: **8a**
a The governing body? **8b**
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? **9**

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.

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

10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? **10a**

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**

b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. **12a**

12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 **12b**

b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? **12c**

c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done **13**

13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? **14**

14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? **15**

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? **15a**
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official **15b**
b Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions). **16a**

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? **16b**
b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

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 Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 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: ►
Salem Electric, 633 Seventh St NW, Salem, OR 97304-3802, 503-362-3601

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

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

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

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

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

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

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and 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			
(1) Jeff Anderson, Vice President	2	✓		✓				4,375	
(2) Gerard Berger, President	3	✓		✓				5,438	
(3) Alicia Bonesteel, Secretary/Treasurer	5	✓		✓				8,200	
(4) Joe Van Meter, President	4	✓		✓				6,738	
(5) Carl Beach, Director	1	✓						2,750	
(6) Paul Ennor, Director	3	✓						4,963	
(7) Dave Bauer, Director	4	✓						5,150	
(8) Terry Kelly, General Manager	40			✓			237,148		66,758
(9) Jack Belleque, Administrative Services Manager	40			✓			183,457		58,557
(10) Anthony Schacher, Engineering & Operations Manager	40			✓			158,765		56,454
(11) Jon Charnetzki, Foreman	40				✓		149,617		42,861
(12) Jim Drago, Apparatus Technician	40				✓		146,806		28,987
(13) Michael Richman, Information Technology Manager	40				✓		143,755		55,250
(14) Brian Aicher, Line Superintendent	40				✓		140,406		39,322

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			
(15) Steven Gehley, Foreman	40					✓	139,941		51,352
(16) Robert Speckman, General Manager	0					✓	141,177		37,150
(17)									
(18)									
(19)									
(20)									
(21)									
(22)									
(23)									
(24)									
(25)									
1b Sub-total						►	1,478,686		436,691
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A						►			
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)						►	1,478,686		436,691
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 ►							20		
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								<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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								<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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								<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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
A-1 Tree Solutions, LLC, PO Box 6142, Salem, OR 97304	Line clearance, tree trimming	183,314
North American Substation Services, LLC, PO Box 116727, Atlanta, GA 30368	Substation Testing & Maint	182,795
Garten Services, Inc., PO Box 13970, Salem, OR 97309	Mailing bills, letters	156,134
Brown & Kysar, Inc., PO Box 1720, Battle Ground, WA 98604	Engineering Services	151,197
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 ►	4	

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 b Membership dues c Fundraising events d Related organizations e Government grants (contributions) f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f. \$ h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ►	1a 1b 1c 1d 1e 1f			
Program Service Revenue	2a Electric Revenue b Rent from Electric Property c d e f All other program service revenue . g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ►	Business Code 221000 221000	27,885,926 49,434	27,885,926 49,434	
	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ► 4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ► 5 Royalties ► 6a Gross rents . . . b Less: rental expenses c Rental income or (loss) d Net rental income or (loss) ► 7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory 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 c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . ► 9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 a b Less: direct expenses c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . ► 10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a b Less: cost of goods sold c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . ► Miscellaneous Revenue	(i) Real (ii) Personal (i) Securities (ii) Other (i) Securities (ii) Other (i) Real (ii) Personal	167,799 9,169 9,169		167,799 9,169 9,169
Other Revenue	11a b c d All other revenue e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ► 12 Total revenue. See instructions. ►	Business Code			
			28,112,328	27,885,926	226,402

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	10,000			
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	173,148			
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members	2,017,427			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	798,753			
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				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	552,582			
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	412,045			
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	45,252			
c Accounting	30,550			
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	93,780			
13 Office expenses	550,913			
14 Information technology	132,925			
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	96,785			
17 Travel	80,146			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	80,928			
20 Interest	5,420			
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	1,563,217			
23 Insurance	40,799			
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 Power Cost	12,877,192			
b Operations & Maintenance	2,954,688			
c Customer Services	1,804,677			
d Taxes	1,495,880			
e All other expenses Admin&Gen, Mem Svcs	2,295,221			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	28,112,328			
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 ► <input type="checkbox"/> 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 X

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	176,158	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	15,548,094	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net	2,089,159	
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L	2,375,333	
	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	5	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net	6	
	8	Inventories for sale or use	7	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	1,084,354	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	569,905	
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10a	
		10b	30,564,814	
			35,861,486	
			10c	37,371,711
	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	13		
14	Intangible assets	14		
15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	357,329		
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	15	380,697	
		55,686,485	57,114,664	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	16,732,427	
	18	Grants payable	17	
	19	Deferred revenue	18	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities	19	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	20	
	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	21	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	22	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	23	
	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	24	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	691,465	730,529
		17,423,892	25	
		26	16,719,104	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> 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 ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	183	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	30	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	183	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances	31	
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	32	
		33	40,395,377	
		34	40,395,560	
		55,686,485	57,114,664	

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	28,112,328
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	28,112,328
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	0
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	38,262,593
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	2,132,967
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	40,395,560

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

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

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

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

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?

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	No
2a	✓	
2b	✓	
2c	✓	
3a		✓
3b		

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

► Complete if the organization is described below. ► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
► Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

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

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

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

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

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

Name of organization Salem Electric	Employer identification number 93-0272945
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. (see instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures (see instructions) ► \$ 4,000
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (see instructions)

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

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

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

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ► \$
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ► \$ 4,000
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ► \$ 4,000
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-
(1) Oregon Action Committee for Rural Electrification	8565 SW Salish Ln Suite 130 Wilsonville, OR 97070	93-0593238	4,000	0
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

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

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

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

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

	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)		
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.	
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-		
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-		
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.

See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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

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

	(a)		(b)	
	Yes	No	Amount	
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:				
a Volunteers?				
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?				
c Media advertisements?				
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?				
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?				
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?				
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?				
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?				
i Other activities?				
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i				
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?				
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912				
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912				
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?				

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

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?	3	

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

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).	
a Current year	2a
b Carryover from last year	2b
c Total	2c
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

Part I-A - Salem Electric contributes funds to a PAC that supports candidates at the state level who

have demonstrated a support for rural electric cooperatives and their issues

Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)

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.

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Salem ElectricEmployer identification number
93-0272945**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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area
	<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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		
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements		
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)		
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register		
3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ►		
4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►		
5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.		

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.
b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:
(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$
2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:
a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$

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

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

a Public exhibition d Loan or exchange programs
 b Scholarly research e Other _____
 c Preservation for future generations

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

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

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

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

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

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

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

3b

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.

	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		176,919		176,919
b Buildings		3,723,604	1,755,907	1,967,697
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment	5,938,301	3,633,137		2,305,164
e Other	58,097,701	25,175,770		32,921,931

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) ► 37,371,711

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.

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) Customer Deposits	389,833
(3) Deferred Credits	340,696
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	

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

730,529

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	28,112,328
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	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	28,112,328
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	28,112,328

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	26,094,901
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	26,094,901
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	2,017,427
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	2,017,427
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	28,112,328

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.

Part X - The Cooperative evaluates the components of the annual test for maintenance of its tax-exempt status under

Section 501(c)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code. This process includes an analysis of whether the position

the Cooperative takes with regard to a particular item of income would meet the definition of an uncertain

tax position under Financial Accounting Standards Board standards. The Cooperative has no uncertain tax

positions that would affect its tax-exempt status

Part XII, Line 4b - This represents the net margin for the year that is allocated to members and reported on the Form 990.

Part IX, Line 4 as the amount of benefits paid to or for members

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**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.Department of the Treasury
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93-0272945**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 noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion	93-6015581		10,000				
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the [Instructions for Form 990](#).

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 noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
1 Low-income energy assistance to members	991			169,148	book
2 Scholarship to youth representative	2	4,000			Qualifying members bill credit
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.

Part I - For the assistance described in Part II we provide to the commission our selection criteria. After the students have been selected we receive a listing of them

For the non-cash as For the non-cash assistance described in Part III we have a process that applicants have to go through to determine eligibility and assistance amount according to our program's criteria. Applicants have to meet membership and income requirements and these applications are maintained electronically and on paper

These funds are credited to the members' account and any unused funds revert back to the program, not disbursed in cash. The cash assistance in Part III

relates to a program we are associated with the local school district where high school students become non-voting, non-compensated community members of boards of non-profit organizations. To honor the student representative, our the board has the discretion to award the student a scholarship which is remitted to the institution the student is attending

Part II, Line 1a - address 1500 Valley River Dr. Suite 100, Eugene, OR 97401

The purpose of this assistance is to provide for 10 \$1,000 scholarships for members or children of members

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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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

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

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

b If any of the boxes on 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, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

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

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

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

a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?

b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?

c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

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

Only section 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 nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

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

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

	Yes	No
1b		
2	✓	
4a	✓	
4b	✓	
4c	✓	
5a		
5b		
6a		
6b		
7		
8		
9		

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)–(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 Terry Kelly, General Manager	237,148			31,537	37,924	306,924	
1 Jack Belleque, Administrative Services Manager	183,457			23,336	37,785	244,578	
2 Anthony Schacher, Engineering & Operations Manager	158,765			21,233	37,608	217,606	
3 Jon Charnetzki, Foreman	149,617			16,960	27,803	194,380	
4 Jim Drago, Apparatus Technician	146,806			16,875	14,694	178,375	
5 Michael Richman, Information Technology Manager	143,755			20,029	37,495	201,279	
6 Brian Aicher, Line Superintendent	140,406			19,048	22,418	181,872	
7 Steven Gehley, Foreman	139,941			16,131	37,032	193,104	
8 Robert Speckman, General Manager - Former	61,177		80,000	9,576	27,985	178,738	
9							
10							
11							
12							
13							
14							
15							
16							

Part III **Supplemental Information**

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.

The amount in Part II, column (B)(iii) is for a distribution from a 457 plan

Schedule J (Form 990) 2016

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part VI, Line 6 - There is only one class of membership for all residential, commercial, general service, and industrial customers

Part VI, Line 7a - The one class of members all have one vote per member to elect directors, vote on changes to the

cooperative's articles or bylaws, and any other action that needs approval of the general membership

members need to vote on the matter to represent a quorum, no proxy votes, and a two-thirds

affirmative vote is required to approve the action

Part VI, Line 11b - The Form 990 is prepared by staff Once the form is prepared it is sent to company's attorney and auditor

for review After it is reviewed it is presented, unsigned, to the board of directors for review at a board

meeting prior to filing

Part VI, Line 12c - The cooperative reviews compliance statements, contracts, and transactions for conflicts of interest

as part of our regular course of business

Part VI, Line 15a - The board of directors fill out evaluation forms on the General Manager annually They annually do a survey

of Oregon and Washington electric co-ops regarding general manager salaries and compensation They then

have a formula that they apply to the results to assist in their determination of the GM's compensation

Part VI, Line 15b - The General Manager annually reviews salary surveys electric utilities in the northwest of comparable size

for management staff The GM then evaluates results with compensation given to GM by the board and

compensation that supervised staff is getting from their wage & salary program to determine

compensation for management staff.

Part VI, Line 19 - Unaudited financial statements are mailed to all members prior to our annual meeting and are available

on our website Audited financial statements, bylaws, board policies, and other organizational documents

are available upon request

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Part IX, Line 4 - The Cooperative has determined that the margin allocated to members best reflects the Benefits Paid to or for Members arising from the clarification of the instructions that patronage dividends paid by section 501(c)(12) organizations are to be reported here. This methodology was chosen because it makes our reporting consistent with how it would be reported if we were a taxable cooperative in that the amount allocated to members would be a deduction from income. This arises from our legal obligation from our Bylaw 7.5 stating that "Net savings of the Cooperative shall be appropriated among and credited to the patrons of the Cooperative in proportion to the dollar amounts of their patronage of the Cooperative during the fiscal year involved."

Part XI, Line 9 - The other changes in net assets or fund balances results from the following items:

Change in Membership Fees	1
Allocated 2016 margin reported as Benefits Paid to Members for 990	1,964,120
Capital Credits authorized for payment	(1,965,142)
Unclaimed Capital Credits retained by the Cooperative	205,517
Change in Other Comprehensive Income	(1,756,558)
arising from Post-Retirement Benefit Obligation	

	(1,552,062)