

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

B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Final return/terminated, Amended return, Application pending
C Name of organization: FRENCH BROAD ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION
D Employer identification number: 56-0229234
E Telephone number: (828) 649-2051
F Name and address of principal officer: JOSEPH G JUSTICE
G Gross receipts \$ 67,081,857
H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?
H(b) Are all subordinates included?
H(c) Group exemption number
I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3), 501(c)(12), 4947(a)(1), 527
J Website: FRENCHBROADEMC.COM
K Form of organization: Corporation
L Year of formation: 1939
M State of legal domicile: NC

Part I Summary

Table with columns for Activities & Governance, Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets or Fund Balances. Rows include mission statement, membership counts, revenue breakdown, and asset/liability totals for Prior Year and Current Year.

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 (JOSEPH G JUSTICE, PRESIDENT) and Date (2020-08-21)
Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name, signature, date, firm name (ADAMS JENKINS & CHEATHAM), and contact information.

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:  Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III . . . . .   
SAFE AND EFFECTIVE DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY TO MEMBERS OF FRENCH BROAD EMC.

**2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O. . . . .

**3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O. . . . .

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

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

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

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

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

**4e Total program service expenses** ▶

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

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



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

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

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

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

		Yes	No
<b>10a</b>	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	Yes	
<b>10b</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?	Yes	
<b>11a</b>	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	Yes	
<b>11b</b>	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
<b>12a</b>	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	Yes	
<b>12b</b>	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
<b>12c</b>	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done		No
<b>13</b>	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		No
<b>14</b>	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		No
<b>15</b>	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?		
<b>15a</b>	a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	Yes	
<b>15b</b>	b Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).	Yes	
<b>16a</b>	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		No
<b>16b</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**

<b>17</b>	List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed▶ NC
<b>18</b>	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024-A if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain in Schedule O)
<b>19</b>	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
<b>20</b>	State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: ▶PHYLLIS HOLT PO BOX 9 MARSHALL, NC 28753 (828) 649-2051

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) JEFFERY LOVEN GENERAL MANA	46.00			X			261,744	0	109,750	
(2) GREGORY FOWLER DISTRICT MAN	48.00				X		168,459	0	91,455	
(3) TRACY EVANS DISTRICT MAN	60.00				X		162,882	0	72,055	
(4) PHYLLIS HOLT OFFICE MANAG	48.00			X			155,833	0	65,403	
(5) DONALD R WEBB ENG. & OPR.	48.00				X		131,634	0	40,960	
(6) DEWEY R WILLS SERVICE TECH	54.00				X		123,912	0	35,049	
(7) DANNY H HENSLEY CREW LEADER	45.00				X		112,222	0	41,379	
(8) JACKIE D BUCHANAN SERVICE TECH	49.00				X		110,193	0	43,397	
(9) HUGH R FLEMING OP MGR. / SA	55.00				X		133,440	0	9,249	
(10) GARY T WILDE TREASURER	12.00	X		X			36,344	0	0	
(11) JAMES M RAY VICE PRESIDE	11.00	X		X			31,520	0	0	
(12) JILL AUSTIN DIRECTOR	10.00	X					29,720	0	0	
(13) JOHN L CHANDLER SECRETARY	11.00	X		X			29,720	0	0	
(14) JOSEPH G JUSTICE PRESIDENT	12.00	X		X			29,194	0	0	
(15) CARL RAMSEY DIRECTOR	10.00	X					28,994	0	0	
(16) KEITH A KUHNE DIRECTOR	10.00	X					28,786	0	0	
(17) CHARLES R TOLLEY DIRECTOR	9.00	X					28,362	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)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) BILL RIDDLE DIRECTOR	7.00	X					26,894	0	0	
(19) JERRY GRIFFITH DIRECTOR	9.00	X					23,367	0	0	
(20) GORDON RANDOLPH ASST TREASUR	10.00	X		X			16,587	0	0	
<b>1b Sub-Total</b>										
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>										
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>							1,669,807		508,697	

**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 **▶ 22**

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

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
HERITAGE EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE PO BOX 1089 BURNSVILLE, NC 28714	RIGHT OF WAY	3,082,926
LEWIS TREE PO BOX 1118 CONCORD, NC 28026	RIGHT OF WAY	1,252,792
HAYNES ELECTRIC PO BOX 536767 ATLANTA, GA 30353	UTILITY WORK	1,083,877
FIBER OPTIC SOLUTIONS 14 OLD CHARLOTTE HWY ASHEVILLE, NC 28803	FIBER WORK	985,739
SOUTHEAST WOODLAND SERVICES 431 CAINES LANDING RD CONWAY, SC 29526	ROW SPRAYING	413,971

**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 **▶ 9**

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . . . .	<b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues . . . . .	<b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . .	<b>1c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Related organizations . . . . .	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>	1,275,678				
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>					
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$	<b>1g</b>					
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .			1,275,678			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> SALE OF ELECTRICITY	Business Code	63,570,600	63,570,600			
	<b>b</b> CIAC		330,342	330,342			
	<b>c</b> PATRONAGE ALLOCATIONS		111,809	111,809			
	<b>d</b>						
	<b>e</b>						
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue.						
	<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f. . . . .		64,012,751				
	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .		538,474			538,474	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . . .						
<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . .							
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real	1,500	1,191,360			
		(ii) Personal					
		<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses	<b>6b</b>	812			
		<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)	<b>6c</b>	688	1,191,360		
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .			1,192,048	688	1,191,360	
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities			56,860		
		(ii) Other					
		<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	<b>7b</b>				
		<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)	<b>7c</b>		56,860		
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .			56,860		56,860	
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .	<b>8a</b>					
		<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses . . . . .	<b>8b</b>				
		<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .					
	<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	<b>9a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses . . . . .		<b>9b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .							
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>10a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>10b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .						
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code						
<b>11a</b> MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	221000	5,234	5,234				
<b>b</b>							
<b>c</b>							
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .							
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .		5,234					
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions . . . . .		67,081,045	64,017,985	688	1,786,694		

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

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

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>	<b>(A)</b> Total expenses	<b>(B)</b> Program service expenses	<b>(C)</b> Management and general expenses	<b>(D)</b> Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 . . . . .				
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16. . . . .				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	2,030,781			
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	1,397,069			
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages . . . . .	8,438,940			
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .	1,958,149			
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits . . . . .	806,654			
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes . . . . .	735,029			
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b> Management . . . . .				
<b>b</b> Legal . . . . .	62,136			
<b>c</b> Accounting . . . . .				
<b>d</b> Lobbying . . . . .				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees . . . . .				
<b>g</b> Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)				
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion . . . . .				
<b>13</b> Office expenses . . . . .				
<b>14</b> Information technology . . . . .				
<b>15</b> Royalties . . . . .				
<b>16</b> Occupancy . . . . .				
<b>17</b> Travel . . . . .	1,257,819			
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	91,884			
<b>20</b> Interest . . . . .	2,664,612			
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	7,621,296			
<b>23</b> Insurance . . . . .				
<b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
<b>a</b> COST OF POWER	33,624,918			
<b>b</b> DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE	7,375,614			
<b>c</b> ADMIN AND GENERAL	1,471,690			
<b>d</b> CONSUMER ACCOUNTS	1,057,987			
<b>e</b> All other expenses	-4,412,761			
<b>25 Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	66,181,817	0	0	0
<b>26 Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	2,128,501	<b>1</b>	2,341,437
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	3,060,000	<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .		<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	6,656,783	<b>4</b>	5,719,959
	<b>5</b> 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 . . . . .		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .	477,000	<b>7</b>	534,115
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .	2,178,412	<b>8</b>	2,573,019
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	849,377	<b>9</b>	755,731
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	<b>10a</b> 216,088,227		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation	<b>10b</b> 97,383,115	110,161,626	<b>10c</b> 118,705,112
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .		<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	2,451,657	<b>13</b>	2,463,357
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	553,939	<b>15</b>	752,941
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	128,517,295	<b>16</b>	133,845,671	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	7,602,036	<b>17</b>	8,123,495
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to 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 . . . . .		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	60,681,804	<b>23</b>	63,989,859
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	14,114,883	<b>25</b>	11,588,685
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	82,398,723	<b>26</b>	83,702,039
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Net assets without donor restrictions . . . . .		<b>27</b>	
	<b>28</b> Net assets with donor restrictions . . . . .		<b>28</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>			
	<b>29</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>29</b>	
	<b>30</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	46,118,572	<b>31</b>	50,143,632
<b>32</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .	46,118,572	<b>32</b>	50,143,632	
<b>33</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	128,517,295	<b>33</b>	133,845,671	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		<b>1</b>	67,081,045
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		<b>2</b>	66,181,817
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1		<b>3</b>	899,228
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))		<b>4</b>	46,118,572
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments		<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities		<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses		<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments		<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)		<b>9</b>	3,125,832
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))		<b>10</b>	50,143,632

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

<b>1</b>	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<b>2a</b>	No
<b>2a</b>	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	<b>2b</b>	Yes
<b>b</b>	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	<b>2c</b>	Yes
<b>3a</b>	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		<b>3a</b>	Yes
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		<b>3b</b>	Yes

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

THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY TO MEMBERS OF FRENCH BROAD EMC. THE THREE LARGEST PROGRAM SERVICES, AS MEASURED BY EXPENSES ARE AS FOLLOWS: COST OF POWER: 33,624,918 SALARIES AND WAGES: 8,438,940 DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION: 7,621,296

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. Attach to Form 990. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Name of the organization FRENCH BROAD ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

Employer identification number 56-0229234

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include Total number at end of year, Aggregate value of contributions, grants, and end of year, and two Yes/No questions regarding donor information.

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Form with multiple sections: Purpose(s) of conservation easements, Total number of easements, Acreage restricted, Modified/eased easements, Monitoring policy, Staff hours, Expenses, and Reporting requirements.

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

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

Form with sections for Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets, including questions about reporting requirements and revenue/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 are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
a Public exhibition
b Scholarly research
c Preservation for future generations
d Loan or exchange programs
e Other
4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

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?
b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
c Beginning balance
d Additions during the year
e Distributions during the year
f Ending balance
2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?
b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows: 1c Beginning balance, 1d Additions during the year, 1e Distributions during the year, 1f Ending balance.

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

Table with 6 columns: (a) Current year, (b) Prior year, (c) Two years back, (d) Three years back, (e) Four years back. Rows: 1a Beginning of year balance, 1b Contributions, 1c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses, 1d Grants or scholarships, 1e Other expenditures for facilities and programs, 1f Administrative expenses, 1g End of year balance.

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
a Board designated or quasi-endowment
b Permanent endowment
c Temporarily restricted endowment
3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
(i) unrelated organizations
(ii) related organizations
b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?
4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Rows: 3a(i), 3a(ii), 3b.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Table with 5 columns: Description of property, (a) Cost or other basis (investment), (b) Cost or other basis (other), (c) Accumulated depreciation, (d) Book value. Rows: 1a Land, 1b Buildings, 1c Leasehold improvements, 1d Equipment, 1e Other, Total.

**Part VII Investments—Other Securities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

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

**Part VIII Investments—Program Related.**

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

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

**Part IX Other Assets.**

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

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

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)	11,588,685

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

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

**Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

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

**Part XIII Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation
See Additional Data Table	



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SCHEDULE D, PAGE 3, PART X	THE CORPORATION FOLLOWS THE GUIDANCE FOR "UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS" IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCO UNTING PRINCIPLES GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE CORPORATION HAS DETERMINED THAT IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THAT THEIR TAX POSITIONS WILL BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

**Schedule J**  
(Form 990)  
  
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.  
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**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.  <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions <input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)		
<b>b</b> If any of the boxes 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	<b>1b</b>	
<b>2</b> Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on Line 1a?	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study <input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee		
<b>4</b> During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:		
<b>a</b> Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	<b>4a</b>	No
<b>b</b> Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	<b>4b</b>	No
<b>c</b> Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.	<b>4c</b>	No
<b>Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</b>		
<b>5</b> For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:		
<b>a</b> The organization?	<b>5a</b>	
<b>b</b> Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.	<b>5b</b>	
<b>6</b> For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:		
<b>a</b> The organization?	<b>6a</b>	
<b>b</b> Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.	<b>6b</b>	
<b>7</b> For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b> If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	<b>9</b>	



**Part III Supplemental Information**

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

**Return Reference**

**Explanation**



**Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.**

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

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) JAMES RAY WINTER STAR CO	PRESIDENT		ECON. DEV. LOAN.		No

**Part V Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE L, PART V	JAMES RAY IS PRESIDENT OF WINTER STAR COMPANY. THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDED WINTER STAR COMPANY WITH A 360,000 RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN. THE LOAN BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2019 WAS 216,000.

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

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

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990	FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 4 BENEFITS PAID TO OR FOR MEMBERS PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS ARE CREDITED TO MEMBERS' ACCOUNTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRE-EXISTING OBLIGATION IN COOPERATIVE'S BY-LAWS. THE CORPORATION IS OBLIGATED TO PAY BY CREDITS TO A CAPITAL ACCOUNT FOR EACH PATRON A LL SUCH AMOUNTS IN EXCESS OF OPERATING COSTS AND EXPENSES. PATRONAGE DIVIDENDS OF SECTION 501(C)(12) ORGANIZATIONS ARE REPORTED ON LINE 4.

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 6	FRENCH BROAD ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION IS AN ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION THAT DELIVERS ELECTRICITY TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE. THE MEMBERS ELECT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WHICH COMPRISE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CORPORATION. EACH MEMBER HAS ONE VOTE.

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 7A	ALL MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH BROAD ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION RECEIVE ONE VOTE WITH RESPECT TO SELECTING THE CORPORATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 7B	CERTAIN DECISIONS OF THE GOVERNING BODY ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE MEMBERS AS PROVIDED FOR IN ITS BYLAWS.

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 11B	ACCOUNTING PERSONNEL REVIEW THE 990 FOR ACCURACY BEFORE FURNISHING IT TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THEIR APPROVAL.

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15A	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SETS THE SALARY OF THE GENERAL MANAGER AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY JOB REVIEW OR INCREASE IN PAY.

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15B	THE GENERAL MANAGER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE JOB REVIEW OF EACH UPPER MANAGEMENT POSITION. T HIS REVIEW IS CONDUCTED AS DEEMED NECESSARY, AND MERIT RAISES ARE CONSIDERED BASED ON PAST JOB PERFORMANCE, ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES, AND THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COOPERATI VE.

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 19	ALL NEW MEMBERS ARE OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE BYLAWS AND SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS WHEN THEY SIGN UP FOR SERVICE. THIS INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE FBEMC WEBSITE. A FINANCIAL REPORT IS MAILED TO EACH MEMBER EVERY YEAR IN THE ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE. THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT THE ORGANIZATION'S HEADQUARTERS.

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PART VII	INCLUDED IN FORM 990, PART VII, COLUMN (F) AND SCHEDULE J, PART II, COLUMN (C) IS THE ACTUARIAL INCREASE IN DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS. THE CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE NRECA R&S DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN IS THE SAME FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE PLAN. THE CHANGE IN ACTUARIAL VALUE FOR EACH PARTICIPANT, HOWEVER, VARIES WITH AGE. IN OTHER WORDS, THE OLDER A PLAN PARTICIPANT IS, THE GREATER THE INCREASE IN THAT INDIVIDUAL'S CHANGE IN ACTUARIAL VALUE, ALL OTHER THINGS BEING EQUAL.

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PART VIII	GOVERNMENT GRANTS ON LINE 1E INCLUDE AMOUNTS RECEIVED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, WHICH WA S THE DATE OF THE COOPERATIVE'S SINGLE AUDIT REPORT.

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	PATRONAGE DIV PAID TO MEMB NOT EXP PER GAAP 2,030,781 NON-CASH PATRONAGE ALLOCATIONS 33,18 2 OCI 3,334,926 OTHER 598 CIAC NOT REVENUE PER GAAP -330,342 PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIREMENTS -1,943,313 TOTAL 3,125,832