

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2023

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

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A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

B Check if applicable:

- Address change
Name change
Initial return
Final return/terminated
Amended return
Application pending

C Name of organization LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION INC
Doing business as
Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO Box 2750
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Durango, CO 81302-2750
F Name and address of principal officer: Graham Smith
45 Stewart Street, Durango, CO 81301

D Employer identification number 84-0248168
E Telephone number 970-382-3575
G Gross receipts \$ 114,221,272

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
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.lpea.coop

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Year of formation: 1939

M State of legal domicile: CO

Part I Summary

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Amount. Rows include: 1. Mission statement; 2-7. Governance and membership; 8-12. Revenue; 13-19. Expenses; 20-22. Net Assets or Fund Balances.

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.

Sign Here: Signature of officer, Date, Name and title of officer.

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name, Preparer's signature, Date, Check if self-employed, PTIN, Firm's name, Firm's EIN, Firm's address, Phone no.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:
To provide our members with safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost while being environmentally responsible.

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 \$ 110,409,487 including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ 114,201,372)
LPEA is an electric distribution system; as of December 31, 2023, LPEA had 48,912 services in place and 3,789 miles of line.

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

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

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

4e Total program service expenses 110,409,487

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>		✓
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions		✓
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>		✓
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 Rev. Proc. 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		✓
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>	✓	
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>	✓	
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>		✓
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>		✓
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	✓	
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>		✓
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>	✓	
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>	✓	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		✓
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
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. See instructions</i>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		✓
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>		✓

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

	Yes	No
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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (See the Schedule L, Part IV, instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions).		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in noncash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance <i>(continued)</i>			Yes	No
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a 133		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O</i>			
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?			
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?			
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?			
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?			
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?			
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?			
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?			
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	111,613,160	
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	2,588,212	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O</i>			
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17	Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person, engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.			

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O.		
	1a 12		
b	Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent		
	1b 12		
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?		✓
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		✓
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		✓
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		✓
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	✓	
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?	✓	
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	✓	
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	✓	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	✓	
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? <i>If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O</i>		✓

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

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	✓	
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	✓	
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	✓	
b	Describe on 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? <i>If "No," go to line 13</i>	✓	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	✓	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? <i>If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done.</i>	✓	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	✓	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	✓	
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	✓	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	✓	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions.		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed None
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain on Schedule O)
- 19** Describe on 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.

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PO Box 2750, Durango, CO 81302-2750

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 the 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, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and 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 the 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/ 1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(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			
Jessica Matlock Chief Executive Officer	60.00 1.00			✓				544,645	0	61,746
Dan Harms Executive VP of Grid Solutions & Special Projects	60.00 0.00			✓				286,605	0	47,642
Graham Smith General Counsel	50.00 0.00				✓			245,822	0	45,896
Elizabeth Howe VP of Administrative Services	50.00 0.00				✓			210,920	0	43,983
Drew Timmerman Vice President of Information Technology	50.00 0.00				✓			192,145	0	48,635
Jerry Sutherland Vice President of Operations	50.00 0.00				✓			195,717	0	43,513
Stephen Lynch Substation Maintenance	40.00 0.00					✓		192,492	0	30,295
Michael Messier Working Foreman, Lineman	40.00 0.00					✓		187,723	0	34,912
Garrett Hammer District Manager - Pagosa Springs	50.00 0.00					✓		160,773	0	47,332
Clinton Peak Working Foreman, Lineman	40.00 0.00					✓		165,116	0	40,556
Alex Preszler Dispatcher	45.00 0.00					✓		156,927	0	20,134
Karl Ramsey Vice President of Finance	50.00 0.00			✓				135,369	0	35,090
Patrick Berry Vice President of Finance	50.00 0.00			✓				71,354	0	14,765
Kohler McInnis Director	15.21 0.00	✓						15,316	27,250	0

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(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			
Kirsten Skeeahan Board Vice President	11.29 0.00	✓						20,515	0	0
Holly Metzler Director	9.52 0.00	✓						18,627	0	0
Joe Lewandowski Director	4.19 0.00	✓						17,347	0	0
John Lee Board Secretary	6.13 0.00	✓						16,807	0	0
Ted Compton Board President	6.02 0.00	✓						16,500	0	0
Tim Wheeler Treasurer	7.03 0.00	✓						16,000	0	0
Rachel Landis Director	3.38 0.00	✓						15,877	0	0
Daniel K Huntington Director	5.38 0.00	✓						15,325	0	0
John Witchel Director	4.70 0.00	✓						13,475	0	0
David Luschen Director	4.00 0.00	✓						10,910	0	0
Nicole Pitcher Director	6.57 0.00	✓						10,482	0	0
Sue McWilliams Director	2.88 0.00	✓						6,650	0	0
Bob Lynch Director	1.46 0.00	✓						4,850	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 0				
	b	Membership dues	1b 0				
	c	Fundraising events	1c 0				
	d	Related organizations	1d 0				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e 0				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 0				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g \$ 0				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		0			
	Program Service Revenue			Business Code			
2a		<u>Electric Energy Revenue & Gross Sales</u>	221122	111,613,160	111,613,160	0	
b		<u>Miscellaneous Revenue</u>	221000	941,853	941,853	0	
c		-----					
d		-----					
e		-----					
f		All other program service revenue		0	0	0	
g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		112,555,013				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		457,769	0	0	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0	0	0	
	5	Royalties		0	0	0	
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	0			
			(ii) Personal	0			
			6a	0			
	b	Less: rental expenses	6b 0	0			
	c	Rental income or (loss)	6c 0	0			
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		0	0	0	
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	0			
			(ii) Other	63,304			
			7a	0	63,304		
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b 0	0			
	c	Gain or (loss)	7c 0	63,304			
	d	Net gain or (loss)		63,304	0	63,304	
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a 0	0			
	b	Less: direct expenses	8b 0	0			
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		0		0		
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a 0	0				
		9b 0	0				
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		0	0	0		
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a 19,349	19,349				
		b Less: cost of goods sold	10b 19,900	19,900			
		c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		-551	0	-551	
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code				
	11a	<u>G&T and other capital credits</u>	221000	915,922	915,922	0	
	b	<u>Other Revenue</u>	221000	60,194	60,194	0	
	c	<u>Gain/Loss from Subsidiary</u>	900003	149,721	149,721	0	
	d	All other revenue		0	0	0	
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		1,125,837				
12	Total revenue. See instructions		114,201,372	113,680,850	62,753	457,769	

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	60,380			
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	137,400			
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0			
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,933,314			
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
7 Other salaries and wages	7,357,693			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	1,023,204			
9 Other employee benefits	2,595,863			
10 Payroll taxes	729,857			
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal	105,894			
c Accounting	87,554			
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.)	468,232			
12 Advertising and promotion	46,468			
13 Office expenses	296,801			
14 Information technology	142,342			
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	133,132			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	363,336			
20 Interest	3,861,659			
21 Payments to affiliates	0			
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	10,199,895			
23 Insurance	363,336			
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <u>Cost of Power</u>	69,019,612			
b <u>Transmission & Distribution</u>	2,513,725			
c <u>G&A and other Customer Expenses</u>	3,338,827			
d <u>Maintenance of distribution plant</u>	957,535			
e All other expenses	4,673,428			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	110,409,487	0	0	0
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <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 X

		(A)		(B)	
		Beginning of year		End of year	
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	11,785,851	1	15,951,375	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	0	2	0	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	0	3	0	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	12,853,177	4	13,016,366	
	5 Loans and other receivables from 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	0	5	0	
	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)	0	6	0	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	2,675,455	8	4,197,459	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	601,808	9	561,454	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 329,336,238			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 162,899,095	165,368,073	10c	166,437,143
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	0	11	0	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	86,749,808	12	77,427,977	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0	
	14 Intangible assets	0	14	0	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	4,910,843	15	8,106,725	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	284,945,015	16	285,698,499		
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	7,295,196	17	7,568,461	
	18 Grants payable	0	18	0	
	19 Deferred revenue	15,863,418	19	21,714,517	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0	20	0	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0	21	0	
	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	0	22	0	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	106,772,345	23	100,482,626	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0	24	0	
	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	6,264,714	25	6,154,320	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	136,195,673	26	135,919,924	
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	0	29	0	
30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0	30	0		
31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	148,749,342	31	149,778,575		
32 Total net assets or fund balances	148,749,342	32	149,778,575		
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	284,945,015	33	285,698,499		

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	114,201,372
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	110,409,487
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	3,791,885
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	148,749,342
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	0
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	0
7	Investment expenses	7	0
8	Prior period adjustments	8	0
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	-2,762,652
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	149,778,575

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on 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. <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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. <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	✓	
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? . . . If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on 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 Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?		✓
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 on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits .		

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

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Name of the organization LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION INC Employer identification number 84-0248168

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 3 columns: Line number, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Includes rows for total number, aggregate value, and donor/grantee information.

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

Form for Conservation Easements with multiple sections for purpose, acreage, monitoring, and expenses. Includes checkboxes for Yes/No and a table for 'Held at the End of the Tax Year'.

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 Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets with sections for revenue and assets.

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 make 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 program
- 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
1c Beginning balance	
1d Additions during the year	
1e Distributions during the year	
1f 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** Term 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? **Yes** **No**
- (ii)** Related organizations? **Yes** **No**

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b If "Yes" on line 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.

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	0	4,308,934		4,308,934
b Buildings	0	8,883,522	5,730,243	3,153,279
c Leasehold improvements	0	12,102	10,117	1,985
d Equipment	0	17,415,713	12,932,004	4,483,709
e Other	0	298,715,967	144,226,731	154,489,236
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))				166,437,143

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 Investment in Associated Organizations - Patronage Capital	75,734,528	Cost
(A) Investment in Associated Organizations - Other - Nongeneral Funds	1,693,449	Cost
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, col. (B))	77,427,977	

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, line 13, col. (B))		

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, line 15, col. (B))	

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	0
(2) Consumer Deposits	620,056
(3) Accrued Taxes	1,685,389
(4) Accrued Expenses	3,848,875
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))	6,154,320

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 FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII .

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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

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

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LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION INC

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

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

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

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

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

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Name of the organization

Compensation Information
For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest
Compensated Employees
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
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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> <p> <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 indemnification and gross-up payments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef) </p>		
<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 ✓	
<p>2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?</p>	2 ✓	
<p>3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the 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> <p> <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee </p>		
<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	✓
<p>b Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</p>	4b	✓
<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>	4c	✓
<p>Only section 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?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>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 nonfixed payments not described on 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 aren't 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 and/or 1099-NEC 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	Jessica Matlock, Chief Executive Officer	(i) 474,020	70,176	450	57,547	26,699	628,892	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Dan Harms, Executive VP of Grid Solutions & Special Projects	(i) 221,201	28,416	36,987	34,510	26,556	347,670	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Graham Smith, General Counsel	(i) 217,301	28,071	450	45,470	20,357	311,649	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Elizabeth Howe, VP of Administrative Services	(i) 192,194	17,436	1,290	35,440	20,357	266,717	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Jerry Sutherlin, Vice President of Operations	(i) 171,204	11,088	13,424	21,349	22,163	239,228	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Stephen Lynch, Substation Maintenance	(i) 109,412	0	83,080	8,910	21,384	222,786	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Drew Timmerman, Vice President of Information Technology	(i) 176,149	9,702	6,294	30,192	27,406	249,743	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Michael Messier, Working Foreman, Lineman	(i) 182,416	153	5,154	14,412	20,500	222,635	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Clinton Peak, Working Foreman, Lineman	(i) 164,905	0	211	14,457	26,099	205,672	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Garrett Hammer, District Manager - Pagosa Springs	(i) 139,328	6,107	15,337	17,876	29,456	208,104	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Alex Prezler, Dispatcher	(i) 156,793	0	134	10,112	10,022	177,061	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Karl Ramsey, Vice President of Finance	(i) 126,122	0	9,247	23,804	18,900	178,073	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13		(i)						
	(ii)							
14		(i)						
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16		(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.

Schedule J, Part I, Line 1a - As a benefit to all employees, LPEA will pay a portion of health club dues.

Schedule J, Part I, Line 3 - LPEA obtains salary compensation reports developed by an independent third party from data gathered from cooperatives with similar demographics nation-wide. All compensation changes are reviewed and approved by the Executive committee; the Board of Directors gives final approval. Annual contracts are signed, and documentation of the discussions is noted in the Board of Director minutes.

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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 Form 990-EZ.

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

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Inspection**

Name of the organization

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION INC

Employer identification number

84-0248168

Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 6 - LPEA is a member-owned cooperative

Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 7a - All directors on the Board are elected by a majority vote of the cooperative's member-owners, by district.

Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 7b - Bylaw changes and major decisions are subject to a majority vote of the cooperative's member-owners.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11b - The Form 990 is reviewed by the organization's top management official, top financial official, and other key employees before being finalized and submitted.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c - LPEA Board of Directors, officers and key staff disclose any conflict of interest. All employees notify their supervisor of any potential conflicts of interest.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15 - LPEA obtains salary compensation reports developed by an independent third party from data gathered from cooperatives with similar demographics nation-wide. All compensation changes are reviewed and approved by the Officers and Key Staff. CEO annual contracts are signed, and documentation of the discussion is noted in the Board of Director minutes. This process is performed for all non-bargaining unit employees. This process is performed annually.

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19 - Certain documents are available on the LPEA website or LPEA SmartHub application. If not available on those sites, documents are available upon request.

Form 990, Part XI, Line 9 - 2023 allocated margin returned to members.

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

Attach to Form 990.

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LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION INC

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512–514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1)												
(2)												
(3)												
(4)												
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(6)												
(7)												

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1) <u>FastTrack Communications (84-1610295)</u> <u>779 Tech Center Drive Unit 200, Durango, CO 81301</u>	<u>Telecommunications for Business</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>C</u>			<u>76.25%</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
(2)									
(3)									
(4)									
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(6)									
(7)									

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a–s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
FastTrack Communications	s	3,355,181	Cost
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

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

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512–514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	
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