

Form **990**  
Department 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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OMB No 1545-0047  
**2017**  
Open to Public Inspection

**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  
SOUTH TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
PO BOX 119

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
NURSERY, TX 77976

**D** Employer identification number  
74-1393760

**E** Telephone number  
(361) 575-6491

**G** Gross receipts \$ 499,924,951

**F** Name and address of principal officer  
MIKE KEZAR  
157 TWIN LAKE CIRCLE  
VICTORIA, TX 77905

**H(a)** Is this a group return for subordinates?  Yes  No  
**H(b)** Are all subordinates included?  Yes  No  
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)  
**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶

**I** Tax-exempt status  501(c)(3)  501(c)(12) ◀ (insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**J** Website: ▶ WWW STEC ORG

**K** Form of organization  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other ▶

**L** Year of formation 1944

**M** State of legal domicile TX

**Part I Summary**

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities  
Rural utility service cooperative for generation and transmission of electricity

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

<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	16
<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	16
<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)	282
<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	
<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0
<b>7b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	

	Prior Year	Current Year
<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)		0
<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	453,676,163	497,668,230
<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	1,281,083	1,422,653
<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	842,115	829,295
<b>12</b> Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	455,799,361	499,920,178
<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		0
<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	24,577,072	26,674,056
<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	22,684,964	34,747,432
<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶		
<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	448,290,182	489,674,898
<b>18</b> Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	495,552,218	551,096,386
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-39,752,857	-51,176,208

	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	1,394,702,635	1,405,884,368
<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,125,476,656	1,109,984,333
<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	269,225,979	295,900,035

**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**

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Signature of officer \_\_\_\_\_ Date 2018-05-07  
MIKE KEZAR GENERAL MANAGER  
Type or print name and title \_\_\_\_\_

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name MICHAEL E WENSKE CPA	Preparer's signature MICHAEL E WENSKE CPA	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00047017
Firm's name ▶ Bumgardner Morrison & Company LLP			Firm's EIN ▶ 74-1194944	
Firm's address ▶ 1501 E MOCKINGBIRD LN STE 300 Victoria, TX 77903			Phone no (361) 575-0271	

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

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

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

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

Rural utility service cooperative for generation and transmission of electricity

**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
<b>1</b> 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> . . . . .		No
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? . . . . .		No
<b>3</b> 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> . . . . .		No
<b>4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> 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> . . . . .		
<b>5</b> 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> . . . . .		No
<b>6</b> 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> 🗑️ . . . . .		No
<b>7</b> 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> 🗑️ . . . . .		No
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> 🗑️ . . . . .		No
<b>9</b> 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> 🗑️ . . . . .		No
<b>10</b> 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> 🗑️ . . . . .		No
<b>11</b> 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		
<b>a</b> 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> 🗑️ . . . . .	Yes	
<b>b</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> 🗑️ . . . . .		No
<b>c</b> 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> 🗑️ . . . . .		No
<b>d</b> 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> 🗑️ . . . . .		No
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 🗑️ . . . . .	Yes	
<b>f</b> 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> 🗑️ . . . . .		No
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> 🗑️ . . . . .	Yes	
<b>b</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> 🗑️ . . . . .		No
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> . . . . .		No
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? . . . . .		No
<b>b</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> . . . . .		No
<b>15</b> 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> . . . . .		No
<b>16</b> 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> . . . . .		No
<b>17</b> 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) . . . . .		No
<b>18</b> 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> . . . . .		No
<b>19</b> 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> . . . . .		No

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

	Yes	No
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H . . . . .</i>		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
<b>21</b> 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>		No
<b>22</b> 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
<b>23</b> 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	
<b>24a</b> 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>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .		No
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .		No
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . . .		No
<b>25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> 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>b</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>		
<b>26</b> 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
<b>27</b> 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
<b>28</b> 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) <b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>		No
<b>b</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
<b>c</b> 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
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .</i>		No
<b>30</b> 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
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I . . . . .</i>		No
<b>32</b> 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
<b>33</b> Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I . . . . .</i>		No
<b>34</b> 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>		No
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		No
<b>b</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>		
<b>36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .</i>		
<b>37</b> 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
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O . . . . .	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

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response. Includes sections for backup withholding, employee reporting, foreign accounts, prohibited tax shelter transactions, deductible contributions, and 501(c)(7) and (12) organizations.

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 [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a (16), 1b (16), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b, 12c, 13, 14, 15a, 15b, 16a, 16b.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection
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

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

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

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

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

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any See instructions for definition of "key employee "
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) BOBBY BAUCH Director	5 00 ..... 0 00	X					10,200	0	0	
(2) BRAD BIERSTEDT Director	5 00 ..... 0 00	X					14,400	0	0	
(3) PAUL BRYSCH JR Director	4 80 ..... 0 00	X					14,400	0	0	
(4) JAMES COLEMAN Director	5 00 ..... 0 00	X					13,200	0	0	
(5) LEROY KASPAR Director	4 00 ..... 0 00	X					13,200	0	0	
(6) RON HUGHES Director	4 00 ..... 0 00	X					13,200	0	0	
(7) TOMMY ERMIS SEC-TREAS	5 00 ..... 0 00	X		X			15,000	0	0	
(8) JOHN HERRERA Director	5 00 ..... 0 00	X					14,400	0	0	
(9) DONALD WEHMEYER Director	7 00 ..... 0 00	X					12,600	0	0	
(10) TRACE McCUAN Director	4 00 ..... 0 00	X					10,800	0	0	
(11) BLAINE WARZECHA Director	5 00 ..... 0 00	X					14,400	0	0	
(12) BRUCE ELLIOTT Director	5 00 ..... 0 00	X					15,000	0	0	
(13) LARRY HUESSER Vice President	4 10 ..... 0 00	X		X			15,600	0	0	
(14) MARK ROLLANS Director	4 00 ..... 0 00	X					13,800	0	0	
(15) GARY RAYBON President	8 00 ..... 0 00	X		X			14,400	0	0	
(16) BARBARA S MILLER ASST SEC-TREAS	4 50 ..... 0 00	X		X			15,000	0	0	
(17) FRANCES NITSCHMANN CFO	60 00 ..... 0 00			X			215,518	0	92,529	

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) MIKE KEZAR ..... GENERAL MANAGER	70 00 ..... 0 00			X				2,343,119	0	216,768
(19) CORY J ALLEN ..... ASST GENERAL MANAGER	50 00 ..... 0 00				X			280,845	0	112,342
(20) JOHN PACKARD ..... MGR-POWER SUPPLY	45 00 ..... 0 00					X		260,636	0	106,572
(21) DARRELL J KLIMITCHEK ..... MGR-TECH SERVICES	50 00 ..... 0 00					X		221,994	0	93,107
(22) CLIFTON E LANGE ..... MGR-WHOLESALE MKT	50 00 ..... 0 00					X		217,873	0	92,591
(23) ROGER BISHOP ..... PLANT MANAGER	50 00 ..... 0 00					X		210,237	0	89,279
(24) DOROTHY K DISANTO ..... MBR SERVICES COORD	55 00 ..... 0 00					X		205,506	0	91,459
<b>1b Sub-Total</b> . . . . .										
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> . . . . .										
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> . . . . .								4,175,328		894,647

<b>2</b> Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ▶ 92		
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	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> . . . . .		No
<b>4</b> For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> . . . . .	Yes	
<b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i> . . . . .		No

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
JRD LLC 10103 N DIVISION STREET SUITE 106 SPOKANE, WA 99218	CONSTRUCTION	2,648,828
LAMBDA CONSTRUCTION LTD 211 JESSES CIRCLE NEW BRAUNFELS, TX 78132	CONTRACTOR	1,843,867
GRAYS POWER SUPPLY LLC 12951 COUNTY ROAD 211 OAKLAND, MS 38948	CONSTRUCTION	1,668,599
T&D SOLUTIONS LLC 1408 METRO DRIVE ALEXANDRIA, LA 713151948	CONTRACTOR	1,304,732
HAYNES AND BOONE LLP PO BOX 841399 DALLAS, TX 75284	ATTORNEY	1,230,159

<b>2</b> Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶ 13	
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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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . . . .	<b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues . . . . .	<b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . .	<b>1c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Related organizations . . . . .	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions) . . . . .	<b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above . . . . .	<b>1f</b>					
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____						
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .			0			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>			Business Code				
	<b>2a</b> CAPITAL CREDITS		221000	2,127,256	2,127,256		
	<b>b</b> SALE OF ELECTRICITY-GROSS		221000	495,540,974	495,540,974		
	<b>c</b> _____						
	<b>d</b> _____						
	<b>e</b> _____						
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue . . . . .						
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .			497,668,230				
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .			1,421,916		1,421,916	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . . .			0			
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . .			0			
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		<b>b</b> Less rental expenses					
		<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)					
		<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .			0		
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses			5,510		
		<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)			4,773		
		<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .			737	737	
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .	<b>a</b>					
		<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>				
		<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .			0		
	<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . .		<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .				0			
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .			0			
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
<b>11a</b> INTERNET		221000	8,100	8,100			
<b>b</b> MISC NON-OPER INCOME		221000	811,110	811,110			
<b>c</b> RENT OF ELECTRIC PROP			10,085		10,085		
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .							
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .			829,295				
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See Instructions . . . . .			499,920,178	498,488,177		1,432,001	

**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

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>	<b>(A)</b> Total expenses	<b>(B)</b> Program service expenses	<b>(C)</b> Management and general expenses	<b>(D)</b> Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	0			
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	0			
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, line 15 and 16	0			
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members	26,674,056			
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,695,503			
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages	20,013,624			
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	5,396,246			
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits	6,098,599			
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes	1,543,460			
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees)				
<b>a</b> Management	0			
<b>b</b> Legal	0			
<b>c</b> Accounting	0			
<b>d</b> Lobbying	0			
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			
<b>f</b> Investment management fees	0			
<b>g</b> Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	0			
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion	0			
<b>13</b> Office expenses	0			
<b>14</b> Information technology	0			
<b>15</b> Royalties	0			
<b>16</b> Occupancy	0			
<b>17</b> Travel	0			
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings	0			
<b>20</b> Interest	42,996,428			
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates	0			
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	90,482,017			
<b>23</b> Insurance	775,251			
<b>24</b> 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.)				
<b>a</b> OPERATION EXP-OTH POWER SUPPLY	299,746,653			
<b>b</b> OPERATION EXP- PRODUCTION FUEL	26,355,666			
<b>c</b> PROPERTY TAXES	9,808,677			
<b>d</b> MAINTENANCE EXP- PRODUCTION	6,915,175			
<b>e</b> All other expenses	12,595,031			
<b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	551,096,386	0	0	0
<b>26</b> 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 Sheet**

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	29,265,754	<b>1</b>	33,033,966
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	24,000,000	<b>2</b>	34,000,000
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .		<b>3</b>	0
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	41,654,001	<b>4</b>	50,622,214
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>5</b>	0
	<b>6</b> 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 . . . . .		<b>6</b>	0
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	0
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .	18,228,559	<b>8</b>	17,857,896
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	40,175,076	<b>9</b>	31,472,589
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	<b>10a</b> 1,501,947,921		
	<b>b</b> Less accumulated depreciation	<b>10b</b> 326,223,579	1,178,447,906	<b>10c</b> 1,175,724,342
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .		<b>11</b>	0
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>	0
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	62,921,795	<b>13</b>	63,163,817
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .	9,544	<b>14</b>	9,544
	<b>15</b> Other assets See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>15</b>	0
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	1,394,702,635	<b>16</b>	1,405,884,368	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	60,546,120	<b>17</b>	54,882,220
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> 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 . . . . .		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	1,053,457,903	<b>23</b>	1,049,179,830
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> 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	11,472,633	<b>25</b>	5,922,283
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	1,125,476,656	<b>26</b>	1,109,984,333
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>27 Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b> Unrestricted net assets		<b>27</b>	
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .		<b>28</b>	
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets		<b>29</b>	
	<b>30 Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .	450	<b>30</b>	450
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .	488	<b>31</b>	488
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	269,225,041	<b>32</b>	295,899,097
	<b>33 Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .</b>	269,225,979	<b>33</b>	295,900,035
	<b>34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .</b>	1,394,702,635	<b>34</b>	1,405,884,368

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	<b>1</b>	499,920,178
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) . . . . .	<b>2</b>	551,096,386
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1 . . . . .	<b>3</b>	-51,176,208
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) . . . . .	<b>4</b>	269,225,979
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses . . . . .	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments . . . . .	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>9</b>	77,850,264
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	295,900,035

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
<p><b>1</b> Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O</p>			
<p><b>2a</b> Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?</p> <p>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</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis</p>	<b>2a</b>		No
<p><b>b</b> Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?</p> <p>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</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis</p>	<b>2b</b>	Yes	
<p><b>c</b> 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?</p> <p>If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O</p>	<b>2c</b>	Yes	
<p><b>3a</b> 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?</p>	<b>3a</b>		No
<p><b>b</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</p>	<b>3b</b>		

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### Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

SOUTH TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (STEC) IS ORGANIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERATING AND TRANSMITTING ELECTRIC POWER. STEC HAS EIGHT (8) MEMBER COOPERATIVES. STEC SELLS ITS POWER PURSUANT TO WHOLESALE POWER CONTRACTS WITH ITS MEMBER-CUSTOMERS.

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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](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
<b>1</b> Total number at end of year		
<b>2</b> Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
<b>3</b> Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
<b>4</b> Aggregate value at end of year		
<b>5</b> Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>6</b> Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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

**1** Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

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

	Held at the End of the Year	
<b>a</b> Total number of conservation easements	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b> Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b> Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b> Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	<b>2d</b>	

**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 ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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
- |  | Amount |
|--|--------|
| <b>c</b> Beginning balance             |        |
| <b>d</b> Additions during the year     |        |
| <b>e</b> Distributions during the year |        |
| <b>f</b> Ending balance                |        |
- 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
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance . . . . .					
<b>b</b> Contributions . . . . .					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses . . . . .					
<b>g</b> 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
- |  |               |    |
|--|---------------|----|
|  | Yes           | No |
| <b>(i)</b> unrelated organizations . . . . .   | <b>3a(i)</b>  |    |
| <b>(ii)</b> related organizations . . . . .  | <b>3a(ii)</b> |    |
| <b>b</b> If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? . . . . . | <b>3b</b>     |    |
- 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
<b>1a</b> Land . . . . .		55,559,217		55,559,217
<b>b</b> Buildings . . . . .		16,764,781	4,889,595	11,875,186
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements				
<b>d</b> Equipment . . . . .		1,376,905,147	321,333,984	1,055,571,163
<b>e</b> Other . . . . .		52,718,776		52,718,776
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) . . . ▶				1,175,724,342

**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)		
<b>Total.</b> (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)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13.)		

**Part IX Other Assets.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (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	
net credits for excess fuel, energy	5,922,283
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25.)	5,922,283

**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.

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	499,920,178
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>2a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .		<b>2e</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .		<b>3</b>	499,920,178
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .		<b>4c</b>	
<b>5</b>	Total revenue Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 ) . . . . .		<b>5</b>	499,920,178

**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.

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .		<b>1</b>	473,246,122
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25			
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Other losses . . . . .	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .		<b>2e</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .		<b>3</b>	473,246,122
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	77,850,264	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .		<b>4c</b>	77,850,264
<b>5</b>	Total expenses Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 ) . . . . .		<b>5</b>	551,096,386

**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	



## Additional Data

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## Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Part XII, Line 4b Other revenue amounts included on 990 but not included in F/S	PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS ALLOCATED TO MEMBERS \$26674056 BOOK / TAX DEPRECIATION DIFFERENCE \$51176208

**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](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

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**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> 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"/> Travel for companions <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account		
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)		
<b>b</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	<b>1b</b>	
<b>2</b> 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?	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee		
<b>4</b> 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		
<b>a</b> Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	<b>4a</b>	No
<b>b</b> Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	<b>4b</b>	Yes
<b>c</b> 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	<b>4c</b>	No
<b>Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</b>		
<b>5</b> 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		
<b>a</b> The organization?	<b>5a</b>	
<b>b</b> Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III	<b>5b</b>	
<b>6</b> 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		
<b>a</b> The organization?	<b>6a</b>	
<b>b</b> Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III	<b>6b</b>	
<b>7</b> 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	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> 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	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b> If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	<b>9</b>	

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
<b>1</b> CLIFTON E LANGE MGR-WHOLESALE MKT	(i)	217,873			65,574	27,017	310,464	
	(ii)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>2</b> CORY J ALLEN ASST GENERAL MANAGER	(i)	280,845			84,725	27,617	393,187	
	(ii)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>3</b> DARRELL J KLIMITCHEK MGR-TECH SERVICES	(i)	221,994			66,007	27,100	315,101	
	(ii)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>4</b> DOROTHY K DISANTO MBR SERVICES COORD	(i)	205,506			64,465	26,994	296,965	
	(ii)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>5</b> FRANCES NITSCHMANN CFO	(i)	215,518			65,512	27,017	308,047	
	(ii)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>6</b> JOHN PACKARD MGR-POWER SUPPLY	(i)	260,636			79,130	27,442	367,208	
	(ii)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>7</b> MIKE KEZAR GENERAL MANAGER	(i)	622,033		1,721,086	187,800	28,968	2,559,887	
	(ii)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>8</b> ROGER BISHOP PLANT MANAGER	(i)	210,237			62,775	26,504	299,516	
	(ii)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

**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.

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Part III, Additional Information	In reference to Schedule J, Part I, Question 4b, Mike Kezar received a \$1,721,086 distribution from a 457(f) plan during the tax year. Amount was included in taxable wages on Form W-2.

**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

OMB No 1545-0047

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.

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**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 6 Explanation of Classes of Members or Shareholder	SOUTH TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (STEC) IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT COOPERATIVE CORPORATION ORGANIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERATING AND TRANSMITTING ELECTRIC POWER STEC HAS EIGHT (8) MEMBER COOPERATIVES STEC SELLS ITS POWER PURSUANT TO WHOLESALE POWER CONTRACTS WITH ITS MEMBER-CUSTOMERS

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b Form 990 Review Process	THE RETURN WAS PROVIDED ELECTRONICALLY TO BOARD MEMBERS ALLOWING OPPORTUNITY FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION AT A FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING AND AT A BOARD MEETING BEFORE FILING

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c Explanation of Monitoring and Enforcement of Conflicts	SOUTH TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC HAS A CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY ALL DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND KEY EMPLOYEES ARE PROVIDED A COPY OF THIS POLICY WHEN THEY JOIN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR ARE HIRED AND EACH SIGNS A COPY OF THIS POLICY THE POLICY IS REVIEWED WITH THE BOARD AND KEY EMPLOYEES EACH YEAR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND KEY EMPLOYEES ARE ANNUALLY REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE ANY INTEREST THAT COULD GIVE RISE TO CONFLICTS

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a Compensation Review & Approval Process - CEO, Top Management	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUALLY ENGAGES A NATIONAL CONSULTANT THAT SPECIALIZES IN EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSATION IN THE ELECTRIC GENERATION COOPERATIVE INDUSTRY, AND THEY REVIEW A COMPENSATION SURVEY PREPARED BY NRECA, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE THE BOARD UTILIZES ALL OF THIS INFORMATION IN ITS DELIBERATION AND DECISION ON COMPENSATION FOR THE CEO (THE GENERAL MANAGER) AND TOP MANAGEMENT

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b Compensation Review and Approval Process for Officers and Key Employees	THE ORGANIZATION ANNUALLY ENGAGES A NATIONAL CONSULTANT THAT SPECIALIZES IN EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSATION IN THE ELECTRIC GENERATION COOPERATIVE INDUSTRY, WHO PROVIDES THE GENERAL MANAGER AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH INFORMATION ON SALARY LEVELS AND COMPENSATION APPROPRIATE FOR ALL LEVELS OF STAFF AT THE ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING THE OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES THIS INFORMATION IS UTILIZED IN THE DELIBERATIONS AND DECISIONS ON COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 Other Organization Documents Publicly Available	THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE PRINTED IN THE COMPANY'S ANNUAL REPORT, POSTED ON THE WEBSITE , AND MADE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION ARE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON THE TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE WEBSITE THE COOPERATIVE'S BYLAWS AND POLICIES ARE NOT PUBLICLY AVAILABLE

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Other Changes In Net Assets Or Fund Balances - Other Increases	PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS ALLOCATED TO MEMBERS = \$26674056

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Other Changes In Net Assets Or Fund Balances - Other Increases	TAX OVER BOOK DEPRECIATION = \$51176208