

Form 990
2017Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC	D Employer identification number 85-0058679
	Doing business as	
	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 404 BURRO AVE	Room/suite
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code CLOUDCROFT, NM 88317	
F Name and address of principal officer MARIO ROMERO 404 BURRO AVE CLOUDCROFT, NM 88317		G Gross receipts \$ 33,044,751
I Tax-exempt status <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (12) ► (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
J Website: ► WWW OCEC-INC COM		H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ►		H(c) Group exemption number ►
L Year of formation 1943		M State of legal domicile NM

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC POWER TO RURAL AREAS AT COST ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS

2 Check this box ► <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets	3	10
3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	4	10
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	5	78
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)	6	0
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	7a	8,800
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7b	7,200
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34		

Revenue	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	0	0
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	32,020,379	31,960,666
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	424,756	646,796
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	217,578	233,863
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	32,662,713	32,841,325

Expenses	Prior Year	Current Year
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	35,745	26,203
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	2,441,997	2,839,615
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	4,794,295	4,923,667
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 0		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	25,390,676	25,051,840
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	32,662,713	32,841,325
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	0	0

Net Assets or Fund Balances	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	98,526,287	103,046,086
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	64,442,479	66,358,008
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	34,083,808	36,688,078

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   MARIO ROMERO CEO 	*****	2018-10-17
		Date

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name WILLIAM M MILLER	Preparer's signature WILLIAM M MILLER	Date 2018-10-12	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00439459
	Firm's name ► BOLINGER SEGARS GILBERT AND MOSS LLP	Firm's EIN ► 75-0882037			
	Firm's address ► 8215 NASHVILLE AVENUE LUBBOCK, TX 79423	Phone no (806) 747-3806			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

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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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?	2	No
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9	No
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	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c	Yes
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11f	Yes
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a	Yes
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	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
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	19	No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II
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
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

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
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II

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

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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV
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 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M

30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M

31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I

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 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 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 Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
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 **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 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 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	No
20a		No
20b		
21	Yes	
22		No
23	Yes	
24a		No
24b		
24c		
24d		
25a		
25b		
26		No
27		No
28a		No
28b		No
28c		No
29		No
30		No
31		No
32		No
33		No
34	Yes	
35a	Yes	
35b		No
36		
37		No
38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable . . .	1a	76	
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	78	
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	Yes	
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>	3b	Yes	
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).	7a		
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?	7b		
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7c		
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?			
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	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	31,406,027	
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b	1,266,763	
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? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>	14b		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	1a	10	
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O			
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b	10	
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		No
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		No
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	Yes	
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	Yes	
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	Yes	
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	Yes	
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following	8a	Yes	
a The governing body?	8b		No
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	9		No
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O			

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	Yes	
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12b	Yes	
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12c	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	13		No
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	14	Yes	
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	15a	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?	15b	Yes	
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	16a		No
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	16b		
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?			
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 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request <input type="checkbox"/> 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 ►JULIE WALKER-GRINDER CFO 404 BURRO AVE CLOUDCROFT, NM 88317 (575) 682-2521	

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII **Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

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

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

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

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099- MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Officer or Director	Individual Trustee	Office Holder	Key Employee	Highest Compensated	Finance			
(1) CHARLES MULCOCK PRESIDENT	6 90 1 00	X	X					16,135	0	0
(2) MATTHEW ALAN FLOTTE VICE PRESIDENT	15 00 1 00	X	X					3,932	0	0
(3) DENNY BURNETT SECRETARY	4 50 1 00	X	X					20,167	0	0
(4) SCOTT SHAFER TREASURER	4 00 1 00	X	X					18,866	0	0
(5) SHAWN BELL TRUSTEE (JAN - JULY)	1 30 1 00	X						1,527	0	0
(6) TIMOTHY ALAN RABON TRUSTEE	5 10 1 00	X						19,895	0	0
(7) PRESTON STONE TRUSTEE	12 40 1 00	X						18,021	0	0
(8) WILLIAM BIRD TRUSTEE	3 70 1 00	X						14,302	0	0
(9) MARTHA MILLS TRUSTEE	5 80 1 00	X						15,202	0	0
(10) FRED HANSEN TRUSTEE	12 00 1 00	X						15,391	0	0
(11) MARIO ROMERO CEO	50 00		X					174,838	0	69,822
(12) JULIA WALKER-GRINDER CFO	50 00		X					100,424	0	34,888
(13) DAMON MAREZ IT MANAGER	55 00			X				124,111	0	70,910
(14) WILBURN RUSH OPERATIONS MANAGER	50 00			X				124,111	0	68,015
(15) MARK MARTIN WORKING FOREMAN	40 00			X				124,111	0	54,872
(16) LINDA HAMILTON HR MANAGER	40 00			X				108,996	0	73,695
(17) KENNY TRAPP DIST OF SUPERVISOR	40 00			X				124,111	0	62,220

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

1b Sub-Total	►			
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A	►			
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	►	1,024,140	0	434,422

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 ► 8

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
CABLEVISION COMMUNICATIONS INC	CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	1,046,089
PO BOX 2768 ALAMOGORDO, NM 88311		
ROGERS TREE SERVICE	RIGHT OF WAY CLEARING	520,634
PO BOX 707 HIGH ROLLS, NM 88325		
SOLAR ELECTRIC CO INC	CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	482,008
PO BOX 2741 LAS CRUCES, NM 88004		

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 ► 3

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
1a Federated campaigns . . .	1a				
b Membership dues . . .	1b				
c Fundraising events . . .	1c				
d Related organizations	1d				
e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f				
g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f					
Program Service Revenue		Business Code			
2a SALES OF ELECTRICITY		221000	30,452,052	30,452,052	
b PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS		221000	1,331,616	1,331,616	
c SERVICE & OTHER FEES		221000	176,998	176,998	
d _____					
e _____					
f All other program service revenue					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		31,960,666			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		431,082		431,082
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
5 Royalties					
6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
b Less rental expenses	46,144	8,800			
c Rental income or (loss)	46,144	8,800			
d Net rental income or (loss)			54,944	46,144	8,800
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses		417,871			
c Gain or (loss)		202,157			
d Net gain or (loss)		215,714			215,714
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	840			
b Less cost of goods sold	b	1,269			
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory			-429	-429	
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
11a POLE ATTACHMENT INCOME	221000		179,348		179,348
b _____					
c _____					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		179,348			
12 Total revenue. See Instructions		32,841,325	32,006,381	8,800	826,144

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	26,203			
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	2,839,615			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	523,410			
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	2,607,714			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	737,520			
9 Other employee benefits	831,024			
10 Payroll taxes	223,999			
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest	2,655,733			
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	3,306,665			
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a PURCHASED POWER	15,220,702			
b DISTRIBUTION EXPENSE	1,870,094			
c ADMIN & GENERAL EXPENSE	1,267,001			
d CONSUMER EXPENSES	553,632			
e All other expenses	178,013			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	32,841,325			
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 IX

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	1,131,480	1	3,577,858	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	774,648	2	779,178	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	1,318,274	3		
	4 Accounts receivable, net	1,318,274	4	934,436	
	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	7			
	8 Inventories for sale or use	571,092	8	649,678	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	4,284,186	9	3,998,226	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	114,819,270			
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 35,930,541	77,185,666	10c	78,888,729
	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	10,365,450	13	11,313,797	
	14 Intangible assets	14			
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	2,895,491	15	2,904,184	
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	98,526,287	16	103,046,086	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,981,359	17	3,268,544	
	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	57,236,939	23	59,426,889	
	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	4,224,181	25	3,662,575	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	64,442,479	26	66,358,008	
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	0	30	0	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund	0	31	0	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	34,083,808	32	36,688,078	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	34,083,808	33	36,688,078	
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	98,526,287	34	103,046,086	

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	32,841,325
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	32,841,325
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	34,083,808
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	2,604,270
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	36,688,078

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 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
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	2a	No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
2b	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	2b	Yes
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> 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	2c	No
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?	3a	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	3b	

Additional Data

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Name: OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

Form 990 (2017)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

PROVIDING ELECTRIC ENERGY TO OUR MEMBERS - 19,331 ACTIVE SERVICES AT YEAR END WERE PROVIDED ELECTRICITY ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS THROUGH THE ALLOCATION OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL

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(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.

Name of the organization OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC	Employer identification number 85-0058679
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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.		
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.		
1 Total number at end of year	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? Yes No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? Yes No

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an 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	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d
3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ►	
4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►	
5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? <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
- b Scholarly research
- c Preservation for future generations
- d Loan or exchange programs
- e Other

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

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

Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

Yes No

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

- c Beginning balance
- d Additions during the year
- e Distributions during the year
- f Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

Yes No

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

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ►
- b Permanent endowment ►
- c Temporarily restricted endowment ►

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

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

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

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.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		866,147		866,147
b Buildings		4,404,912	961,674	3,443,238
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		93,989,185	34,968,867	59,020,318
e Other		15,559,026		15,559,026
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) . . . ►				78,888,729

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
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 13)		11,313,797

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	
CONSUMER DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS	493,185
ACCRUED OPERATING TAXES	388,450
ACCUMULATED PROVISIONS FOR POST RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS	1,889,500
DEFERRED CREDITS - ADVANCES FOR CONSTRUCTION	288,763
DEFERRED CREDITS - ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM	287,280
DEFERRED CREDITS - SOLAR FARM	216,199
DEFERRED CREDITS - OTHER	99,198
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	3,662,575

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	32,838,527
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	32,838,527
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	2,798
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	2,798
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	32,841,325

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	29,998,912
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	29,998,912
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	2,842,413
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	2,842,413
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	32,841,325

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

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Form 990, Schedule D, Part VIII - Investments Program Related

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) MEMBERSHIPS IN ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS	1,220	C
(2) CAPITAL TERM CERTIFICATES - CFC	84,136	C
(3) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - TSGT	9,735,513	C
(4) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - CFC	147,035	C
(5) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - FEDERATED	309,185	C
(6) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - COBANK	950,222	C
(7) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - NISC	75,293	C
(8) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - PVTC	2,070	C
(9) PATRONAGE CAPITAL - CRC	4,526	C
(10) OTHER INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS	4,597	C

Supplemental Information

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

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	EXPENSES RECLASSIFIED FROM NON-OPERATING MARGINS 2,798

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	PATRONAGE CAPITAL ASSIGNS 2,839,615 EXPENSES RECLASSIFIED FROM NON-OPERATING MARGINS 2,798

Supplemental Information

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

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART XII, LINE 4B	FOR THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, THE AMOUNT OF PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS PAID OR ALLOCATED TO THE MEMBERS IS REPORTED AS AN INCREASE IN EQUITY AND NOT AS AN EXPENSE THEREFORE, NET INCOME PER THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IS REPORTED GROSS OF THE AMOUNT OF PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS THAT ARE EITHER ALLOCATED OR TO BE ALLOCATED AT THE TIME THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE PREPARED. HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE ALLOCATION OF PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS IS ONE ASPECT OF HOW THE COOPERATIVE FULFILLS ITS TAX EXEMPT PURPOSE OF OPERATING ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS, THE AMOUNT OF PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS EITHER ALLOCATED OR TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE MEMBERS IS REPORTED ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 4 AS "BENEFITS PAID TO MEMBERS". PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS ARE ALLOCATED ON A PATRONAGE BASIS AND DONE SO PURSUANT TO A PRE-EXISTING OBLIGATION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE "NON-PROFIT OPERATION" ARTICLE OF THE COOPERATIVE'S BYLAWS.

**Schedule I
(Form 990)**Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States**

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

► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**2017****Open to Public
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Name of the organization OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC	Employer identification number 85-0058679
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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) UNITED WAY OF OTERO COUNTY PO BOX 14 ALAMOGORDO, NM 88310	85-0197559	501(C)(3)	9,558				THE COOPERATIVE MATCHES CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE EMPLOYEES

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 ►

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
PART II	ALL GRANTS, SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS ARE MADE TO NON-PROFIT AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE LOCATED IN THE COOPERATIVE'S SERVICE AREA, AND ARE INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH OUR MEMBERS RESIDE

Schedule J
(Form 990)**Compensation Information**

OMB No 1545-0047

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
 ► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
 ► Attach to Form 990.
 ► Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

2017**Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization
OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INCEmployer identification number
85-0058679**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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)

Yes**No**

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

<input 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 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

4a No

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

4b No

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

4c No

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 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

5a

a The 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

6a

a The organization?

6b

b Any related organization?

If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III

7

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

8

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

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

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

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

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

Part III Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 1A	TRAVEL FOR COMPANIONS - THE COOPERATIVE MAY, LIMITED TO ONCE ANNUALLY, REIMBURSE DIRECTORS THE COST OF HIS/HER SPOUSE TO ACCOMPANY HIM/HER ON OFFICIAL, APPROVED, BUSINESS OF THE COOPERATIVE REIMBURSABLE COSTS INCLUDE TRAVEL AND MEAL ALLOWANCES DURING THE YEAR, ONE INDIVIDUAL REPORTED ON FORM 990, PART VII, MARIO ROMERO, RECEIVED THIS BENEFIT SINCE THE COOPERATIVE CONSIDERS THE REIMBURSEMENT TO BE CONSISTENT TO A BONA FIDE BUSINESS PURPOSE, SUCH REIMBURSEMENTS WERE TREATED AS EXPENSES EXCLUDED FROM REPORTABLE COMPENSATION HEALTH OR SOCIAL CLUB DUES OR INITIATION FEES - THE COOPERATIVE PAYS A PORTION OF GYM MEMBERSHIPS FOR EMPLOYEES AND THEIR SPOUSE
PART II, COLUMN C	INCLUDED IN THIS AMOUNT IS THE INCREASE IN ACTUARIAL VALUE OF BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER A DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN. THE CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE NRECA R&S DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN ARE THE SAME FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THIS MULTI-EMPLOYER PLAN. THE CHANGE IN ACTUARIAL VALUE FOR EACH PARTICIPANT, HOWEVER, VARIES WITH AGE. IN OTHER WORDS, THE OLDER A PLAN PARTICIPANT IS, THE GREATER THE INCREASE IN THAT INDIVIDUAL'S CHANGE IN ACTUARIAL VALUE, ALL OTHER THINGS BEING EQUAL. BECAUSE THIS RELATES TO A MULTI-EMPLOYER PLAN, CASH CONTRIBUTION TO THE PLAN IN LIEU OF THE ACTUARIAL INCREASE ARE EXPENSED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. MARIO ROMERO ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN \$ 38,357 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO 401(K) PLAN 12,179 TOTAL REPORTED IN COLUMN C \$ 50,536 LESS ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (38,357) ADD CASH CONTRIBUTION TO DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN 43,744 EXPENSE TO THE COOPERATIVE \$ 55,923. DAMON MAREZ ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN \$ 53,094 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO 401(K) PLAN 8,329 TOTAL REPORTED IN COLUMN C \$ 61,423 LESS ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (53,094) ADD CASH CONTRIBUTION TO DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN 29,994 EXPENSE TO THE COOPERATIVE \$ 38,323. WILBURN RUSH ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN \$ 35,546 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO 401(K) PLAN 7,773 TOTAL REPORTED IN COLUMN C \$ 43,319 LESS ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (35,546) ADD CASH CONTRIBUTION TO DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN 27,614 EXPENSE TO THE COOPERATIVE \$ 35,387. MARK MARTIN ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN \$ 26,103 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO 401(K) PLAN 6,451 TOTAL REPORTED IN COLUMN C \$ 32,554 LESS ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (26,103) ADD CASH CONTRIBUTION TO DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN 23,166 EXPENSE TO THE COOPERATIVE \$ 29,617. LINDA HAMILTON ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN \$ 47,397 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO 401(K) PLAN 7,464 TOTAL REPORTED IN COLUMN C \$ 54,861 LESS ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (47,397) ADD CASH CONTRIBUTION TO DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN 26,812 EXPENSE TO THE COOPERATIVE \$ 34,276. KENNY TRAPP ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN \$ 33,176 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO 401(K) PLAN 7,373 TOTAL REPORTED IN COLUMN C \$ 40,549 LESS ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (33,176) ADD CASH CONTRIBUTION TO DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN 26,582 EXPENSE TO THE COOPERATIVE \$ 33,955

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

► 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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85-0058679

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 4	DURING THE YEAR, THE COOPERATIVE'S BYLAWS WERE AMENDED AS APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING THE AMENDMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS ARTICLE III - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS SECTION 4 WAS CLARIFIED TO STATE THAT TWO PERCENT OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF TRUSTEES SECTION 3 WAS CLARIFIED TO STATE THAT A PETITION FOR TRUSTEE NOMINATION SHALL BE FILED NOT LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE DAYS OR MORE THAN FORTY-FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS IN WHICH TRUSTEES ARE TO BE ELECTED SECTION 6 WAS EXPANDED TO CLARIFY THAT BOARD COMPENSATION MAY BE ALLOWED FOR ATTENDANCE AT EACH BOARD APPROVED MEETING ATTENDED AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARTICLE V - MEETINGS OF TRUSTEES SECTION 3 WAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ELECTRONIC MAIL AS A MEANS OF SENDING A NOTICE OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS SECTION 4 WAS EXPANDED TO CLARIFY THAT FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, TRUSTEES ARE CONSIDERED PRESENT IF PHYSICALLY PRESENT OR PARTICIPATING ORALLY VIA TELECOMMUNICATION

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	THE FOLLOWING ACTS REQUIRE APPROVAL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE 1 DISSOLUTION/LIQUIDATION OF THE COOPERATIVE 2 MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION OF THE COOPERATIVE WITH ANOTHER ORGANIZATION 3 DISPOSAL OF A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE COOPERATIVE'S ASSETS 4 AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION 5 AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE GOVERNED BY THE BYLAWS. A TRUSTEE IS DISQUALIFIED AND SHALL BE REMOVED IF HE/SHE IS EMPLOYED BY OR INVESTS IN A BUSINESS, WHICH COMPETES WITH THE COOPERATIVE. THE EMPLOYEES ARE GOVERNED BY A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY. THE COOPERATIVE ENFORCES THE POLICY BY EXPLAINING IT TO NEW EMPLOYEES AND BY REMINDING ITS EMPLOYEES OF THEIR DUTIES TO ANNUALLY DISCLOSE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	ANNUALLY, THE BOARD VOTES TO APPROVE THE CEO'S SALARY BASED ON A REVIEW OF A NATIONAL COMPENSATION SURVEY AS WELL AS THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX. THE CEO DETERMINES THE COMPENSATION OF THE COOPERATIVE'S OTHER EMPLOYEES MEETING THE DEFINITION OF OFFICER AND/OR KEY EMPLOYEE, IF ANY, BASED ON A REVIEW OF A NATIONAL COMPENSATION SURVEY AS WELL AS THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE COOPERATIVE WILL PROVIDE A COMPLETE COPY OF ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO ANY MEMBER WHO REQUESTS A COPY OF ANY SUCH DOCUMENT. THE COOPERATIVE ANNUALLY MAILED A SUMMARIZED COPY OF THE AUDITED BALANCE SHEET AND INCOME STATEMENT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE WITH THEIR ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE. ADDITIONALLY, THE BYLAWS AND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION ARE INCLUDED IN THE MEMBER HANDBOOK THAT IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE COOPERATIVE'S WEBSITE.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VII CONTACT ADDRESSES FOR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, ETC	SHAWN BELL - P O BOX 36, MESCALERO, NM 88340

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART IX	THE ACCOUNTING RECORDS OF THE COOPERATIVE ARE MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RURAL UTIL ITY SERVICES (RUS) UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTS (USOA) PRESCRIBED FOR RUS ELECTRIC BORROWERS THE USOA DOES NOT RECORD EXPENSES IN THE GENERAL EXPENSE CATEGORIES PROVIDED ON PART IX LINES 1 - 23 THE COOPERATIVE SEPARATELY REPORTS SALARIES AND WAGES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND PAYROLL TAXES THAT ARE ALLOCATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR ACCOUNTING SYSTEM, BUT OTHER EX PENSES THAT ARE DESCRIBED IN LINES 1 - 23 ARE REPORTED ON LINE 24 UNDER THE EXPENSE CATEGO RIES REQUIRED BY THE USOA

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART IX, LINES 5-7	SALARIES AND WAGES ARE ALLOCATED TO ASSET, LIABILITY, AND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS BASED ON THE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM DESCRIBED ABOVE. THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE RECONCILES AMOUNTS REPORTED ON LINES 5-7 TO TOTAL WAGES ACCRUED AND/OR PAID TOTAL PER LINES 5-7 \$ 3,131,124 LESS DIRECTORS FEES REPORTED ON FORM 1099-MISC (143,438) LESS EMPLOYEE OFFICER BENEFITS REPORTED ON LINE 5 (104,710) PLUS SALARIES AND WAGES CAPITALIZED DIRECTLY TO PLANT 1,221,029 PLUS SALARIES AND WAGES CAPITALIZED/EXPENSED INDIRECTLY THROUGH CLEARING AND OTHER ACCOUNTS 167,485 TOTAL WAGES ACCRUED AND/OR PAID \$ 4,271,490

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 24	ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL EXPENSE IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL \$ 1,455,701 OFFICE SUPPLIES 306,887 OUTSIDE SERVICES 142,745 INJURIES AND DAMAGES 404,912 REGULATORY COMMISSION 154,692 MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL 211,745 DIRECTORS 214,797 MAINTENANCE OF GENERAL PLANT 192,421 TOTAL ADMIN & GENERAL EXP PER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS \$ 3,083,900 LESS RECLASS OF DIRECTOR FEES TO PART IX, LINE 5 (143,438) LESS RECLASS OF LABOR TO PART IX, LINES 5 & 7 (1,009,271) LESS RECLASS OF BENEFITS TO PART IX, LINES 8-10 (664,190) TOTAL ADMIN & GENERAL EXPENSE PER FORM 990, PART IX \$ 1,267,001

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 4	PURSUANT TO THE FORM 990 INSTRUCTIONS, THE AMOUNT OF PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS PAID TO THE MEMBERS (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "PATRONS") SHOULD BE REPORTED ON PART IX, LINE 4. THE PHRASE "PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS PAID" REFERS TO THE PROCESS, SUBSEQUENT TO YEAR-END, BY WHICH THE COOPERATIVE ALLOCATES PATRONAGE CAPITAL TO AND, THEREFORE, OPERATES AT COST WITH ITS PATRONS. THE COOPERATIVE'S TAX EXEMPT PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY TO ITS PATRONS AND TO DO SO ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS. TAX LAW DEFINES "OPERATING ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS" AS SUBORDINATION OF CAPITAL, DEMOCRATIC CONTROL, AND OPERATION AT COST. THE COOPERATIVE OPERATES AT COST THROUGH THE ALLOCATION OF TRUE PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS (ALSO REFERRED TO AS ALLOCATIONS OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL) TO ITS PATRONS. PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS ARE CONSIDERED PAID IF THE ALLOCATION IS MADE (1) PURSUANT TO A PRE-EXISTING OBLIGATION, (2) FROM THE MARGINS PRODUCED FROM THE TRANSACTIONS DONE WITH OR FOR PATRONS, AND (3) IN A FAIR AND EQUITABLE MANNER ON THE BASIS OF PATRONAGE (I E PURCHASES). ADDITIONALLY, THE ALLOCATION OF PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS SHOULD BE MADE WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME PERIOD AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE COOPERATIVE'S YEAR-END OF DECEMBER 31. EACH ONE OF THESE REQUIREMENTS FOR A TRUE PATRONAGE DIVIDEND IS PROVIDED FOR IN THE NON-PROFIT OPERATION ARTICLE OF THE COOPERATIVE'S BYLAWS. THE AMOUNT REPORTED ON PART IX, LINE 4 REPRESENTS THE AMOUNT OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL THAT IS EITHER ALLOCATED OR TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE PATRONS RESULTING FROM THEIR PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY FROM THE COOPERATIVE FOR THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR. BECAUSE PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS ARE THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE COOPERATIVE OPERATES AT COST WITH ITS PATRONS AND THEREBY A KEY COMPONENT TO ACCOMPLISHING ITS EXEMPT PURPOSE, THE COOPERATIVE HAS REPORTED SUCH AMOUNTS AS AN EXPENSE FOR FORM 990. REPORTING PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS ARE NOT AN EXPENSE FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES, HOWEVER.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	PATRONAGE CAPITAL ASSIGNABLE 2,839,615 PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIRED - TOTAL -780,550 PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIRED - DISCOUNT 29,005 OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME - PROVISION FOR PENSIONS AND BENEFITS 516,200

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	THE BOARD AS A WHOLE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT AND SELECTING THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDITOR. PROCEDURAL CHANGES DID NOT OCCUR DURING THE YEAR.

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)**

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

OMB No 1545-0047

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

Employer identification number

85-005867

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

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

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

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.

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b; (13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

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

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

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

- a** Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity
- b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)
- c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)
- d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)
- e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)
- f** Dividends from related organization(s)
- g** Sale of assets to related organization(s)
- h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s)
- i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s)
- j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)
- k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)
- l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
- m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)
- n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)
- o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)
- p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses
- q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses
- r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)
- s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

	Yes	No
1a		No
1b		No
1c		No
1d		No
1e		No
1f		No
1g		No
1h		No
1i		No
1j		No
1k		No
1l		No
1m		No
1n	Yes	
1o	Yes	
1p		No
1q	Yes	
1r		No
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)OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION	N		N/A - LESS THAN \$50,000
(2)OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION	O		N/A - LESS THAN \$50,000
(3)OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION	Q		N/A - LESS THAN \$50,000

Part VI **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37

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.

Part VII **Supplemental Information**

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