

**Short Form**

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

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

**2019**

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Department of the Treasury  
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**A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning** , 2019, and ending , 20

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization WESTERN STATES AND TRIBAL NATIONS RURAL NATURAL GAS INITIATIVE		<b>D</b> Employer identification number 83-4543044
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) 2211 NORFOLK	Room/suite 610	<b>E</b> Telephone number (713) 337-8800
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code HOUSTON, TX 77098		<b>F</b> Group Exemption Number ▶

**G** Accounting Method:  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**I Website:** ▶ <https://www.westernnaturalgas.org/>

**H** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**J Tax-exempt status** (check only one) -  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( 4 ) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . . ▶ \$ 73,833.

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I . . . . .

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .	<b>1</b>	73,833.
	<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .	<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments . . . . .	<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Investment income . . . . .	<b>4</b>	
	<b>5a</b> Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .	<b>5a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	<b>5b</b>	
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a) . . . . .	<b>5c</b>	
	<b>6</b> Gaming and fundraising events:		
	<b>a</b> Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) . . . . .	<b>6a</b>	
<b>b</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) . . . . .	<b>6b</b>		
<b>c</b> Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . . .	<b>6c</b>		
<b>d</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) . . . . .	<b>6d</b>		
<b>7a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>7a</b>		
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>7b</b>		
<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . .	<b>7c</b>		
<b>8</b> Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>8</b>		
<b>9 Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 . . . . . ▶	<b>9</b>	73,833.	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>10</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>10</b>	
	<b>11</b> Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . .	<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . .	<b>13</b>	4,916.
	<b>14</b> Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .	<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .	<b>15</b>	
	<b>16</b> Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . . See Line 16. Stmt . . . . .	<b>16</b>	28.
<b>17 Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16 . . . . . ▶	<b>17</b>	4,944.	
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .	<b>18</b>	68,889.
	<b>19</b> Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) . . . . .	<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 . . . . . ▶	<b>21</b>	68,889.



Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		X
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O. See instructions		X
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		X
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
35c	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions <input type="text" value="37a"/>		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee; or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II, and enter the total amount involved <input type="text" value="38b"/>		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 <input type="text" value="39a"/>		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities <input type="text" value="39b"/>		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 <input type="text"/> ; section 4912 <input type="text"/> ; section 4955 <input type="text"/>		
b	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
c	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 <input type="text"/>		
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization <input type="text"/>		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <input type="text"/>		
42a	The organization's books are in care of <input type="text" value="HBW RESOURCES, LLC"/> Telephone no. <input type="text" value="(713) 337-8818"/> Located at <input type="text" value="2211 NORFOLK ST #610, HOUSTON TX"/> ZIP + 4 <input type="text" value="77098"/>		
b	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)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="text"/> See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).	Yes	No
42b			X
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="text"/>		X
42c			X
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <input type="text" value="43"/>		
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		X
d	If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
44d			
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ. See instructions		X
45b			X

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>46</b> Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I . . . . .	46	x

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only**

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI . . . . .

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>47</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .	47	x
<b>48</b> Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .	48	x
<b>49a</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .	49a	x
<b>b</b> If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . .	49b	
<b>50</b> Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."		

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
NONE				

**f** Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 . . . . . ▶ \_\_\_\_\_


**51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

**d** Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . . . . ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**52** Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A . . . . . ▶  Yes  No

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.

<b>Sign Here</b>		02/20/2020
	Signature of officer	Date
	DAVID HOLT, CFO	
	Type or print name and title	

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	TERRY BLEIER PAUL, CPA	TERRY BLEIER PAUL, CPA			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

**Additional information from your Form 990-EZ: Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax**

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**Line 16: Other Expenses**

**Continuation Statement**

Description	Amount
BOOKS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND REFERENCE	28.
<b>Total</b>	28.

**Form 990-EZ: Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax**

**Part III: Purpose**

**Continuation Statement**

<b>Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose</b>
To facilitate economic development and tribal sovereignty through the development of domestic and global markets for natural gas produced in the Western United States. By doing so, we can build a comprehensive stakeholder network that will promote the Western States natural gas industry to the world.

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

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

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2019**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Name of the organization

WESTERN STATES AND TRIBAL NATIONS RURAL NATURAL GAS INITIATIVE

Employer identification number

83-4543044

Pt I, Line 16:

Description: BOOKS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND REFERENCE \$28

**IRS e-file Signature Authorization  
for an Exempt Organization**

For calendar year 2019, or fiscal year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

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**▶ Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.  
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**2019**

Name of exempt organization <b>WESTERN STATES AND TRIBAL NATIONS RURAL NATURAL GAS INITIATIVE</b>	Employer identification number <b>83-4543044</b>
Name and title of officer <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, or 5a**, below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line **1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, or 5b**, 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 type="checkbox"/>	<b>b Total revenue</b> , if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	<b>1b</b> _____
<b>2a</b> Form 990-EZ check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>b Total revenue</b> , if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9) . . . . .	<b>2b</b> <u>73,833.</u>
<b>3a</b> Form 1120-POL check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>b Total tax</b> (Form 1120-POL, line 22) . . . . .	<b>3b</b> _____
<b>4a</b> Form 990-PF check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>b Tax based on investment income</b> (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5) . . . . .	<b>4b</b> _____
<b>5a</b> Form 8868 check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>b Balance Due</b> (Form 8868, line 3c) . . . . .	<b>5b</b> _____

**Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above organization and that I have examined a copy of the organization's 2019 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 organization's electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the organization's 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 organization's 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 organization's electronic return and, if applicable, the organization's consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

**Officer's PIN: check one box only**

I authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to enter my PIN 

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 as my signature  
ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

on the organization's tax year 2019 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 of the organization, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the organization's tax year 2019 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.

Officer's signature ▶  Date ▶ 02/20/2020

**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.

7	9	2	3	0	1	1	5	4	9	4
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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 2019 electronically filed return for the organization 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 ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**ERO Must Retain This Form — See Instructions  
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