

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

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

**2020**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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**A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning** , 2020, **and ending** , 20

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

**C** Name of organization WESTERN STATES AND TRIBAL NATIONS RURAL NATURAL GAS INITIATIVE  
 Doing business as WESTERN STATES AND TRIBAL NATIONS  
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
2211 NORFOLK 610  
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
HOUSTON, TX 77098

**D** Employer identification number  
83-4543044

**E** Telephone number  
(713) 337-8800

**F** Name and address of principal officer:  
DAVID HOLT, 2211 NORFOLK, HOUSTON, TX 77098

**G** Gross receipts \$ 263,667.

**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) ( 4 ) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**J** Website: ▶ WESTERNNATURALGAS.ORG

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

**L** Year of formation: 2019

**M** State of legal domicile: TX

**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b>	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>To facilitate economic development and tribal sovereignty through the development of domestic and global markets for natural gas produced in the Western United States with a comprehensive stakeholder network.</u>		
	<b>2</b>	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	<b>3</b>	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b> 6	
	<b>4</b>	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b> 6	
	<b>5</b>	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2020 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b> 0	
	<b>6</b>	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b> 0	
	<b>7a</b>	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b> 0.	
<b>b</b>	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	<b>7b</b> 0.		
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b>	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	<b>9</b>	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		263,667.
	<b>10</b>	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		
	<b>11</b>	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		0.
	<b>12</b>	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		263,667.
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)		
	<b>14</b>	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	<b>15</b>	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)		
	<b>16a</b>	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	<b>b</b>	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶		0.
	<b>17</b>	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)		261,212.
	<b>18</b>	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		261,212.
<b>19</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12		2,455.	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b>	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	<b>21</b>	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		
	<b>22</b>	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20		

**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: [Signature] Date: 02/13/2021

DAVID HOLT, CFO  
Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name: TERRY BLEIER PAUL, CPA Preparer's signature: TERRY BLEIER PAUL, CPA Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check  if self-employed PTIN: P01350720

Firm's name ▶ Terry Bleier Paul, CPA Firm's EIN ▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Firm's address ▶ 12814 John Reynolds Circle, Galveston, TX 77554 Phone no. (713) 410-1347

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

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

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

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

To facilitate economic development and tribal sovereignty through the development of domestic and global markets for natural gas produced in the Western United States with a comprehensive stakeholder network.

**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 \$ 196,679. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, COLLABORATION AND ENGAGEMENT: Program services will include 1) building a platform of engagement for policymakers, public officials and the general public on the benefits of natural gas in the western states; 2) communicating the opportunity and benefits of providing natural gas; and 3) developing a framework for stakeholder engagement where interest groups and stakeholders can convene, provide input and help steer the WSTN process.

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

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

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

**4e** Total program service expenses ▶ 196,679.

**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>		X
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> See instructions? . . . . .		X
<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>		X
<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>		X
<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>		X
<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>		X
<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>		X
<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>		X
<b>10</b> 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
<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>		X
<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>		X
<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>		X
<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>		X
<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>		X
<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>		X
<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>		X
<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>		X
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .</i>		X
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? . . . . .		X
<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>		X
<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>		X
<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>		X
<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 See instructions . . . . .</i>		X
<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>		X
<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>		X
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H . . . . .</i>		X
<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>		X

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** *(continued)*

	Yes	No
<b>22</b> 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
<b>23</b> 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
<b>24a</b> 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>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .		
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .		
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . . .		
<b>25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> 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> . . . . .		X
<b>b</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> . . . . .		X
<b>26</b> 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
<b>27</b> 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
<b>28</b> 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):		
<b>a</b> 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>b</b> A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .		X
<b>c</b> 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
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> . . . . .		X
<b>30</b> 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
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> . . . . .		X
<b>32</b> 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
<b>33</b> 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
<b>34</b> 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
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? . . . . .		X
<b>b</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> . . . . .		
<b>36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> . . . . .		
<b>37</b> 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
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note:</b> 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
<b>1a</b> Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . .		
<b>b</b> Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . .		
<b>c</b> 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)

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes questions 2a through 16 regarding employee reporting, tax returns, unrelated business income, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and charitable contributions.

**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
<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 on Schedule O.		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of voting members included on 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? . . . . .		X
<b>3</b>	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? . . . . .		X
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . . . .		X
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . .		X
<b>6</b>	Did the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . .		X
<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? . . . . .		X
<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? . . . . .		X
<b>8</b>	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>8a</b>	The governing body? . . . . .	X	
<b>8b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . .	X	
<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 on Schedule O . . . . .		X

**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? . . . . .		X
<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? . . . . .		
<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? . . . . .	X	
<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 . . . . .	X	
<b>12b</b>	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? . . . . .	X	
<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 . . . . .	X	
<b>13</b>	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . .	X	
<b>14</b>	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . .	X	
<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>	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official . . . . .		X
<b>15b</b>	Other officers or key employees of the organization . . . . .		X
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
<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? . . . . .		X
<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**

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ►
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its 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 ►  
 DAVID E. HOLT III, 2211 NORFOLK, HOUSTON, TX 77098 (713)522-2414

**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 (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) JASON SANDEL CHAIRMAN	0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(2) JEFFERY HARTLEY VICE CHAIR & GOVERNMENT LIAISON	0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(3) BOBBY ROLSTON VICE CHAIR & INDUSTRY LIAISON	0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(4) ANDREW BROWNING PRESIDENT	0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(5) DUANE ZAVADIL SECRETARY	0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) DEVIN PEHRSON TREASURER	0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
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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 (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			
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(16)										
(17)										
(18)										
(19)										
(20)										
(21)										
(22)										
(23)										
(24)										
(25)										
<b>1b Subtotal</b>							0.	0.	0.	
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>										
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>							0.	0.	0.	

**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 ▶

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

**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 ▶



**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>					
	<b>f</b>	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	263,667.				
	<b>g</b>	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f . . . . .	<b>1g</b>	\$				
	<b>h</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .			263,667.			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b>	----- Business Code						
	<b>b</b>	-----						
	<b>c</b>	-----						
	<b>d</b>	-----						
	<b>e</b>	-----						
	<b>f</b>	All other program service revenue . . . . .						
	<b>g</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .						
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b>	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .						
	<b>4</b>	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	<b>5</b>	Royalties . . . . .						
	<b>6a</b>	Gross rents . . . . .	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
			<b>6a</b>					
			<b>6b</b>					
	<b>c</b>	Less: rental expenses	<b>6c</b>					
	<b>d</b>	Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .						
	<b>7a</b>	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
			<b>7a</b>					
			<b>7b</b>					
	<b>c</b>	Gain or (loss) . . . . .	<b>7c</b>					
	<b>d</b>	Net gain or (loss) . . . . .						
	<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>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>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>10b</b>						
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .							
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	<b>11a</b>	----- Business Code						
	<b>b</b>	-----						
	<b>c</b>	-----						
	<b>d</b>	All other revenue . . . . .			0.	0.	0.	
	<b>e</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .			0.			
<b>12</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions . . . . .			263,667.	0.	0.	0.	

**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
<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 . . . . .				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .				
<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 . . . . .				
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .				
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits . . . . .				
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes . . . . .				
<b>11</b> Fees for services (nonemployees):				
<b>a</b> Management . . . . .	255,090.	191,317.	63,773.	0.
<b>b</b> Legal . . . . .	5,362.	5,362.	0.	0.
<b>c</b> Accounting . . . . .	499.	0.	499.	0.
<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 . . . . .				
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .				
<b>20</b> Interest . . . . .				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .				
<b>23</b> Insurance . . . . .				
<b>24</b> 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.)				
<b>a</b> BANK FEES . . . . .	261.	0.	261.	0.
<b>b</b> . . . . .				
<b>c</b> . . . . .				
<b>d</b> . . . . .				
<b>e</b> All other expenses . . . . .				
<b>25</b> <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	261,212.	196,679.	64,533.	0.
<b>26</b> <b>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 X

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .		<b>1</b>
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .		<b>2</b>
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .		<b>3</b>
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .		<b>4</b>
	<b>5</b> 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 . . . . .		<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 . . . . .		<b>7</b>
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .		<b>9</b>
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D . . . . .	<b>10a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation . . . . .	<b>10b</b>	<b>10c</b>
	<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 . . . . .		<b>13</b>
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>15</b>
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) . . . . .		<b>16</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .		<b>17</b>
	<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 . . . . .		<b>23</b>
	<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 . . . . .		<b>25</b>
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .		<b>26</b>
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input checked="" 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 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 . . . . .		<b>31</b>
<b>32</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .		<b>32</b>	
<b>33</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .		<b>33</b>	

**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>	263,667.
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	261,212.
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	2,455.
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>4</b>	
<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 on Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	<b>10</b>	2,455.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input 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.		
<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	X	
<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 type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
<b>c</b> 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
<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?		X
<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 on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

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

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

WESTERN STATES AND TRIBAL NATIONS RURAL NATURAL GAS INITIATIVE

83-4543044

Pt VI, Line 11b: ALL POLICIES, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND TAX RETURNS WILL BE

POSTED ON BOTH THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE AND ARE AVAILABLE BY REQUEST

Pt VI, Line 12c: COPIES OF EACH BOARD MEMBERS STATEMENT AND MINUTES ARE RETAINED

Pt VI, Line 18: ALL POLICIES, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND TAX RETURNS WILL BE POSTED

ON BOTH THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE AND ARE AVAILABLE BY REQUEST

Other: INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT REVIEWS THE ACCOUNTS OF THE ORGANIZATION TO PREPARE

THIS TAX RETURN

# IRS e-file Signature Authorization for an Exempt Organization

For calendar year 2020, or fiscal year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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# 2020

Name of exempt organization or person subject to tax <b>WESTERN STATES AND TRIBAL NATIONS RURAL NATURAL GAS INITIATIVE</b>	Taxpayer identification number <b>83-4543044</b>
Name and title of officer or person subject to tax <b>DAVID HOLT, CFO</b>	

### Part I Type of Return and Return Information (Whole Dollars Only)

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-EO and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 6a, or 7a below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, or 7b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not** complete more than one line in Part I.

<b>1a</b> Form 990 check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>b</b> Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	<b>1b</b> <u>263,667.</u>
<b>2a</b> Form 990-EZ check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>b</b> Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9) . . . . .	<b>2b</b> _____
<b>3a</b> Form 1120-POL check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>b</b> Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22) . . . . .	<b>3b</b> _____
<b>4a</b> Form 990-PF check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>b</b> Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5) . . . . .	<b>4b</b> _____
<b>5a</b> Form 8868 check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>b</b> Balance due (Form 8868, line 3c) . . . . .	<b>5b</b> _____
<b>6a</b> Form 990-T check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>b</b> Total tax (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4) . . . . .	<b>6b</b> _____
<b>7a</b> Form 4720 check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>b</b> Total tax (Form 4720, Part III, line 1) . . . . .	<b>7b</b> _____

### Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that  I am an officer of the above organization or  I am a person subject to tax with respect to (name of organization) \_\_\_\_\_, (EIN) \_\_\_\_\_ and that I have examined a copy of the 2020 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the electronic return and, if applicable, the consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

#### PIN: check one box only

I authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to enter my PIN      as my signature  
ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

on the tax year 2020 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

As an officer or person subject to tax with respect to the organization, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the tax year 2020 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Signature of officer or person subject to tax ▶  Date ▶ 02/13/2021

### Part III Certification and Authentication

**ERO's EFIN/PIN.** Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

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Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2020 electronically filed return indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of **Pub. 4163**, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ Date ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

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