Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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OMB No. 1545-0047

2025

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2025 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

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): PO Box 2750

Room/suite:

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: Durango, CO 81302-2750

D Employer identification number: 84-0248168

E Telephone number: 970-382-3575

G Gross receipts $: 122,306,662

F Name and address of principal officer: Christopher Hansen
45 Stewart Street, Durango, CO 81302

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.lpea.coop

K Form of organization: ☑ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Year of formation: 1939

M State of legal domicile: CO

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

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

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

3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	12
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	12
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2025 (Part V, line 2a)	5	133
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	1,304,744
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0

Revenue

		Prior Year	Current Year
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	0	0
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	110,599,319	117,740,353
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	2,072,648	1,588,663
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	5,542,032	2,955,576
12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	118,213,999	122,284,592

Expenses

13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	106,908	128,892
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	14,659,753	16,804,229
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)	92,699,781	93,733,359
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	107,466,442	110,666,480
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	10,747,557	11,618,112

Net Assets or Fund Balances

		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	292,966,410	296,169,979
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	134,829,767	127,753,092
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	158,136,643	168,416,887

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

CHRIS HANSEN, Cheif Executive Officer
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

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 $ 110,666,480 including grants of $ 0) (Revenue $ 122,284,592)

LPEA is an electric distribution system; as of December 31, 2025, LPEA had 49,955 services in place and 4,014 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 110,666,480

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

			Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule A*	1		✔
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions	2		✔
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I*	3		✔
4	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II*	4		
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Rev. Proc. 98-19? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III*	5		✔
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I*	6		✔
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II*	7		✔
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III*	8		✔
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV*	9		✔
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi-endowments? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V*	10		✔
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X, as applicable.			
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI*	11a	✔	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII*	11b	✔	
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII*	11c		✔
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX*	11d		✔
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X*	11e	✔	
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X*	11f		✔
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII*	12a	✔	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional*	12b		✔
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule E*	13		✔
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		✔
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than $10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at $100,000 or more? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV*	14b		✔
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV*	15		✔
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV*	16		✔
17	Did the organization report a total of more than $15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I.* See instructions	17		✔
18	Did the organization report more than $15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II*	18		✔
19	Did the organization report more than $15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III*	19		✔
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? *If "Yes," complete Schedule H*	20a		✔
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b		
21	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II*	21		✔

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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III*	22		✔
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J*	23	✔	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than $100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? *If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a*	24a		✔
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
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?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	**Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.** Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*	25a		
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*	25b		
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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II*	26		✔
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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III*	27		✔
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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28a		✔
b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28b		✔
c	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28c		✔
29	Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in noncash contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	29		✔
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	30		✔
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I*	31		✔
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II*	32		✔
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I*	33		✔
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1*	34		✔
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		✔
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	35b		
36	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	36		
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI*	37		✔
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	38	✔	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	108		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c		✔	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance *(continued)*

				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?	2b		✔	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year?	3a		✔	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? *If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O*	3b			✔
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a			✔
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ---------- See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).				
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a			✔
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b			✔
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c			
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than $100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a			✔
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b			
7	**Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).**				
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?	7a			
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b			
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c			
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d			
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e			
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f			
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g			
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h			
8	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.** Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8			
9	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.**				
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a			
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b			
10	**Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter:				
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a			
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b			
11	**Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter:				
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	116,650,468		
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	5,634,124		
12a	**Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b			
13	**Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.**				
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? **Note:** See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a			
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b			
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c			
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a			✔
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? *If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O*	14b			
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.	15			✔
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.	16			✔
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.	17			

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?	2			✔
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? .	3			✔
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4			✔
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? .	5			✔
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6		✔	
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a		✔	
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b		✔	
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
a	The governing body?	8a		✔	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b		✔	
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 on Schedule O*	9			✔

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

			Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	✔	
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	✔	
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	✔	
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? *If "No," go to line 13*	12a	✔	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	✔	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? *If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done*	12c	✔	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	✔	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	✔	
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	15a	✔	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	✔	
	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?	16a		✔
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?	16b		

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.

Monica Rodriguez, (970)382-3575

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			
Chris Hansen	55.00									
Chief Executive Officer	1.20			✔				533,242	0	98,135
Dan Harms	50.00									
Chief Strategy Officer	0.00			✔				298,740	0	77,940
Elizabeth Howe	50.00									
Chief Operating Officer	1.20			✔				279,759	0	80,950
Graham Smith	50.00									
General Counsel	0.00			✔				278,074	0	76,454
Patrick Berry	50.00									
Chief Financial Officer	0.00			✔				245,044	0	85,040
Drew Timmerman	45.00									
Vice President of Information Technology	0.00				✔			217,811	0	67,677
Jerry Sutherlin	45.00									
Vice President of Operations	0.00				✔			224,420	0	51,200
Gregory Howes	45.00									
VP of Power Supply	0.00					✔		182,057	0	53,164
Garrett Hammer	50.00									
District Manager - Pagosa Springs	0.00					✔		178,154	0	55,598
Michael Messier	50.00									
Working Foreman, Lineman	0.00					✔		177,708	0	48,388
Michael Juliano	50.00									
Serviceman	0.00					✔		173,864	0	46,604
Aaron Renner	45.00									
Dispatch	0.00					✔		175,531	0	39,100
Kirsten Skeehan	13.60									
Director	0.00	✔						22,447	0	0
Nicole Pitcher	8.46									
Board President	0.00	✔						20,146	0	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			
Tim Wheeler	**6.89**									
Treasurer	**0.00**	✔						**18,075**	**0**	**0**
Ted Compton	**6.35**									
Board Vice President	**0.00**	✔						**17,818**	**0**	**0**
Kohler McInnis	**9.52**									
Director	**0.00**	✔						**17,442**	**0**	**0**
David Luschen	**8.98**									
Director	**0.00**	✔						**17,076**	**0**	**0**
Joe Lewandowski	**6.48**									
Director	**0.00**	✔						**16,120**	**0**	**0**
John Witchel	**6.04**									
Secretary	**0.00**	✔						**15,470**	**0**	**0**
Rachel Landis	**6.24**									
Director	**0.00**	✔						**15,417**	**0**	**0**
John Lee	**5.88**									
Director	**0.00**	✔						**13,918**	**0**	**0**
James D	**9.19**									
Mars	**0.00**	✔						**8,918**	**0**	**0**
Holly Metzler	**8.82**									
Director	**0.00**	✔						**8,450**	**0**	**0**
Bradford Blake	**4.08**									
Director	**0.00**	✔						**8,210**	**0**	**0**
Daniel K Huntington	**6.25**									
Director	**0.00**	✔						**6,157**	**0**	**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			
1b Subtotal								3,170,068	0	780,250
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								3,170,068	0	780,250

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **81**

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Ward Electric Company Inc, 3690 Stagecoach Rd, Longmont, CO 80504	Construction Services	2,634,888
WASATCH ELECTRIC LLC, 2455 W 1500 SOUTH, SUITE A, SALT LAKE CITY, UT 841(	Construction Services	2,388,106
WOODCHUCK TREE SERVICE LLC, 10 TOWN PLAZA, BOX 454, Durango, CO 81301	Tree Trimming Services	2,228,983
HUNT GUILLOT AND ASSOCIATES LLC, 603 REYNOLDS DRIVE, RUSTON, LA 71270	Consulting Services	597,667
WILKINSON BARKER KNAUER LLP, 1800 M STREET NW SUITE 800N, WASHINGTON	Legal Services	544,940

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization **14**

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	Electric Energy Revenue & Gross Sales	221122		116,650,467	116,650,467	0	0
	b	Miscellaneous Revenue	221000		1,089,886	1,089,886	0	0
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue			0	0	0	0
	g	**Total.** Add lines 2a–2f			117,740,353			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			297,106	0	0	297,106
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds			0	0	0	0
	5	Royalties			0	0	0	0
				(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	6a	Gross rents	6a	0	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	0
				(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a	0	1,291,557			
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b	0	0			
	c	Gain or (loss)	7c	0	1,291,557			
	d	Net gain or (loss)				1,291,557	0	1,291,557	0
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ 0 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a	0				
	b	Less: direct expenses	8b	0				
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			0		0	0
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a	0				
	b	Less: direct expenses	9b	0				
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities			0	0	0	0
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a	35,257				
	b	Less: cost of goods sold	10b	22,070				
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory			13,187	0	13,187	0
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code					
	11a	G&T and other capital credits	221000		2,928,498	2,928,498	0	0
	b	Other Revenue	221000		13,891	13,891	0	0
	c							
	d	All other revenue			0	0	0	0
	e	**Total.** Add lines 11a–11d			2,942,389			
	12	**Total revenue.** See instructions			122,284,592	120,682,742	1,304,744	297,106

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	128,892			
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	0			
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	2,396,755			
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	7,840,384			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	1,265,338			
9 Other employee benefits	4,411,756			
10 Payroll taxes	889,996			
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management	0			
b Legal	858,055			
c Accounting	67,633			
d Lobbying	0			
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			
f Investment management fees	0			
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	529,774			
12 Advertising and promotion	57,418			
13 Office expenses	312,689			
14 Information technology	728,109			
15 Royalties	0			
16 Occupancy	0			
17 Travel	151,729			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	217,238			
20 Interest	3,579,065			
21 Payments to affiliates	0			
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	10,872,737			
23 Insurance	434,999			
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 11g expenses on Schedule O.)				
a Cost of Power	67,611,314			
b Transmission & Distribution	2,719,547			
c Maintenance of distribution plant	1,330,761			
d G&A and other Customer Expenses	3,771,775			
e All other expenses	490,516			
25 **Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24e	110,666,480	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 ☐ 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) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		9,815,929	1	8,761,225
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		0	2	0
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		0	3	0
	4	Accounts receivable, net		12,081,956	4	12,162,802
	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		3,979,802	8	4,474,357
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		443,304	9	606,886
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 360,026,381			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 178,555,232	178,603,738	10c	181,471,149
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		0	11	0
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		81,333,022	12	83,934,068
	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		6,708,659	15	4,759,492
	16	**Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)		292,966,410	16	296,169,979
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		8,029,508	17	7,353,136
	18	Grants payable		0	18	0
	19	Deferred revenue		24,062,290	19	21,579,397
	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		96,248,638	23	92,427,142
	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		6,489,331	25	6,393,417
	26	**Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25		134,829,767	26	127,753,092
Net Assets or Fund Balances		**Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☐ 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 ☑ 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		158,136,643	31	168,416,887
	32	Total net assets or fund balances		158,136,643	32	168,416,887
	33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		292,966,410	33	296,169,979

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	122,284,592
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	110,666,480
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	11,618,112
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	158,136,643
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	-1,337,868
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	168,416,887

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: ☐ Cash ☑ Accrual ☐ 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?	2a		✔
	If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both.			
	☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis			
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	✔	
	If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both.			
	☑ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis			
c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	2c	✔	
	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?	3a		✔
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	3b		

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)
(Rev. December 2024)

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.

		(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year		
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4	Aggregate value at end of year		

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

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

Part II Conservation Easements

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).
- ☐ Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education)
- ☐ Preservation of a historically important land area
- ☐ Protection of natural habitat
- ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
- ☐ Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

			Held at the End of the Tax Year
a	Total number of conservation easements	2a	
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b	
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included on line 2a	2c	
d	Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d	

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year $

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2d above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide in Part XIII the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items.

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 $

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X $

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB 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 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
c Beginning balance	1c	
d Additions during the year	1d	
e Distributions during the year	1e	
f Ending balance	1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Part V Endowment Funds

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

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

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment _____ %
b Permanent endowment _____ %
c 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:

		Yes	No
(i) Unrelated organizations?	3a(i)		
(ii) Related organizations?	3a(ii)		
b If "Yes" on line 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	0	5,555,944		5,555,944
b Buildings	0	9,820,579	6,456,669	3,363,910
c Leasehold improvements	0	12,102	12,049	53
d Equipment	0	17,795,548	12,937,321	4,858,227
e Other	0	326,842,208	159,149,193	167,693,015
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. *(Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))*				181,471,149

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	81,867,645	Cost
(A) Investment in Associated Organizations - Other - Nongeneral Funds	1,442,749	Cost
(B) Associated Organizations - Other	623,674	Cost
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, col. (B))*	83,934,068	

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	
(2) Consumer Deposits	577,395
(3) Accrued Taxes	1,846,388
(4) Leases	14,602
(5) Accrued Expneses	3,955,032
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))*	6,393,417

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 . ☐

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	122,284,592
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:				
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	0		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	0		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	0		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	0		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d			2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1			3	122,284,592
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	0		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	0		
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	122,284,592

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	110,666,480
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:				
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	0		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	0		
c	Other losses	2c	0		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	0		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d			2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1			3	110,666,480
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	0		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	0		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b			4c	0
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. *(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)*			5	110,666,480

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.

SCHEDULE J (Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.
Attach to Form 990.
Go to *www.irs.gov/Form990* for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION INC

Employer identification number

84-0248168

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

			Yes	No
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. ☐ First-class or charter travel ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☑ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef)			
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	**1b**	✔	
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?	**2**	✔	
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. ☑ Compensation committee ☐ Independent compensation consultant ☐ Form 990 of other organizations ☑ Written employment contract ☐ Compensation survey or study ☑ Approval by the board or compensation committee			
4	During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:			
a	Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	**4a**		✔
b	Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	**4b**		✔
c	Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement?	**4c**		✔
	If "Yes" to any of lines 4a–c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.			
	Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5–9.			
5	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:			
a	The organization?	**5a**		
b	Any related organization?	**5b**		
	If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.			
6	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:			
a	The organization?	**6a**		
b	Any related organization?	**6b**		
	If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.			
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	**7**		
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	**8**		
9	If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	**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	Chris Hansen, Chief Executive Officer	(i)	490,532	20,000	22,710	62,848	35,288	631,378	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Dan Harms, Chief Strategy Officer	(i)	247,581	30,458	20,700	45,031	32,909	376,679	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Elizabeth Howe, Chief Operating Officer	(i)	238,736	0	41,023	52,761	28,189	360,709	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Patrick Berry, Chief Financial Officer	(i)	211,799	32,555	690	50,012	35,028	330,084	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Graham Smith, General Council	(i)	249,384	28,000	690	51,466	24,988	354,528	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Jerry Sutherlin, Vice President of Operations	(i)	196,935	7,500	19,985	24,451	26,749	275,620	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Drew Timmerman, Vice President of Information Technology	(i)	200,038	10,729	7,044	34,283	33,395	285,489	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Gregory Howes, VP of Power Supply	(i)	176,015	5,754	289	21,046	32,118	235,222	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Garrett Hammer, District Manager - Pagosa Springs	(i)	156,576	7,000	14,578	19,972	35,626	233,752	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Michael Messier, Working Foreman, Lineman	(i)	168,506	0	9,202	16,127	32,261	226,096	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Aaron Renner, Dispatch	(i)	174,626	0	905	11,151	27,949	214,631	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Michael Juliano, Serviceman	(i)	173,619	0	245	14,486	32,118	220,468	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13		(i)							
		(ii)							
14		(i)							
		(ii)							
15		(i)							
		(ii)							
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 - LPEA reimburses employees for health club memberships.

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 Directors minutes.

SCHEDULE O (Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024)

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.

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

Form 990, Part III, Line 4d - La Plata Electric Association, Inc. ("LPEA") administers a community grant and scholarship program funded exclusively from unclaimed capital credits. Capital credits allocated to members that remain unclaimed for three years are, pursuant to LPEA's Bylaws and at the direction of the Board of Directors, applied to educational and charitable purposes benefiting the communities LPEA serves. During the year ended December 31, 2025, LPEA awarded $191,774 from unclaimed capital credits, consisting of $127,500 in scholarships to 19 students pursuing post-secondary education and $64,274 in grants to 28 nonprofit organizations and community projects located in La Plata and Archuleta counties.

Form 990, Part V, Line 3b - Income is related to asset sales for the Cooperative. This income does not qualify to be reported on the 990-T.

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 - Certain governance decisions of the organization are reserved to (or subject to approval by) the organization's members in accordance with its Bylaws (for example: certain bylaw amendments; the sale of more than 10% of the cooperative assets in any one year; the creation, financing, or controlling of any new for-profit entity, etc.)

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11b - The Form 990 is reviewed by the organization's officers before being finalized and submitted.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c - LPEA Board of Directors and officers 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 nationwide. All compensation changes are reviewed and approved annually by the Officers and relevant staff. CEO annual contracts are signed, and documentation of the discussion is noted in the Board of Director minutes.

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 - Other changes in net assets consist of $1,491,092 of patronage capital retired to members and $191,774 of scholarships and awards funded from unclaimed capital credits, offset by an increase of $344,998 from discounts on early retirements of patronage capital and additional unclaimed capital credits, for a net decrease of $1,337,868.

Reasonable Cause Explanations

Explanation
Form 8868 - Application for extension was filed May 2025 and was accepted by the IRS on 5/11/2026