

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)
▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public
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A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2016, and ending 12-31-2016

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

C Name of organization
EAST RIVER ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE INC

Doing business as

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

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
MADISON, SD 57042

D Employer identification number
46-0225402

E Telephone number
(605) 256-4536

G Gross receipts \$ 272,103,353

F Name and address of principal officer
THOMAS R BOYKO
211 S HARTH AVE
MADISON, SD 57042

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 EASTRIVER COOP

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation 1949

M State of legal domicile SD

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
ACQUISITION, TRANSMISSION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER TO MEMBER SYSTEMS

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)	22
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	22
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)	146
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	0
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	0

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	0	0
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	224,595,198	271,455,021
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	308,988	430,514
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	662,716	197,090
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	225,566,902	272,082,625
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	142,691	124,372
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	9,688,657	23,810,703
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	14,211,168	14,919,286
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 0		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	201,524,386	233,228,264
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	225,566,902	272,082,625
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	0	0

	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	409,459,834	460,590,823
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	268,734,858	297,066,853
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	140,724,976	163,523,970

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 2017-11-09
THOMAS R BOYKO CHIEF EXEC OFFICER/GENERAL MANAGER
Type or print name and title _____

Paid Preparer Use Only
Print/Type preparer's name LAURIE HANSON Preparer's signature LAURIE HANSON Date 2017-11-09 Check if self-employed PTIN P00851848
Firm's name ▶ EIDE BAILLY LLP Firm's EIN ▶ 45-0250958
Firm's address ▶ 200 EAST 10TH ST PO BOX 5125 Phone no (605) 339-1999
SIOUX FALLS, SD 571175125

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

EAST RIVER ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE EXISTS TO ENHANCE THE VALUE OF ITS MEMBERS

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ▶

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>		No
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> 🗑️		No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> 🗑️		No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> 🗑️		No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> 🗑️		No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> 🗑️		No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> 🗑️	Yes	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> 🗑️		No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> 🗑️	Yes	
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> 🗑️		No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 🗑️	Yes	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 🗑️	Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> 🗑️	Yes	
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
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> (see instructions)		No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	Yes	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		No
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	Yes	
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		No
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		No
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		No
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		No
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		No
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		No
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>		No
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		No
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>		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		No
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with columns for question ID, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes sections for backup withholding, employee reporting, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, contributions, and organizational details.

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 Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year (22); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (22); 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? (No); 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? (No); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (No); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? (No); 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? (Yes); 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? (No); 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? (No); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? (Yes); b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (No); 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O (No)

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

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include: 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed; 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply: [] Own website, [] Another's website, [X] Upon request, [] Other (explain in Schedule O); 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year; 20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: BARB STROM, 211 S HARTH AVE, MADISON, SD 57042 (605) 256-4536

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 \$ _____						
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f						
Program Service Revenue		Business Code					
	2a SALE OF POWER	221000	231,944,884	231,944,884			
	b RTO AND WHEELING REVENUE	221000	19,985,087	19,985,087			
	c G&T CAPITAL CREDITS	221000	19,525,050	19,525,050			
	d _____						
	e _____						
	f All other program service revenue						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		271,455,021					
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		285,170			285,170	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
			198,294				
		b Less rental expenses	0				
		c Rental income or (loss)	198,294				
	d Net rental income or (loss)			198,294	198,294		
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
			166,072				
		b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	20,728				
		c Gain or (loss)	145,344				
	d Net gain or (loss)			145,344		145,344	
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a					
	b Less direct expenses	b					
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events							
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a						
b Less direct expenses	b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a						
b Less cost of goods sold	b						
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code						
11a MISCELLANEOUS	900099		-1,204			-1,204	
b _____							
c _____							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			-1,204				
12 Total revenue. See Instructions			272,082,625	271,653,315	0	429,310	

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	124,372			
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, line 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members	23,810,703			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,321,950			
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	10,672,456			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	2,086,983			
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	837,897			
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest	9,062,796			
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	8,081,101			
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a COST OF POWER	208,826,208			
b TRANSMISSION-OPERATIONS	7,460,580			
c ADMIN & GENERAL	6,803,861			
d TRANSMISSION-MAINTENANC	2,680,552			
e All other expenses	-9,686,834			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	272,082,625			
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	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	685,560	2	7,374,295
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	24,248,953	4	26,711,989
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	9,373,177	8	10,174,541
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	6,803,152	9	6,199,011
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	397,939,789		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	106,498,543		
		264,539,165	10c	291,441,246
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11	5,950,078	12	2,219,184
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11	97,859,749	13	116,470,557
	14 Intangible assets		14	
15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11		15		
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	409,459,834	16	460,590,823	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	23,857,480	17	40,146,444
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	200,344,852	23	227,843,881
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	38,974,148	24	27,000,000
	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	5,558,378	25	2,076,528
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	268,734,858	26	297,066,853
Net Assets or Fund Balances	27 Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34. Unrestricted net assets		27	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	30 Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34. Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	2,500	30	2,500
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund	0	31	0
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	140,722,476	32	163,521,470
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	140,724,976	33	163,523,970
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	409,459,834	34	460,590,823

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	272,082,625
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	272,082,625
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	0
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	140,724,976
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	22,798,994
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	163,523,970

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>1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O</p>		
<p>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 <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis</p>		No
<p>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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis</p>	Yes	
<p>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</p>	Yes	
<p>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?</p>		No
<p>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>		

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 46-0225402

Name: EAST RIVER ELECTRIC POWER
COOPERATIVE INC

Form 990 (2016)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

EAST RIVER ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE IS A WHOLESALE ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY COOPERATIVE SERVING 24 RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES AND ONE MUNICIPALLY-OWNED ELECTRIC SYSTEM, WHICH IN TURN SERVE MORE THAN 92,000 HOMES AND BUSINESSES AND ABOUT 250,000 CONSUMERS. THE COOPERATIVE OPERATES AND MAINTAINS 3,011 MILES OF HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE, 240 SUBSTATIONS AND RELATED FACILITIES TO SERVE AN AREA OF 40,000 SQUARE MILES THAT COVERS THE RURAL AREAS OF 41 COUNTIES IN EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA AND 22 COUNTIES IN WESTERN MINNESOTA. EAST RIVER IS ALSO A TRANSMISSION OWNER IN THE SOUTHWEST POWER POOL.

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
JAMES RYKEN PRESIDENT	7 00	X		X				17,440	0	5,797
PAT HOMAN VICE-PRESIDENT	5 00	X		X				15,402	0	0
ERVIN FINK SECRETARY	5 00	X		X				16,759	0	0
BERT ROGNESS TREASURER	6 00	X		X				18,658	0	0
DAVID ALLEN DIRECTOR	4 00	X						12,379	0	0
GARY BACHMAN DIRECTOR	5 50	X						17,847	0	0
RICHARD DAILEY DIRECTOR UNTIL 03/2016	4 00	X						2,833	0	0
KEN GILLASPIE DIRECTOR	5 00	X						16,892	0	0
GALEN GRANT DIRECTOR	5 00	X						17,396	0	0
VIC GROSS DIRECTOR UNTIL 08/2016	5 00	X						9,980	0	0

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors										
(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
ALAN HINDERMAN DIRECTOR	5 00	X						15,718	0	0
RON JORGENSON DIRECTOR	4 00	X						3,550	0	10,503
RICHARD KOUPAL DIRECTOR	5 00	X						16,241	0	0
VERDON LAMB DIRECTOR	4 00	X						11,862	0	0
LES MELHAFF DIRECTOR	4 00	X						14,321	0	0
KERMIT PEARSON DIRECTOR	4 00	X						11,002	0	0
MARK ROGAN DIRECTOR	5 00	X						16,331	0	0
RON SAMUELSON DIRECTOR	5 00	X						15,039	0	0
DON SCHURDEVIN DIRECTOR FROM 04/2016	4 00	X						10,591	0	0
DARREN STRASSER DIRECTOR	5 00	X						14,141	0	0

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors										
(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
MARK SUMPTION DIRECTOR FROM 09/2016	5 00	X						6,346	0	0
ISABEL TROBAUGH DIRECTOR	4 00	X						13,360	0	0
ALAN VEDVEI DIRECTOR	3 00	X						9,906	0	0
DUANE WOLBRINK DIRECTOR	4 00	X						13,763	0	0
TOM BOYKO CHIEF EXEC OFFICER/GENERAL	43 00			X				407,255	0	97,442
GREG HOLLISTER CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	45 00			X				214,373	0	154,700
JIM EDWARDS CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER	44 00				X			213,541	0	100,619
ROBERT SAHR GENERAL COUNSEL	43 00					X		179,676	0	65,098
PATRICK ENGBRETSON CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	48 00					X		166,037	0	44,791
CHRIS STUDER CHIEF MEMBER AND PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER	41 00					X		144,156	0	34,743

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
LARRY DEKRAMER TRANSMISSION AND SUBSTATIO	45 00					X		150,511	0	62,273
MARK HOFFMAN ENGINEERING SERVICES MANAG	41 00					X		135,568	0	40,881

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No 1545-0047

2016

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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.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization EAST RIVER ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE INC

Employer identification number 46-0225402

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 to, Aggregate value of grants from, Aggregate value at end of year, and two Yes/No questions about donor advisement.

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

Form with multiple sections: Purpose(s) of conservation easements, Total number of conservation easements, Total acreage restricted, Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure, Number of conservation easements modified, Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located, Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, 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)?, 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.

Form with multiple sections: 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. 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. 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 |
|--|--------|
| c Beginning balance | |
| d Additions during the year | |
| e Distributions during the year | |
| f 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
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
- | | | |
|--|---------------|----|
| | Yes | No |
| (i) unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) related organizations | 3a(ii) | |
| b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | |
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		5,086,223		5,086,223
b Buildings		19,218,850	2,582,984	16,635,866
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		217,570,888	49,682,772	167,888,116
e Other		156,063,828	54,232,787	101,831,041
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) . . . ▶				291,441,246

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other _____		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12.)		

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

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE	107,087,189	C
(2) NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOPERATIVE FINANCE CORPORATION	5,592,540	C
(3) OTHER INVESTMENTS	246,295	C
(4) FEDERATED RURAL ELECTRIC INSURANCE CORPORATION	642,197	C
(5) LOANS TO MEMBERS	1,267,729	C
(6) COBANK	1,634,607	C
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13.)	116,470,557	

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

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

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

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
DEFERRED CREDITS	998,325
POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS	1,078,203
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25.)	2,076,528

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	272,082,625
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	272,082,625
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	0
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)		5	272,082,625

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	248,271,922
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	248,271,922
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	23,810,703	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	23,810,703
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)		5	272,082,625

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
See Additional Data Table	

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 46-0225402

Name: EAST RIVER ELECTRIC POWER
COOPERATIVE INC

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2	THE COOPERATIVE IS EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAXES UNDER SECTION 501(C)(12) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (IRS) AND IS ANNUALLY REQUIRED TO FILE A RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT INCOME FROM INCOME TAX (FORM 990) WITH THE IRS. THE COOPERATIVE BELIEVES IT HAS APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FOR ANY TAX POSITIONS TAKEN AFFECTING ITS ANNUAL FILING REQUIREMENTS, AND AS SUCH, DOES NOT HAVE ANY UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT ARE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THE COOPERATIVE WOULD RECOGNIZE FUTURE ACCRUED INTEREST AND PENALTIES RELATED TO UNRECOGNIZED TAX BENEFITS IN INCOME TAX EXPENSE IF SUCH INTEREST AND PENALTIES ARE INCURRED.

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	ALLOCATION OF 2016 MARGINS TO MEMBERS IN 2017 23,810,703

Schedule I (Form 990)

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States

OMB No 1545-0047

2016

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

Attach to Form 990.

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization EAST RIVER ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE INC

Employer identification number 46-0225402

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? [X] Yes [] No
2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed

Table with 7 columns: (a) Name and address of organization or government, (b) EIN, (c) IRC section if applicable, (d) Amount of cash grant, (e) Amount of non-cash assistance, (f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other), (g) Description of non-cash assistance, (h) Purpose of grant or assistance

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 6
3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table 1

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES GRANTS TO VARIOUS FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE AND TRUSTWORTHY ORGANIZATIONS IN SOUTH DAKOTA AND MINNESOTA THE GRANTS ARE APPROVED BY THE ORGANIZATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN THE YEARLY BUDGET AND ALSO AUTHORIZED FOR DISBURSEMENT BY MANAGEMENT UPON RECEIPT OF INVOICE THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE GRANTS EXCEPT FOR THE RECIPIENTS TO USE THE FUNDS AS REPRESENTED IN THE INVOICE TO PROMOTE EDUCATION OR TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREAS SERVED BY EAST RIVER ELECTRIC

Additional Data

Software ID:
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Name: EAST RIVER ELECTRIC POWER
COOPERATIVE INC

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

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
CHIESMAN FOUNDATION FOR DEMOCRACY INC 1641 DEADWOOD AVE RAPID CITY, SD 57702	46-0438703	501(C)(3)	8,000				CURRICULUM SPONSOR FOR KIDS VOTING
LAKE AREA IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION PO BOX 32 MADISON, SD 57042	51-0183368	501(C)(3)	10,000				ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
SOUTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURAL & RURAL LEADERSHIP INC BOX 2170 BROOKINGS, SD 57007	36-4293293	501(C)(3)	7,500				AG LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION BOX 525 BROOKINGS, SD 57007	46-0273801	501(C)(3)	30,000				SCHOLARSHIPS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN

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

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
MITCHELL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOUNDATION 1800 EAST SPRUCE MITCHELL, SD 57301	46-0452950	501(C)(3)	20,000				EDUCATING PEOPLE, EMPOWERING COMM CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
FORWARD SIOUX FALLS PO BOX 907 SIOUX FALLS, SD 57101	46-0396647	OTHER	6,700				ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PO BOX 8116 BROOKINGS, SD 57006	46-0454907	501(C)(3)	7,000				PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.**

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

Name of the organization EAST RIVER ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE INC	Employer identification number 46-0225402
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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 border="0"> <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 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 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)		
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<p>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.</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 in 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 border="0"> <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 type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</td> <td><input 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 type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee				
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<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>	4a	No								
<p>b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</p>	4b	No								
<p>c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</p>	4c	No								
<p>If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.</p>										
<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>	5a									
<p>b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.</p>	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>	6a									
<p>b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.</p>	6b									
<p>7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed 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 TOM BOYKO CHIEF EXEC OFFICER/GENERAL	(i)	405,122	0	2,133	75,419	25,398	508,072	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 GREG HOLLISTER CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	(i)	212,354	0	2,019	132,152	24,794	371,319	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 JIM EDWARDS CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER	(i)	211,523	0	2,018	80,054	22,808	316,403	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 ROBERT SAHR GENERAL COUNSEL	(i)	178,765	0	911	39,511	27,515	246,702	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 PATRICK ENGBRETSON CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	(i)	165,672	0	365	19,792	26,761	212,590	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 CHRIS STUDER CHIEF MEMBER AND PUBLIC RELATIONS OF	(i)	143,879	0	277	11,079	24,734	179,969	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 LARRY DEKRAMER TRANSMISSION AND SUBSTATIO	(i)	148,509	0	2,002	51,433	12,378	214,322	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 MARK HOFFMAN ENGINEERING SERVICES MANAG	(i)	135,313	0	255	19,163	23,153	177,884	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part III Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 1A	USE OF CHARTER AIR IS ALLOWED ONLY WHEN COMMERCIAL AIRLINE SERVICE IS NOT AVAILABLE OR PRACTICAL

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.

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

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
EAST RIVER ELECTRIC POWER
COOPERATIVE INC

Employer identification number

46-0225402

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	<p>THE COOPERATIVE SHALL HAVE NO STOCK, BUT MEMBERSHIP IN THE COOPERATIVE SHALL BE EVIDENCED BY A MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE MEMBERSHIP IN THE COOPERATIVE SHALL BE OF FOUR CLASSES AS FOLLOWS (A)CLASS "A" MEMBERSHIP ANY INCORPORATED COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED UNDER STATE LAWS GOVERNING RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION LINES OR SYSTEMS MAY BECOME A CLASS "A" MEMBER UPON COMPLIANCE WITH THE OTHER MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS OF THESE BYLAWS EACH CLASS "A" MEMBER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE (1) DIRECTOR AND ONE (1) VOTE AT ANY COOPERATIVE MEETING (B)CLASS "B" MEMBERSHIP ANY MUNICIPALITY OR OTHER BODY POLITICAL MAY BECOME A CLASS "B" MEMBER UPON COMPLIANCE WITH THE OTHER MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS OF THESE BYLAWS CLASS "B" MEMBERS SHALL COLLECTIVELY BE ENTITLED TO ONE (1) DIRECTOR AND ONE (1) VOTE AT ANY COOPERATIVE MEETING (C)CLASS "C" MEMBERSHIP ANY FIRM, ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, BUSINESS TRUST, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR OTHER ENTITY NOT FITTING THE REQUIREMENTS OF CLASS "A OR "B" MEMBERSHIP MAY BECOME A CLASS "C" MEMBER UPON COMPLIANCE WITH THE OTHER MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS OF THESE BYLAWS CLASS "C" MEMBERS SHALL COLLECTIVELY BE ENTITLED TO ONE (1) DIRECTOR AND ONE (1) VOTE AT ANY COOPERATIVE MEETING (D)CLASS "D" MEMBERSHIP ANY COOPERATIVE, FIRM, ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, BUSINESS TRUST, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR OTHER ENTITY NOT FITTING THE REQUIREMENTS OF CLASS "A", "B", OR "C" MEMBERSHIP MAY BECOME A CLASS "D" MEMBER UPON COMPLIANCE WITH THE OTHER MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS OF THESE BYLAWS CLASS "D" MEMBERS SHALL COLLECTIVELY BE ENTITLED TO ONE (1) DIRECTOR AND ONE (1) VOTE AT ANY COOPERATIVE MEETING</p>

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8B	THERE ARE NO COMMITTEES WITH AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	UPON COMPLETION OF EAST RIVER'S 990, THE RETURN WILL BE POSTED TO THE SECURE AREA OF EAST RIVER'S WEB SITE FOR THE DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND MANAGERMENTS REVIEW ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS WILL BE ADDRESSED AND THE 990 WILL BE FILED WITH THE IRS

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	ALL DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES ARE COVERED BY THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AN EMPLOYEE OR DIRECTOR SHALL MAKE PROMPT AND FULL DISCLOSURE TO THE BOARD OR TO THE EMPLOYEE'S SUPERVISOR OR OF ANY POTENTIAL SITUATION WHICH MAY INVOLVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DETERMINATION OF WHETHER A CONFLICT EXISTS AND REVIEW OF THE CONFLICT WILL BE MADE BY THE BOARD IF THE PERSON INVOLVED IS A BOARD MEMBER OR GENERAL MANAGER, IF THE PERSON INVOLVED IS AN EMPLOYEE, THE EMPLOYEE'S SUPERVISOR WILL MAKE THIS DETERMINATION ANY EMPLOYEE OR DIRECTOR WHOSE CONDUCT VIOLATES THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION UP TO AND INCLUDING EXPULSION FROM THE BOARD OR TERMINATION, THIS IS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OR GENERAL MANAGER

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE COMPENSATION PLAN IS BASED ON A COMPILATION OF SALARY SURVEY DATA ACQUIRED THROUGH THE SERVICES OF A PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT AN AVERAGE OF THE MEDIAN RATES IN THE VARIOUS SURVEYS IS USED TO DETERMINE THE EAST RIVER MARKET RATE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUALLY REVIEWS THE MARKET DATA AND APPROVES ANY CHANGES THIS PROCESS WAS LAST UNDERTAKEN IN 2016

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY CALLING THE OFFICE, STOPPING IN, OR VIA EMAIL

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FORM 990, PART VII, COLUMN F, OTHER COMPENSATION	INCLUDED IN OTHER COMPENSATION IS THE ESTIMATED CURRENT YEAR INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE ACTUARIAL VALUE OF THE DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGERS AND OTHER HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOYEES THE CURRENT YEAR INCREASE OR DECREASE DOES NOT REPRESENT CURRENT YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PLAN RATHER, IT IS AN ESTIMATE OF THE INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE ACTUARIAL VALUE OF THE PLAN AS CALCULATED BY THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR

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FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	RETIREMENT OF CAPITAL -1,050,000 AMORTIZATION OF POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT TRANSITION OBLIGATION 38,291 ALLOCATION OF 2016 MARGINS TO MEMBERS IN 2017 23,810,703

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FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 4, BENEFITS PAID TO OR FOR MEMBERS	THE COOPERATIVE HAS INTERPRETED THE INSTRUCTIONS TO PART IX, LINE 4, TO MEAN PATRONAGE CAPITAL ALLOCATED FOR THE YEAR, RATHER THAN PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIRED THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE BY-LAWS OF THE COOPERATIVE

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FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 24E STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	THE LABOR, PENSION AND PAYROLL TAXES REPORTED ON LINES 6-10 ARE INCLUDED IN DISTRIBUTION E EXPENSE, ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL EXPENSE AND CUSTOMER EXPENSE THEREFORE, LABOR, PENSION AND PAYROLL TAXES ARE SHOWN AS A REDUCTION TO OTHER EXPENSES ON LINE 24E