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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2017

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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 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2017 , and ending 12-31-2017

B Check if applicable

☒ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

GOLDEN SPREAD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

Doing business as

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

905 S FILLMORE ST SUITE 300

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

AMARILLO, TX 79101

F Name and address of principal officer

MARK SCHWIRTZ

905 S FILLMORE ST SUITE 300

AMARILLO, TX 79101

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 ▶

D Employer identification number

75-1941060

E Telephone number

(806) 379-7766

G Gross receipts \$ 292,293,321

I Tax-exempt status

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

J Website: ▶ WWW GSEC COOP

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

L Year of formation 1984

M State of legal domicile TX

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

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

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

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)

32

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

32

5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)

103

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)

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

0

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

Revenue

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

481,618

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

254,727,425

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

3,591,000

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

-4,417

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

258,795,626

290,536,846

Expenses

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

66,761

83,632

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

0

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

16,553,898

16,974,588

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

0

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

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

232,125,534

255,907,140

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

248,746,193

272,965,360

19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12

10,049,433

17,571,486

Net Assets or Fund Balances

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)

1,131,441,029

1,099,366,909

21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)

713,454,072

676,308,466

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

417,986,957

423,058,443

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

SCOTT GROSS CFO/ASST TREASURER

Type or print name and title

2018-11-14

Date

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

GARY D MITCHELL

Preparer's signature

GARY D MITCHELL

Date

2018-11-14

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN

P00005725

Firm's name

▶ CONNOR MCMILLON MITCHELL & SHENNUM PLLC

Firm's EIN

▶ 26-3195732

Firm's address

▶ 801 S FILLMORE ST STE 600

AMARILLO, TX 79101

Phone no

(806) 373-6661

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 ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

THE GOLDEN SPREAD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (GSEC) MISSION IS TO DELIVER COST EFFECTIVE, COMPETITIVE AND RELIABLE POWER TO PROVIDE A SECURE ENERGY FUTURE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME BY CREATING OPPORTUNITIES, CULTIVATING COOPERATION AND NAVIGATING INDUSTRY RISK

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 Yes	
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	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> 	11d 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	No
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> 	12b Yes	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> (see instructions)	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>	19	No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	Yes	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		No
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	Yes	
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		No
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		No
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		No
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		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>	Yes	
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	159
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	103
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	
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	
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	162,420,012
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b	
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	32	
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	32	
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	Yes
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9	No

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed: AZ, GA, IN

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.
 ► SCOTT GROSS 905 S FILLMORE ST SUITE 300 AMARILLO, TX 79101 (806) 379-7766

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

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

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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 ▶ 54

Section B. Independent Contractors

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
NRG ENERGY SERVICES LLC 211 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540	O&M CONTRACTOR	9,222,331
GE INTERNATIONAL INC PO BOX 848301 DALLAS, TX 75284	ORIGINAL EQUIP	5,361,996
ACES 4140 W99TH STREET CAMEL, IN 46032	SERVICE FEES	2,246,021
ALSTOM POWER INC PO BOX 73729 CHICAGO, IL 60673	OEM	1,591,706
NRG MAINTENANCE SERVICES LLC 12307 KURLAND DR HOUSTON, TX 77034	O&M CONTRACTOR	1,006,871

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 ► 54	
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Part VIII **Statement of Revenue**

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

**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	488,323
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 ▶		488,323

Program Service Revenue

	Business Code				
2a WHOLESALE POWER	221000	285,026,386	285,026,386		
b PATRONAGE INCOME	221000	1,039,969	1,039,969		
c PATRON SOURCE EARNINGS SUBSID	221000	502,228	502,228		
d _____					
e _____					
f All other program service revenue					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶		286,568,583			

Other Revenue

3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶		3,666,269			3,666,269
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶					
5 Royalties ▶					
6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	1,570,146				
b Less rental expenses	1,756,475				
c Rental income or (loss)	-186,329				
d Net rental income or (loss) ▶		-186,329			-186,329
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					
b Less cost of goods sold . . . b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . ▶					
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
11a _____					
b _____					
c _____					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶					
12 Total revenue. See Instructions ▶		290,536,846	286,568,583		3,479,940

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.	83,632			
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, line 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members.				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	6,017,165			
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.	5,360,906			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	2,832,188			
9 Other employee benefits.	1,940,731			
10 Payroll taxes.	823,598			
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management.				
b Legal.				
c Accounting.				
d Lobbying.				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f Investment management fees.				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	783,735			
12 Advertising and promotion.	119,939			
13 Office expenses.	861,923			
14 Information technology.	714,106			
15 Royalties.				
16 Occupancy.	888,980			
17 Travel.	472,915			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	130,205			
20 Interest.	29,024,495			
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	39,115,404			
23 Insurance.	3,342,907			
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 FUEL EXPENSE	65,554,632			
b TRANSMISSION EXPENSE	64,263,404			
c PLANT OPS & MAINTENANCE	19,177,068			
d OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	8,512,550			
e All other expenses	22,944,877			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	272,965,360	0	0	0
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		6,713,835	1	6,561,032
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		77,175,605	2	82,844,881
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		32,992,880	4	32,579,395
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L			5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L			6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		65,936,757	7	62,738,915
	8	Inventories for sale or use			8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		23,330,577	9	25,601,119
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	1,059,558,433		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	247,824,393		
				843,925,371	10c	811,734,040
	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		81,366,004	15	77,307,527	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		1,131,441,029	16	1,099,366,909	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		27,097,221	17	19,703,840
	18	Grants payable			18	
	19	Deferred revenue			19	
	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		656,870,724	23	617,213,849
	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		29,486,127	25	39,390,777
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		713,454,072	26	676,308,466
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			30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		11,562,052	31	11,216,286
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		406,424,905	32	411,842,157
33	Total net assets or fund balances		417,986,957	33	423,058,443	
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		1,131,441,029	34	1,099,366,909	

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	290,536,846
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	272,965,360
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	17,571,486
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	417,986,957
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	-12,500,000
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	423,058,443

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		

Additional Data

Software ID:

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Name: GOLDEN SPREAD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
INC

Form 990 (2017)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

GOLDEN SPREAD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC (GSEC) IS A CONSUMER-OWNED WHOLESALE ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLIER FOR RURAL ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COOPERATIVES

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors										
(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			
DAVID SELL DIRECTOR	8 30 0 80	X						47,250	0	0
STAN MCCLENDON CHAIRMAN - B	7 10 0 80	X						41,150	0	0
DALE ANCELL DIRECTOR	5 40 0 60	X						40,150	0	0
JAMES BATTON DIRECTOR	7 90 0 80	X						40,050	0	0
CLINT GARDNER DIRECTOR	10 00 0 80	X						39,100	0	0
DAVID MARRICLE DIRECTOR	5 30 0 60	X						39,050	0	0
BRENT WHEELER DIRECTOR	6 30 0 70	X						39,050	0	0
KELLY LANKFORD SEC/TREASURY	10 50 0 80	X						38,100	0	0
RYAN BARTLETT DIRECTOR	5 20 0 50	X						37,000	0	0
MARK MCCLAIN DIRECTOR	9 00 0 80	X						35,150	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
WILLIAM WHITTEN VICE CHAIRMAN	4 90 0 50	X						35,150	0	0
DWAIN TIPTON DIRECTOR	4 90 0 50	X						35,100	0	0
SHAD MCDANIEL DIRECTOR	4 80 0 50	X						35,050	0	0
SHAWN MARTINEZ DIRECTOR	4 80 0 50	X						34,050	0	0
GAYLORD GROCE DIRECTOR	4 70 0 50	X						33,000	0	0
TOMMY JOINES DIRECTOR	4 70 0 50	X						33,000	0	0
DARRELL STEPHENS DIRECTOR	5 40 0 60	X						33,000	0	0
ROGER BLACKWELDER DIRECTOR	8 00 0 80	X						31,150	0	0
BOB FUCHS DIRECTOR	6 70 0 80	X						31,100	0	0
ZAC PERKINS DIRECTOR	8 00 0 80	X						31,050	0	0

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors										
(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			
RANDY MAHANNAH DIRECTOR	4 80	X						30,150	0	0
GREG HENLEY DIRECTOR	5 00	X						30,050	0	0
STEVE WILLIAMS DIRECTOR	4 30	X						30,050	0	0
BOYD MCCAMISH DIRECTOR	4 90	X						29,100	0	0
CECIL DAVIS DIRECTOR	4 20	X						29,050	0	0
BILLY HARBIN DIRECTOR	6 30	X						29,050	0	0
MICHAEL VEAZEY DIRECTOR	4 20	X						29,050	0	0
EARL BROWN DIRECTOR	5 30	X						29,000	0	0
JEFF COPELAND DIRECTOR	4 20	X						29,000	0	0
VICK CHRISTIAN DIRECTOR	4 00	X						27,100	0	0

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors										
(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			
KEVIN HUMPHREYS DIRECTOR	4 30 0 50	X						27,000	0	0
JIMIE REED DIRECTOR	3 90 0 50	X						26,100	0	0
MARK SCHWIRTZ PRESIDENT &	49 50 0 50			X				2,943,326	0	150,495
JOSEPH HAYDEN COO	38 00 2 00			X				414,197	0	129,953
SCOTT GROSS CFO/ASST TRE	40 00 0 50			X				373,227	0	101,143
WILLIAM HARRELSON CHIEF LEGAL/	45 00 0 10			X				321,904	0	100,753
MARGARET RUPERT CHIEF STRATE	40 00 0 00			X				312,174	0	97,593
WILLIAM PIPPIN VP, PRODUCTI	32 00 8 00				X			245,215	0	56,636
DARLA BLACKMORE VP, HUMAN RE	44 00 0 00				X			240,393	0	78,567
MATHEW MOORE DIR MARKET O	46 00 0 00				X			235,861	0	86,456

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(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			
MICHAEL WISE SR VP/REGULA	55 00 1 00					X		314,087	0	119,478
JOHN EICHELMANN VP, MEMBER S	45 00 0 00					X		280,644	0	66,742
STEPHEN CROSS DIR POWER S	38 00 2 00					X		263,780	0	90,344
BRADLEY SWADLING DIR CORPORAT	45 00 0 00					X		252,458	0	86,056
THOMAS BURKE REGULATORY/M	49 00 1 00					X		237,793	0	86,833
MARY HEKMAN FORMER LEGAL	12 86						X	325,352	0	0

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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
► Attach to Form 990.

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

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GOLDEN SPREAD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
INC

Employer identification number
75-1941060

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.

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

(a) Donor advised funds

(b) Funds and other accounts

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

3a(i)

Yes

No

(ii) related organizations

3a(ii)

Yes

No

b

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

3b

Yes

No

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		2,826,033		2,826,033
b Buildings		1,022,588,526	232,625,127	789,963,399
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		34,143,874	15,199,266	18,944,608
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				811,734,040

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
See Additional Data Table	
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15) ▶	77,307,527

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		
OTHER ACCRUED LIABILITIES	21,188,722	
TAX PAYABLE	7,991,246	
ACCRUED INTEREST EXPENSE	7,351,413	
OTHER DEFERRED CREDITS	2,154,609	
DUE TO AFFILIATES	1,112,354	
ACCRUED PROPERTY TAX	77,175	
ACCRUED REFUNDS	-484,742	
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25) ▶	39,390,777	

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

☒

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
See Additional Data Table	

Part XIII **Supplemental Information** *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

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Form 990, Schedule D, Part IX, - Other Assets

(a) Description	(b) Book value
INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES	29,598,498
NONUTILITY PROPERTY	22,927,470
OTHER MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	15,194,763
DUE FROM AFFILIATES	3,029,908
MISC DEFERRED EXPENSES	2,213,113
REGULATORY ASSETS	1,671,787
PLANT HELD FOR FUTURE USE	1,249,124
MISC ACCRUED ASSETS	845,456
INVESTIGATION & SURVEY COSTS	533,827
ACCRUED INTEREST RECEIVABLE	43,581

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE D, PAGE 3, PART X	GOLDEN SPREAD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC (GSEC) HAS ADOPTED THE "UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS" PROVISIONS OF GAAP THE PRIMARY TAX POSITIONS OF GSEC ARE ITS FILING STATUS AS A TAX-EXEMP T ENTITY AND ITS NEED TO AVOID EXCEEDING A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF ITS INCOME FROM NONMEMBER S TO MAINTAIN ITS TAX-EXEMPT STATUS GSEC HAS DETERMINED THAT IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT T HAT ITS TAX POSITIONS WILL BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) OR OTHER STATE TAXING AUTHORITY AND THAT ALL TAX BENEFITS ARE LIKELY TO BE REALIZED U PON SETTLEMENT WITH TAXING AUTHORITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016, GS EC PAID NO INCOME TAXES

Schedule I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
GOLDEN SPREAD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
INC

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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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) See Additional Data							
(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

2

3

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

1

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)					
(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
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Additional Data

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

(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
OPPORTUNITY PLAN INC PO BOX 1035 CANYON, TX 79015	75-6020405	501C3	6,000				SCHOLARSHIPS
TEXAS ELECRIC COOPERATIVE INC 1122 COLORADO ST 24TH FLOOR AUSTIN, TX 78701	74-1007829		8,031				SCHOLARSHIPS

Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.							
(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
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY FD WTAMU BOX 60766 CANYON, TX 79016	75-6036665	501C3	17,950				SCHOLARSHIPS

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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- 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.**

Name of the organization
GOLDEN SPREAD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
INC

Employer identification number
75-1941060

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.

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☒ First-class or charter travel | ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| ☐ Travel for companions | ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence |
| ☒ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | ☒ Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| ☐ Discretionary spending account | ☐ 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.

1b 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?

2 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 | ☒ Written employment contract |
| ☒ Independent compensation consultant | ☐ Compensation survey or study |
| ☐ Form 990 of other organizations | ☒ 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?

4a Yes

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

4b Yes

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

4c 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?

5a

b Any related organization?

5b

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?

6a

b Any related organization?

6b

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 in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

7

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.

8

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

9

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.

See Additional Data Table

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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
SCHEDULE J, PART III	PART I, LINE 1A AIR TRAVEL IS OCCASIONALLY CHARTERED IN ORDER FOR DIRECTORS TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS. SUCH CHARTERED FLIGHTS ARE BOOKED WHEN MONETARILY SIMILAR AND/OR ADVANTAGEOUS COMPARED TO COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS OR MILEAGE DUE TO THE SIGNIFICANT TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS OF VARIOUS MEMBER COOPERATIVES IN REMOTE PARTS OF TEXAS. MULTIPLE DIRECTORS PARTICIPATE IN A SINGLE CHARTERED FLIGHT. ANNUAL DUES PAID FOR OFFICERS TO A 501(C)(7) RESTAURANT CLUB LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN AMARILLO (THE AMARILLO CLUB). MEMBERSHIP PROVIDES A CONVENIENT BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT TO CONDUCT MEETINGS. TOTAL 2017 DUES PAID FOR FOUR OFFICERS WERE 5,744 (APPROXIMATELY 120 PER MONTH PER OFFICER). TAX GROSS-UP PAYMENTS ARE INCLUDED IN OFFICERS COMPENSATION. GROSS-UP PAYMENTS ARE FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES TO THE AMARILLO CLUB. OCCASIONAL GIFT CARDS GIVEN TO OFFICERS ARE ALSO GROSS-UP PAYMENTS INCLUDED IN OFFICERS COMPENSATION. GROSS-UP PAYMENTS TOTAL LESS THAN 1000 OF REPORTABLE COMPENSATION PER OFFICER. PART I, LINES 4A-B. LINE 4A - WILLIAM PIPPIN, VICE PRESIDENT OF PRODUCTION RESIGNED HIS EMPLOYMENT ON 9/8/2017. SALARY CONTINUATION PAYMENTS DETERMINED PURSUANT TO A CONFIDENTIAL AGREEMENT ARE REPORTED IN PART II, COLUMN B(III) IN THE AMOUNT OF 60,000. LINE 4B - GOLDEN SPREAD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE PROVIDES A PENSION RESTORATION PLAN (PR PLAN) TO RESTORE THE PENSION PLAN BENEFITS THAT HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOYEES WOULD OTHERWISE LOSE AS A RESULT OF INTERNAL REVENUE CODE LIMITATIONS RELATED TO PENSION PLANS. BY RESTORING SUCH BENEFITS, THE PR PLAN PERMITS THE TOTAL BENEFITS OF SUCH EMPLOYEES TO BE PROVIDED ON THE SAME BASIS AS IS APPLICABLE TO ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES UNDER THE PENSION PLAN. THESE PR PLAN BENEFITS ARE PAID TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE PR PLAN UPON REACHING THEIR INITIAL VESTING DATE. IN DECEMBER 2017, MARK SCHWIRTZ REACHED HIS INITIAL VESTING DATE AND THUS RECEIVED A LUMP SUM BENEFIT PAYMENT UNDER THE PR PLAN.

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

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base Compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1MARK SCHWIRTZ PRESIDENT & CEO	(i)	573,349	177,023	2,192,954	121,593	28,902	3,093,821	
	(ii)							
1JOSEPH HAYDEN COO	(i)	339,310	49,116	25,771	101,553	28,400	544,150	
	(ii)							
2SCOTT GROSS CFO/ASST TREASURER	(i)	316,160	43,831	13,236	72,900	28,243	474,370	
	(ii)							
3WILLIAM HARRELSON CHIEF LEGAL/ASST SEC	(i)	297,502	24,402		72,902	27,851	422,657	
	(ii)							
4MARGARET RUPERT CHIEF STRATEGY/INFO	(i)	268,866	37,930	5,378	71,638	25,955	409,767	
	(ii)							
5WILLIAM PIPPIN VP, PRODUCTION	(i)	139,130	17,063	89,022	38,104	18,532	301,851	
	(ii)							
6DARLA BLACKMORE VP, HUMAN RESOURCES	(i)	211,093	29,285	15	49,419	29,148	318,960	
	(ii)							
7MATHEW MOORE DIR MARKET OPERATION	(i)	206,225	22,678	6,958	57,520	28,936	322,317	
	(ii)							
8MICHAEL WISE SR VP/REGULATORY/MKT	(i)	267,132	39,426	7,529	90,292	29,186	433,565	
	(ii)							
9JOHN EICHELMANN VP, MEMBER SERVICES	(i)	241,641	29,528	9,475	65,026	1,716	347,386	
	(ii)							
10STEPHEN CROSS DIR POWER SUPPLY	(i)	224,837	33,476	5,467	62,359	27,985	354,124	
	(ii)							
11BRADLEY SWADLING DIR CORPORATE TECHNO	(i)	226,867	25,057	534	62,445	23,611	338,514	
	(ii)							
12THOMAS BURKE REGULATORY/MKT ADVOC	(i)	214,851	2,984	19,958	59,868	26,965	324,626	
	(ii)							
13MARY HEKMAN FORMER LEGAL COUNSEL	(i)			325,352			325,352	
	(ii)							

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
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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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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION	THE GOLDEN SPREAD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (GSEC) MISSION IS TO DELIVER COST EFFECTIVE, COMPETITIVE AND RELIABLE POWER TO PROVIDE A SECURE ENERGY FUTURE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME BY CREATING OPPORTUNITIES, CULTIVATING COOPERATION AND NAVIGATING INDUSTRY RISK

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINES 12-15 POLICY QUESTIONS AS APPLICABLE TO THE ORGANIZAT ION'S DISREGARDED ENTITY GSEC PROPERTIES LLC IS A DISREGARDED ENTITY OWNED BY THE ORGANIZ ATION AND REPORTED ON SCHEDULE R, PART I THE POLICY QUESTIONS ANSWERED "YES" ON FORM 990, PART VI, LINES 12 THROUGH 15 ALSO APPLY TO THE DISREGARDED ENTITY

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 6	ONE CLASS OF MEMBERS EXISTS WITH EACH MEMBER COOPERATIVE HAVING EQUAL REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 7A	EACH MEMBER COOPERATIVE HAS TWO BOARD POSITIONS REPRESENTING THE VOTING GOVERNING BODY (16 MEMBER COOPERATIVES EQUATES TO 32 VOTING POSITIONS ON THE BOARD) THE MANAGER OF EACH MEMBER COOPERATIVE IS ELECTED BY THE RESPECTIVE MEMBER COOPERATIVE AND FILLS ONE OF THE TWO POSITIONS THE SECOND POSITION IS ELECTED FROM EACH EXISTING MEMBER COOPERATIVE'S BOARD BY THAT MEMBER COOPERATIVE

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 7B	CERTAIN DECISIONS OF THE GOVERNING BODY ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MEMBER COOPERATIVES

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 11B	THE FORM 990 FOR THIS COMPANY WAS PREPARED BY AN OUTSIDE CPA FIRM AND REVIEWED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 12C	OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS SUBMIT FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC) ANNUAL REPORT OF INTERLOCKING POSITIONS (FORM 561) FOR GOLDEN SPREAD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15B	OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION CONSULTANTS ARE RETAINED TO PREPARE SALARY RANGES FOR EACH POSITION A COMPENSATION COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF FIVE BOARD MEMBERS EXISTS TO REVIEW AND APPROVE COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE POSTED ON THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIREMENT -12,500,000

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) GSEC PROPERTIES LLC 905 S FILLMORE ST SUITE 300 AMARILLO, TX 79101	COM RENTAL	TX	-255,073	13,749,299	GSEC

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)MID-TEX GENERATION & TRANSMISSION E 905 S FILLMORE ST SUITE 300 AMARILLO, TX 79101 75-2157834	RURAL ELEC	TX	501C12		GSEC	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
(1) GOLDEN SPREAD PANHANDLE WIND RANCH 905 S FILLMORE ST SUITE 300 AMARILLO, TX 79101 26-3144595	WIND ENERG	TX	GSEC	C CORP	14,393,634	93,451,023	100 000 %	Yes	

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

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

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

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)GOLDEN SPREAD PANHANDLE WIND RANCH	A	2,771,745	COST
(2)GOLDEN SPREAD PANHANDLE WIND RANCH	D	62,738,915	BALANCE AT 12/31/17
(3)GOLDEN SPREAD PANHANDLE WIND RANCH	N	60,000	COST
(4)GOLDEN SPREAD PANHANDLE WIND RANCH	O	310,500	COST

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)