

Form **990**

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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2020
 Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning _____, and ending _____

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

C Name of organization
Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.
 Doing business as _____
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
42 Wescom Road
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Johnson VT 05656

D Employer identification number
03-0164375

E Telephone number
802-635-2331

G Gross receipts \$ **85,908,937**

F Name and address of principal officer:
Rebecca Towne
42 Wescom Road
Johnson VT 05656

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

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) (**12**) t (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: **www.vermontelectric.coop**

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other **u**

L Year of formation: **1938** **M** State of legal domicile: **VT**

H(c) Group exemption number **u**

Part I Summary		Prior Year	Current Year
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: Electric service to approximately 39,814 metered accounts, with sales of approximately 453,300 MWH's.		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> 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 2020 (Part V, line 2a)	5	111
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)		0
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	77,907,997	80,223,498
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	5,634,044	5,680,371
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		0
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	83,542,041	85,903,869
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		0
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	4,385,062	4,713,323
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	11,621,943	11,580,079
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) u	0	
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	67,535,036	69,610,467
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	83,542,041	85,903,869
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12		0
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	186,904,894	196,995,451
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	104,917,169	111,658,313
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	81,987,725	85,337,138

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: *Michael L. Bursell* Date: **5/3/2021**

Type or print name and title: **Michael Bursell CFO**

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: **Mark Mayer, CPA** Preparer's signature: **Mark Mayer, CPA** Date: **05/03/21** Check if self-employed if PTIN **P01407388**

Firm's name: **Kittell, Branagan & Sargent** Firm's EIN: **03-0302296**

Firm's address: **154 N. Main St. St. Albans, VT 05478** Phone no.: **802-524-9531**

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:

Vermont Electric Cooperative is a member owned not-for-profit whose mission is to provide energy and other appropriate services to its members.

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

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

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

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

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

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

Providing reliable electric service to approximately 39,814 metered accounts, with sales of approximately 453,300 MWH's.

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

N/A

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

N/A

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of\$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses **u**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

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		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		

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 111		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O		
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)?		X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country u 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?		X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
	7d		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	76,239,689
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	7,533,575
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	X
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 instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	15	X
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	X

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.	12	
1b	Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent	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	X
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	X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	X
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	X
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	X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	8a	X
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	X
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	X

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	X
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	X
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	X
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	X
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	X
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	X
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	X
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	X
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).	15b	X
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	X
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	X

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **u 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 **u**

Michael Bursell
Johnson

42 Wescom Road

VT 05656

802-635-2331

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, 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 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 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) Rebecca Towne CEO	52.00 0.00			X			268,001	0	37,353	
(2) Mark Hinton 1st Class Lineworker	60.00 0.00					X	205,836	0	84,191	
(3) Michael Bursell CFO	50.00 0.00			X			239,051	0	37,879	
(4) Gary Young 1st Class Lineworker	54.00 0.00					X	163,910	0	77,201	
(5) Peter Rossi COO	50.00 0.00			X			179,149	0	38,114	
(6) Chris Ingalls 1st Class Lineworker	57.00 0.00					X	177,495	0	36,009	
(7) Victoria Brown General Counsel	45.00 0.00					X	176,095	0	16,581	
(8) Christopher Connelley 1st Class Lineworker	53.00 0.00					X	157,590	0	18,997	
(9) Jody Dunklee Director	4.00 0.00	X					7,225	0	1	
(10) Rich Goggin President	6.00 0.00	X		X			7,100	0	1	
(11) Mark Woodward Secretary	5.00 0.00	X		X			7,000	0	1	

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week 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			
(12) Carol Maroni	5.00									
2nd Vice President	0.00	X		X			6,450	0	1	
(13) Paul Lambert	1.50									
1st Vice President	0.00	X		X			6,320	0	0	
(14) John Ward	4.00									
Treasurer	0.00	X		X			6,225	0	1	
(15) George Lague	6.00									
Director	0.00	X					6,200	0	1	
(16) Thomas Bailey	2.50									
Director	0.00	X					6,000	0	55	
(17) Ken Hoepner	4.00									
Director	0.00	X					5,950	0	1	
(18) Charlie Van Winkle	4.00									
Director	0.00	X					5,625	0	1	
(19) Richard Westman	1.50									
Director	0.00	X					5,325	0	1	
1b Subtotal							1,636,547		346,389	
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							5,325		1	
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							1,641,872		346,390	

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 **u51**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	X	
5 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>		X

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
Spates Construction, Inc. Derby VT 05829	1876 Beebe Rd Construction	2,349,288
TTS Tree Service, LLC Russell NY 13684	3985 County Route 27 Tree Clearing	1,454,117
Trees, LLC Chicago IL 60677	1700 Solutions Center Tree Clearing	1,216,537
Riggs Distler & Company, Inc. Chicago IL 60694	PO Box 71592 Construction	878,996
Larch Tree Service, LLC Canton NY 13617	83 Buck St. Tree Clearing	862,235

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 **u**

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week 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			
(20) Don Worth Director	3.00 0.00	X						5,325	0	1
1b Subtotal								5,325		1
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)										

- 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 **u**
- | | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> | | |
| 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> | | |
| 5 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> | | |

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

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 **u**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g \$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f	u					
Program Service Revenue	2a Electric Operating Income	Business Code	221000	79,798,408	79,798,408		
	b Non-Operating Income	Business Code	221000	425,090	425,090		
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f	u		80,223,498			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	u		5,655,679		5,655,679	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	u					
	5 Royalties	u					
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		6a					
		b Less: rental expenses	6b				
	c Rental inc. or (loss)	6c					
	d Net rental income or (loss)	u					
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		7a			29,760		
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales exps.	7b		5,068		
	c Gain or (loss)	7c		24,692			
	d Net gain or (loss)	u		24,692	24,692		
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a					
		b Less: direct expenses	8b				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events	u						
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a						
	b Less: direct expenses	9b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities	u						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a						
	b Less: cost of goods sold	10b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory	u						
Miscellaneous Revenue	11a	Business Code					
	b						
	c						
	d All other revenue						
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d	u					
12 Total revenue. See instructions	u		85,903,869	80,248,190	0	5,655,679	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members	4,713,323			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	648,181			
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	7,925,996			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	1,143,188			
9 Other employee benefits	1,206,028			
10 Payroll taxes	656,686			
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal	74,575			
c Accounting	47,645			
d Lobbying	75,045			
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 7				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	887,395			
12 Advertising and promotion	190			
13 Office expenses	908,240			
14 Information technology	617,653			
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	94,627			
17 Travel	806,751			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	55,969			
20 Interest	3,693,623			
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	6,143,106			
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a Purchased Power	35,045,726			
b Transmission	11,847,178			
c Property Tax Expense	3,664,359			
d Tree Trimming Expense	3,642,129			
e All other expenses	2,006,256			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	85,903,869	0	0	0
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing		1	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	700,955	2	451,022
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	12,032,232	4	12,058,234
	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		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	5,144,283	8	5,417,204
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	507,858	9	555,891
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 188,155,224		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 57,534,435	10c	130,620,789
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	38,049,698	12	39,413,639
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	2,438,871	13	3,259,539
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	4,926,481	15	5,219,133
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	186,904,894	16	196,995,451	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	13,462,268	17	14,249,612
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	91,024,489	23	96,966,616
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	430,412	25	442,085
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	104,917,169	26	111,658,313
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions		27	
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions		28	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	81,987,725	31	85,337,138
32 Total net assets or fund balances	81,987,725	32	85,337,138	
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	186,904,894	33	196,995,451	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets		Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	85,903,869
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	85,903,869
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	0
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	81,987,725
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	3,349,413
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	85,337,138

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting		Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
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	X	
c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	X	
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	X	

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

u 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.

u Attach to Form 990.

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

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.

03-0164375

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: 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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply), 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. (2a Total number of conservation easements, 2b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, 2c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), 2d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register), 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year u, 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located u, 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 u, 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year u \$, 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? (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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 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., 1b 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 u \$, (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X u \$, 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 u \$, b Assets included in Form 990, Part X u \$

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 on 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 **u**
 - b** Permanent endowment **u**
 - c** Term endowment **u**
- 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		1,346,938		1,346,938
b Buildings		6,646,331	1,585,140	5,061,191
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		65,892,115	25,243,563	40,648,552
e Other		114,269,840	30,705,732	83,564,108
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)			u	130,620,789

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 Vermont Electric Power Co. Sto	38,975,600	Cost
(A) NE Hydro Transmission Stock	438,039	Cost
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ... u	39,413,639	

Part VIII Investments – Program Related.

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

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

Part IX Other Assets.

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

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

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) Deferred Compensation	307,343
(3) Capital Leases	110,919
(4) Current Portion of Capital Leases	23,823
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ... u	442,085

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	86,589,208
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	1,007,233	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	1,007,233
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	85,581,975
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	321,894	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	321,894
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	85,903,869

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	81,875,884
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	1,007,232	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	1,007,232
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	80,868,652
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	5,035,217	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	5,035,217
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	85,903,869

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.

Part X - FIN 48 Footnote

The Cooperative is a nonprofit and non-stock membership corporation organized under provisions of the Electric Cooperative Act of Vermont. The Cooperative is an organization described in Section 501(c)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code and has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as an organization exempt from taxes on related income under Section 501(a). Consideration has been given to uncertain tax positions. The federal income tax returns for the years ended after December 31, 2017 remain open for potential examination by major tax jurisdictions, generally for three years after they were filed.

Part XI, Line 2d - Revenue Amounts Included in Financials - Other

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

Sales for Resale - Purchase Power \$ 1,007,233

Part XI, Line 4b - Revenue Amounts Included on Return - Other

Renewable Energy costs \$ 8,700

Offsetting related electric non-operating income \$ 313,194

Part XII, Line 2d - Expense Amounts Included in Financials - Other

Sale of excess purchased power \$ 1,007,232

Part XII, Line 4b - Expense Amounts Included on Return - Other

Offsetting related electric non-operating income \$ 313,194

Renewable Energy costs \$ 8,700

Net Margins available to Members \$ 4,713,323

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

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

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

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.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef) |

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

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?

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.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

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?
- b** Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c** 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.

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?
- b** Any related organization?
- 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?
- b** Any related organization?
- 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

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

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
1a		
1b		
2		
3		
4a		X
4b		X
4c		X
5a		
5b		
6a		
6b		
7		
8		
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 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 Rebecca Towne CEO	(i)	263,420	3,646	935	15,675	21,678	305,354	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Mark Hinton 1st Class Lineworker	(i)	202,378	0	3,458	64,795	19,396	290,027	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Michael Bursell CFO	(i)	229,372	3,090	6,589	9,705	28,174	276,930	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Gary Young 1st Class Lineworker	(i)	162,367	0	1,543	57,877	19,324	241,111	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Peter Rossi COO	(i)	170,963	2,791	5,395	10,699	27,415	217,263	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Chris Ingalls 1st Class Lineworker	(i)	177,155	0	340	9,810	26,199	213,504	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Victoria Brown General Counsel	(i)	170,779	2,684	2,632	9,852	6,729	192,676	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Christopher Connelley 1st Class Lineworker	(i)	155,705	0	1,885	8,152	10,845	176,587	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	(i)							
	(ii)							
10	(i)							
	(ii)							
11	(i)							
	(ii)							
12	(i)							
	(ii)							
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.

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)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.

u Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Form 990, Part VI, Line 6 - Classes of Members or Stockholders

The Cooperative has members who are also the Consumers of the Electricity sold by the Cooperative

Form 990, Part VI, Line 7a - Election of Members and Their Rights

VEC has members who vote to elect a director to represent their district.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 7b - Decisions Subject to Approval of Members

Yes, the Cooperative needs approval from members to make changes to the bylaws or articles of incorporation.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Organization's Process to Review Form 990

The form is prepared by the Cooperatives independent auditing firm and then reviewed in detail by VEC's Assistant Controller. After the Assistant Controllers review is complete, the Form 990 is sent to the CEO, CFO and VEC's Board of Directors for their review, prior to submission.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy

Board Policy B.4 was initially approved on 1/25/2000 and was reviewed and revised on 6/24/2014. The policy covers all Board Members of Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. (VEC). Additionally, all members of the Board are provided an IRS Form 990 questionnaire annually for completion and the responses are reviewed by VEC's Finance Department for completeness. The Board is responsible for enforcement of this policy on an ongoing basis. The Board's policy provides all the requirements to be met by Directors and

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the process by which a violation will be handled. All Directors are required to sign this policy. VEC also has a Management Policy for Conflict of Interest that was approved on 4/16/2014 and reviewed by the Board of Directors on 5/12/2014. The policy covers all employees of VEC. All officers, highly compensated employees and key employees complete the IRS Form 990 Questionnaire annually. This policy is reviewed with the employee during the orientation process, employees indicate the policy review by initialing a hard copy of the document. A scan of the initialed document is then sent to the employees as a follow up after orientation. The policy is also included in our Personnel Policy Manual and is posted on our intranet. The CEO is responsible for the administration and enforcement of this policy.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official
The CEO's compensation is performance based. The Board of Directors, as a whole, sets the CEO's goals and does an assessment during the annual performance evaluation. The CEO's goals are primarily VEC's Strategic Plan and other objectives as given by the Board of Directors, if the core competencies in VEC's strategic plan and other objectives have been met, the CEO has been successful. Each year the Manager of HR proposes a percentage increase to salaries as part of VEC's budgeting process. The increase percentage amount, once approved, is the same for the CEO as it is for all other non-union employees. The Board of Directors does an assessment of the CEO's performance and awards the appropriate percentage of increase, which does not exceed the salary budget or the salary range.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Process for Officers

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VEC's Human Resource Department works with a third party to gather formal market data of all positions at least every three years. All non-union positions were assessed by Hickok & Boardman in December, 2018. In the off years, VEC has access to the Vermont Salary Survey administered by Gallagher Flynn & Co., LLC, NRECA Compensation Survey, SHRM Compensation Data, VHRA Compensation Data and our own compilation of local utility data are used in comparative analysis and to assess the salary placement and increases to salary. A new salary bracket structure was recommended by Hickok & Boardman in 2018 and was implemented as part of the 2018 year-end and 2019 year start process. The salary brackets will be increased by 2/3rds of the average non-union increase to salary annually. The salary survey data and comparisons mentioned above are used when preparing the headcount and salary budget and to help determine the increase pool. All employee officers, key employees and remaining non-union employees fall under the same assessment. This information is shared with the VEC Board of Directors and they use this information to determine the CEO's compensation.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation
VEC Bylaws are posted on the website, governing documents are available upon member request. VEC Financial Statements are available on the website, in the lobby at the annual meeting or upon request.

Form 990, Part XI, Line 9 - Other Changes in Net Assets Explanation

2020 Net Margins	\$ 4,713,323
2020 Patronage Retirements	\$ -1,363,910
Total	\$ 3,349,413