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Second Regular Session - 2018

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 392

BY REVENUE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT
RELATING TO ENERGY TAXES; AMENDING SECTION 63-3503, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE
A DATE BY WHICH THE IDAHO STATE TAX COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE NOTIFICATION OF AN ELECTRICAL OPERATOR'S TAX ALLOTMENT AND APPORTIONMENT AND TO
MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 63-3503A, IDAHO CODE, TO
PROVIDE A DATE BY WHICH THE IDAHO STATE TAX COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE NOTIFICATION OF A GAS OPERATOR'S TAX ALLOTMENT AND APPORTIONMENT AND TO
MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND AMENDING SECTION 63-3503B, IDAHO CODE,
TO PROVIDE A DATE BY WHICH THE IDAHO STATE TAX COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE
NOTIFICATION OF A WIND, SOLAR OR GEOTHERMAL ENERGY PRODUCER'S TAX ALLOTMENT AND APPORTIONMENT, TO REVISE THE DATE BY WHICH THE COUNTY AUDITOR SHALL PROVIDE NOTIFICATION REGARDING CERTAIN TAX APPORTIONMENT INFORMATION AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 63-3503, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

63-3503. FILING OPERATORS' STATEMENT -- ALLOTMENT AND APPORTIONMENT OF TAX DUE FROM ELECTRICAL ASSOCIATIONS BY STATE TAX COMMISSION. Every cooperative electrical association in this state shall file with the state tax commission of the state of Idaho the operators' statement provided for in section 63-404, Idaho Code, and shall include thereon a statement of the amount of its gross earnings for the calendar year next preceding. Upon examining and verifying said statement, the state tax commission shall compute the amount of the tax measured by the gross earnings and shall allot to each county in which the property of such association is situate situated, and otherwise exempted from taxation by section 63-602JJ, Idaho Code, that proportion of the total tax of such association shown to be due as the number of wire miles of transmission and distribution lines of such association situate situated in such county bears to the total wire miles of transmission and distribution lines of such association. The state tax commission shall then, for each county, apportion the tax so allotted to the county among the several taxing units thereof within which any property of such association is situate situated, and otherwise exempted from taxation by section 63-602JJ, Idaho Code, by apportioning to each such taxing unit that proportion of the tax so allotted to the county as the weighted wire mileage factor for each such taxing unit bears to the total of the weighted wire mileage factors of all such taxing units in the county, and shall immediately. No later than the third Monday of May each year, the state tax commission shall notify the state superintendent of public instruction and the county treasurer of such allotment and apportionment and the amounts thereof.

SECTION 2. That Section 63-3503A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

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63-3503A. FILING OPERATORS' STATEMENT -- ALLOTMENT AND APPORTIONMENT OF TAX DUE FROM NATURAL GAS ASSOCIATIONS BY STATE TAX COMMISSION. Every cooperative natural gas association in this state shall file with the state tax commission of the state of Idaho the operators' statement provided for in section 63-404, Idaho Code, and shall include thereon a statement of the amount of its gross earnings for the calendar year next preceding. Upon examining and verifying said statement, the state tax commission shall compute the amount of the tax measured by the gross earnings and shall allot to each county in which the property of such association is situate situated, and otherwise exempted from taxation by section 63-602JJ, Idaho Code, that proportion of the total tax of such association shown to be due as the number of gas line miles of transmission and distribution lines of such association situate situated in such county bears to the total wire miles of transmission and distribution lines of such association. The state tax commission shall then, for each county, apportion the tax so allotted to the county among the several taxing units thereof within which any property of such association is situate situated, and otherwise exempted from taxation by section 63-602JJ, Idaho Code, by apportioning to each such taxing unit that proportion of the tax so allotted to the county as the gas line mileage factor for each such taxing unit bears to the total of the gas line mileage factors of all such taxing units in the county, and shall immediately. No later than the third Monday of May each year, the state tax commission shall notify the state superintendent of public instruction and the county treasurer of such allotment and apportionment and the amounts thereof.

SECTION 3. That Section 63-3503B, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

FILING OPERATORS' STATEMENTS -- ALLOTMENT AND APPORTION-63-3503B. MENT OF TAX DUE FROM PRODUCERS OF ELECTRICITY BY MEANS OF WIND ENERGY, SOLAR ENERGY OR GEOTHERMAL ENERGY BY STATE TAX COMMISSION. Every producer of electricity by means of wind energy, by means of solar energy or by means of geothermal energy in this state shall file with the state tax commission of the state of Idaho an operator's statement in the manner as provided for in section 63-404, Idaho Code, and shall include thereon a statement of the prior calendar year's gross wind energy earnings, gross solar energy earnings or gross geothermal energy earnings. Upon examining and verifying said statement, the state tax commission shall compute the amount of the wind energy tax, solar energy tax or the geothermal energy tax based on the gross wind energy earnings, gross solar energy earnings or the gross geothermal energy earnings and shall allot to each county in which the property of such producer is situate situated, and otherwise exempted from taxation by section 63-602JJ, Idaho Code, either: that proportion of the total wind energy tax, that proportion of the total solar energy tax or that proportion of the total geothermal energy tax of such producer shown to be due as the same proportion that the total original cost of property situate situated in such county, and otherwise exempted from taxation by section 63-602JJ, Idaho Code, bears to the total original cost of such property of such producer for

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the wind energy project, of such producer for the solar energy project or of such producer for the geothermal energy project. The state tax commission shall then, for each county, apportion the wind energy tax, solar energy tax or geothermal energy tax so allotted to such county among the several taxing units thereof within which any property of such producer is situate situated, and otherwise exempted from taxation by section 63-602JJ, Idaho Code, by apportioning to each such taxing unit that proportion of the wind energy tax, solar energy tax or geothermal energy tax so allotted to such county. For such apportionment, the state tax commission shall calculate the weighted original cost which shall be the product of the original cost of such property within such taxing unit times such taxing unit's property tax levy for the prior year and the weighted apportionment rate which shall be the ratio of the wind energy tax, of the solar energy tax or of the geothermal energy tax, as the case may be, allotted to such county, to the aggregate weighted original cost for all such taxing units within which the property is located and then shall calculate the apportionment of the wind energy tax, solar energy tax or geothermal energy tax for each such taxing unit to be equal to the product of the weighted original cost times the weighted apportionment rate. The state tax commission shall, on or before the second third Monday in August May, notify the state superintendent of public instruction, the county auditor, and the county treasurer of such allotment and apportionment and the amounts thereof. On or before the third first Monday in August, the county auditor shall notify the appropriate taxing units of the amount of wind energy tax, the amount of solar energy tax or the amount of the geothermal energy tax being apportioned and the amount of the solar energy tax distributed to each of these taxing units during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding July 1 of the current tax year.