

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
2019
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A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2019, and ending 12-31-2019

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization
Lower Valley Energy Inc

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO Box 188

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Afton, WY 83110

D Employer identification number
83-0129756

E Telephone number

G Gross receipts \$ 63,547,923

F Name and address of principal officer:
James R Webb

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.lvenergy.com

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation: 1936

M State of legal domicile:
WY

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
The organization provides electricity and natural gas to rural members on a not-for-profit cooperative basis.

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

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	7
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	7
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2019 (Part V, line 2a)	5	76
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39	7b	0

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)		0
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	60,763,158	63,171,866
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	403,837	376,057
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		0
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	61,166,995	63,547,923

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		0
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	5,474,206	4,185,467
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	1,621,612	10,544,984
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 0		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	54,085,540	48,314,775
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	61,181,358	63,045,226
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-14,363	502,697

	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	294,549,644	307,397,414
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	208,850,380	220,142,144
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	85,699,264	87,255,270

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer: *****
Date: 2020-10-12

James R Webb President/Chief
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: Succentrix Business Advisors
Preparer's signature: _____
Date: 2020-10-30
Check if self-employed
PTIN: P01971333

Firm's name: Succentrix Business Advisors
Firm's EIN: 81-3151222

Firm's address: PO Box 1587
Afton, WY 83110
Phone no. (307) 885-1040

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

The organization provides electricity and natural gas to rural members on a not-for-profit cooperative basis.

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 \$ 63,045,226 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 63,171,866)
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 ▶ 63,045,226

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		No
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?		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		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		
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		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		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		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		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		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. 	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		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		No
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX		No
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	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		No
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII 	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		No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		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		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		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		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)		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		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		No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		No
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 22-38 covering various organizational requirements and reporting obligations.

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 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1a-1c regarding Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and backup withholding rules.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a (7), 1b (7), 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-A 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.
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.

See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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) Linda Schmidt Director	4.00 0.00	X					22,050	0	0	
(2) Nancy Winters Board Vice-ChairDirector	10.00 0.00	X					27,025	0	0	
(3) Fred Brog Board ChairmanDirector	5.00 0.00	X		X			24,050	0	0	
(4) Ted Ladd Director	5.00 0.00	X					17,850	0	0	
(5) Dean Lewis Director	4.00 0.00	X					24,050	0	0	
(6) Dan Dockstader SecretaryTreasurerDirector	4.00 0.00	X		X			17,875	0	0	
(7) Scott Anderson Director	5.00 0.00	X					23,550	0	0	
(8) Jon Houglund Chief Financial Officer	48.00 0.00	X		X			162,769	0	40,516	
(9) James R Webb PresidentChief Executive Off	50.00 0.00			X			338,826	0	75,435	
(10) Richard Knori Director of Engineering	45.00 0.00					X	233,458	0	39,849	
(11) William Spaulding Director of Electric Operatio	45.00 0.00					X	173,520	0	38,558	
(12) Martell Brower Director of Gas Operations	45.00 0.00					X	152,942	0	70,477	
(13) Aaron Johnson Substation Mgr	45.00 0.00					X	126,341	0	44,262	
(14) Mallory Winters Electric Foreman	50.00 0.00					X	129,745	0	58,942	
(15) Peter Cook Diretor	0.00 0.00						0	0	0	
(16) Rod Jensen Director	0.00 0.00						0	0	0	

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f: \$	1g					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶						
Program Service Revenue	2a Retail Sales of Energy	Business Code					
		221000	62,120,223	62,120,223			
	b Service Related Revenue	221000	251,424	251,424			
	c Patronage Capital	221000	533,852	533,852			
	d Rental Income	221000	265,752	197,864		67,888	
	e Other Non-Operating	221000	615	615			
	f All other program service revenue.						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f. ▶		63,171,866					
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶		376,057			376,057	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶						
	5 Royalties ▶						
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		6a					
		b Less: rental expenses	6b				
		c Rental income or (loss)	6c				
	d Net rental income or (loss) ▶						
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		7a					
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b				
		c Gain or (loss)	7c				
	d Net gain or (loss) ▶						
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18						
		8a					
b Less: direct expenses		8b					
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶							
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19							
	9a						
	b Less: direct expenses	9b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶							
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances							
	10a						
	b Less: cost of goods sold	10b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ▶							
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code						
11a							
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶							
12 Total revenue. See instructions ▶			63,547,923	63,103,978	0	443,945	

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				
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, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members	4,185,467	4,185,467		
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	742,066	742,066		
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	6,313,498	6,313,498		
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	1,264,520	1,264,520		
9 Other employee benefits	1,624,261	1,624,261		
10 Payroll taxes	600,639	600,639		
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	97,227	97,227		
c Accounting	21,250	21,250		
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	5,007,806	5,007,806		
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	6,255,373	6,255,373		
23 Insurance	189,216	189,216		
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 & Gas	31,968,280	31,968,280		
b Transmission O&M	1,617,060	1,617,060		
c Distribution O&M	1,828,045	1,828,045		
d Administrative & General	699,949	699,949		
e All other expenses	630,569	630,569		
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	63,045,226	63,045,226	0	0
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <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
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	1,640,947	1	563,535
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	2,529,155
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	8,792,398	4	6,617,150
	5 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	1,275,341	7	1,195,077
	8 Inventories for sale or use	1,669,870	8	1,761,942
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	108,476,881	9	104,277,663
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 296,696,173		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 115,013,113	156,030,378	10c 181,683,060
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	7,728,896	12	5,684,230
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	8,934,933	15	3,085,602
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	294,549,644	16	307,397,414	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	13,182,251	17	6,381,488
	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 any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	186,638,342	23	205,084,615
	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	9,029,787	25	8,676,041
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	208,850,380	26	220,142,144
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions		27	
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions		28	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	85,699,264	31	87,255,270
32 Total net assets or fund balances	85,699,264	32	87,255,270	
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	294,549,644	33	307,397,414	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check 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	63,547,923
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	63,045,226
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	502,697
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	85,699,264
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	1,053,309
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	87,255,270

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual Other _____
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
 If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
 If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- c** If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
 If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.
- 3a** As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
- b** If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.

	Yes	No
2a		No
2b	Yes	
2c	Yes	
3a		No
3b		

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 83-0129756

Name: Lower Valley Energy Inc

Form 990 (2019)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

During the year, the cooperative provided electricity and natural gas utility service to its members.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No. 1545-0047 2019 Open to Public Inspection

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. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization Lower Valley Energy Inc

Employer identification number 83-0129756

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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include total number at end of year, aggregate value of contributions, grants, and end of year, and two questions about donor/donor advisor notification.

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

Form for Part II Conservation Easements. Includes questions about purpose of easements, number of easements, acreage, and monitoring expenses. Includes a table for 'Held at the End of the Year' with rows 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d.

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.

Form for Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Includes questions about reporting works of art and assets for financial gain, with dollar amount fields.

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		1,938,288		1,938,288
b Buildings		3,327,942	2,445,603	882,339
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		291,429,943	112,567,510	178,862,433
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				181,683,060

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) Organization Memberships	1,000	C
(B) NRUCFC Captial Term Certificates	1,421,817	C
(C) CFC Debt Contract	594,038	C
(D) CFC Capital Credits	3,126,751	C
(E) Emergency Housing	249,400	C
(F) Other Associated Orgs	289,131	C
(G) Economic Development	2,093	C
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)	5,684,230	

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 13.)		

Part IX Other Assets.

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) Unbilled Sales	3,085,602
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	3,085,602

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)	8,676,041

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	63,547,924
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	1	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	1
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	63,547,923
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	63,547,923

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	58,859,760
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	58,859,760
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	4,185,466	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	4,185,466
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	63,045,226

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	
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Part XIII **Supplemental Information (continued)**

Return Reference	Explanation
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Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
 ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
 ▶ Attach to Form 990.
 ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization Lower Valley Energy Inc	Employer identification number 83-0129756
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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No								
<p>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.</p> <table style="width:100%"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification 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)		
<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use									
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence									
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification 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)									
<p>b If any of the boxes on Line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain</p>	1b Yes									
<p>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 on Line 1a?</p>	2 Yes									
<p>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.</p> <table style="width:100%"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</td> </tr> </table>	<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				
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<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									
<p>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:</p> <p>a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?</p> <p>b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</p> <p>c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</p> <p>If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.</p>	4a									
	4b									
	4c									
<p>Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>a The organization?</p> <p>b Any related organization?</p> <p>If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.</p>	5a									
	5b									
<p>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:</p> <p>a The organization?</p> <p>b Any related organization?</p> <p>If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.</p>	6a									
	6b									
<p>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.</p>	7									
<p>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.</p>	8									
<p>9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?</p>	9									

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

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that 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				
1 James R Webb President/Chief Executive Officer	(i)	233,214	85,600	20,012	48,370	27,065	414,261	
	(ii)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
2 Richard Knori Director of Engineering	(i)	151,924	70,600	10,934	13,855	25,994	273,307	
	(ii)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
3 William Spaulding Director of Electric Operations	(i)	133,269	26,600	13,651	12,742	25,816	212,078	
	(ii)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
4 Martell Brower Director of Gas Operations	(i)	128,152	13,100	11,690	44,696	25,781	223,419	
	(ii)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
5 Jon Hougland Chief Financial Officer	(i)	152,093	8,100	2,576	28,815	11,701	203,285	
	(ii)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
6 Aaron Johnson Substation Mgr	(i)	94,779	4,600	26,962	18,222	26,040	170,603	
	(ii)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
7 Mallory Winters Electric Foreman	(i)	95,902	4,600	29,243	32,917	26,025	188,687	
	(ii)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
8 Peter Cook Diretor	(i)							
	(ii)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
9 Rod Jensen Director	(i)							
	(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.

Return Reference	Explanation
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Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Transactions with Interested Persons

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization Lower Valley Energy Inc

Employer identification number

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and section 501(c)(29) organizations only). Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name of disqualified person, (b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization, (c) Description of transaction, (d) Corrected? (Yes/No)

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958.
3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization.

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a, or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22

Table with 9 columns: (a) Name of interested person, (b) Relationship with organization, (c) Purpose of loan, (d) Loan to or from the organization (To/From), (e) Original principal amount, (f) Balance due, (g) In default? (Yes/No), (h) Approved by board or committee? (Yes/No), (i) Written agreement? (Yes/No)

Total \$

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name of interested person, (b) Relationship between interested person and the organization, (c) Amount of assistance, (d) Type of assistance, (e) Purpose of assistance

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) Dan Dockstader	Director	2,039	Advertising		No

Part V Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**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.

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Name of the organization

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Members or stockholder classes and rights Part VI line 6	The organization operates as a cooperative. All of its customers are members of the cooperative and receive patronage capital allocations.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Member election for additional members Part VI line 7a	Every member of the board is elected by the membership of the cooperative, which as stated above, constitutes the cooperatives customer base.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Governing body decisions Part VI line 7b	The board cannot sell a major portion of the assets of the cooperative without approval of 2/3 of the membership.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990 governing body review Part VI line 11	The completed Form 990 is made available for board members to review in an online portal. Board members may contact management with any review comments they have prior to filing the 990.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Conflict of interest policy compliance Part VI line 12c	The policy is reviewed annually with officers, directors and key employees. They are required to disclose potential conflicts of interest annually and excuse themselves from discussions and decisions where the potential for a conflict arises. They are also required to disclose new conflicts that arise during the year.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
CEO executive director top management comp Part VI line 15a	The organization uses the NRECA Wage Study to establish compensation ranges for all employees.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Other officer or key employee compensation Part VI line 15b	The cooperative periodically seeks the input of an independent consultant in setting wages and salaries of all employees; but this is not done every year. An independent consultant was not hired in 2016 to review the President/CEO compensation. Each year the cooperative does rely on compensation data gathered by the NRECA in setting wages and salary levels of all employees. The results are presented to the board for review and approval. The study and action are documented.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Governing documents etc available to public Part VI line 19	Bylaws are available on the Cooperatives website. New members are directed to the website at the time they sign up for service. They can also be requested by phone, email, or in the office. Financial statements are mailed annually to all members. They can also be requested by phone, email, or in the office. The conflict of interest policy (along with all policies) is available upon request as well.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Explanation of other changes in net assets or fund balances Part XI line 9	Discounts on early retirements of pateronage capital were \$1,053,309.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Balance Sheet Part X	Lines 9 and 23 - IN 2013, the cooperative borrowed \$153,210,462 to prepay a portion of its power bill to the Bonneville Power Administration. By prepaying, the cooperative will receive a discount on its future power bills. This transaction resulted in a significant increase in the balance of prepaid expenses and long-term debt. The overall transaction will benefit the members through lower power costs.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
General explanation attachment	The cooperative is a 50% owner of Swift Creek Hydro Electric Company, LLC (EIN 61-1686955). Swift Creek Hydro Electric provided the cooperative with a K-1 for its share of operating losses. However, the cooperative has already included its share of Swift Creeks revenue and expenses in its operating numbers reported in this return, rather than reporting just a total net from the K-1.