WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

SPECIAL NOTICE

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Public Utility Tax Credits for "Billing Discounts" and "Qualifying Contributions"

This is our annual update on the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) including the *Public Utility Tax Credit Application* for July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

The Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) administers LIHEAP in cooperation with light and power businesses and gas distribution businesses. Under this program, CTED administers funds from various sources to reduce energy costs for low income persons. CTED, or organizations that contract with CTED, distributes these funds in the form of grants to light and power businesses and gas distribution businesses based on need. Many light and power businesses and gas distribution businesses also provide billing discounts for low income customers.

To encourage billing discounts and contributions, RCW 82.16.0497 allows a limited credit against the public utility tax for billing discounts and qualifying contributions made by light and power businesses or gas distribution businesses.

Billing discounts are actual reductions in the amount charged for providing service to qualifying persons in Washington. A qualifying person is a Washington resident who applies and qualifies for LIHEAP assistance regardless if that person actually receives assistance.

Billing discounts do not include service charge reductions made using grants received from the LIHEAP, either from CTED or an organization that contracts with CTED, to administer LIHEAP funds.

Qualifying contributions are amounts given by light and power businesses or gas distribution businesses to an organization that contracts with CTED to administer LIHEAP funds.

Qualifying contributions do not include amounts received in the prior fiscal year from the business's customers for the purpose of assisting other customers.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the credit using billing discounts or qualifying contributions, the business must give billing discounts or qualifying contributions, respectively, greater than 125 percent of those given by the business in the state fiscal year 2000 (July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000). If no billing discounts or qualifying contributions were given in state fiscal year 2000, a credit is allowed in the first fiscal year that billing discounts are given. Each year thereafter, the business must give billing discounts or qualifying contributions, respectively, of greater than 125 percent of those given in the first year to be eligible for the credit.

Amount of Credit

The maximum amount of credit is either 50 percent of the light and power or gas distribution business's total billing discounts and qualifying contributions, or the business's base credit, whichever is less. A business's base credit is its proportional share of all grants given through the CTED and/or qualifying organizations in the prior fiscal year multiplied by $2,500,000 (statewide credit cap).

Each year, the Department of Revenue will notify light and power and gas distribution businesses of the amount of their base credit. The base credit for state fiscal year 2008 is enclosed.

Credit Application

Eligible businesses must apply for the credit. The application asks for the amount of billing discounts or qualifying contributions that the business will make in the next state fiscal year. If the total amount of credits to be taken by the businesses in the upcoming fiscal year is less than the $2,500,000 statewide cap, the Department of Revenue will proportionately increase the base credit for each business that submitted an application. Businesses will be notified of the increased amount of credit that they may take.

The *Public Utility Tax Credit Application* is enclosed. The application must be mailed to the Department and postmarked by July 1, 2007.

For More Information

If you have any questions, please call (360) 902-7025.

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Department of Revenue
Washington State

Public Utility Tax Credit Application
Low Income Assistance

Business Name: _____ Tax Registration/UBI Number: ____ – ____ – ____

Line No. **STEP 1 – Customer Donations** (For Information Only)

1 Money received from customers in the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 (if any) for the purpose of assisting other customers ..... $

STEP 2 – Computation of Billing Discount Credit

2 The amount of billing discounts anticipated between July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 ..... $

3 a) Billing discounts given July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000 (if none go to b)..... $

b) Billing discounts given, first qualifying fiscal year July 1, ____ through June 30, ____ $ X 1.25 = $

4 Compare the amount on Line 2 with the amount on Line 3. If the amount on Line 2 is **larger** than the amount on Line 3, enter the amount on Line 2 on Line 4. If the amount on Line 2 is **smaller** than the amount on Line 3, enter "0" on Line 4 ..... $

STEP 3 – Computation of Qualifying Contributions Credit

5 The amount of qualifying contributions anticipated between July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 ..... $

6 a) Qualifying contributions made July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000 (if none, go to b)..... $

b) Qualifying contributions made first qualifying fiscal year July 1, _____ through June 30, _____ $ X 1.25 = $

7 Compare the amount on Line 5 with the amount on Line 6. If the amount on Line 5 is **larger** than the amount on Line 6, enter the amount on Line 5 on Line 7. If the amount on Line 5 is **smaller** than the amount on Line 6, enter "0" on Line 7 ..... $

STEP 4 - Total Credit

8 Add Lines 4 and 7 above..... $ X .50 = $

9 Enter your amount of base credit. See the attached notice ..... $

10 Enter the lesser amount from Line 8 or 9. This is your Low Income Assistance Credit..... $

➲ **Note: The Department of Revenue may proportionately recalculate the credit to ensure the statewide cap is met.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Phone Number: _____

Application must be postmarked on or before **July 1, 2007.** Return to:

Department of Revenue
Taxpayer Account Administration
ATTN: Tax Examination & Assessment
PO Box 47476
Olympia, WA 98504-7476

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2007 LIHEAP Y-T-D Vendor Report

Registration #	Vendor		YTD Liheap	Proportionate Share	Original Base Credit
015-000-177	BIG BEND ELECTRIC	$	117,343.00	0.4533%	**$11,332.99**
034-002-819	BENTON COUNTY PUD	$	497,708.00	1.9227%	**$48,068.67**
035-000-239	BENTON RURAL ELECTRIC ASSN.	$	115,532.00	0.4463%	**$11,158.09**
036-001-852	RICHLAND, CITY OF	$	96,606.00	0.3732%	**$9,330.21**
041-000-329	CASHMERE, CITY OF	$	5,150.00	0.0199%	**$497.39**
048-003-756	CHELAN COUNTY PUD #1	$	186,000.00	0.7186%	**$17,963.89**
054-001-519	PORT ANGELES, CITY OF	$	108,599.00	0.4195%	**$10,488.50**
054-003-503	CLALLAM COUNTY PUD	$	179,125.00	0.6920%	**$17,299.90**
065-002-678	CLARK PUBLIC UTILITIES	$	1,952,479.00	7.5428%	**$188,570.55**
071-000-308	COLUMBIA REA	$	7,731.00	0.0299%	**$746.66**
084-000-944	COWLITZ PUD	$	504,635.93	1.9495%	**$48,737.77**
091-000-037	DOUGLAS COUNTY PUD	$	79,472.00	0.3070%	**$7,675.41**
101-000-249	FERRY PUD	$	30,074.00	0.1162%	**$2,904.55**
113-001-191	FRANKLIN COUNTY PUD	$	554,388.00	2.1417%	**$53,542.83**
132-000-175	GRANT PUD	$	472,217.00	1.8243%	**$45,606.75**
141-001-811	GRAYS HARBOR PUD #1	$	466,558.00	1.8024%	**$45,060.20**
149-000-511	MCCLEARY, TOWN OF	$	8,959.00	0.0346%	**$865.26**
172-000-039	ENUMCLAW, CITY OF	$	9,043.00	0.0349%	**$873.37**
175-000-571	TANNER ELECTRIC	$	9,004.00	0.0348%	**$869.61**
178-048-953	SEATTLE CITY LIGHT	$	1,849,762.00	7.1460%	**$178,650.14**
179-010-055	PUGET SOUND ENERGY	$	9,401,302.95	36.3191%	**$907,978.46**
192-000-016	ELLENSBURG, CITY OF	$	126,889.00	0.4902%	**$12,254.95**
192-000-951	KITTITAS COUNTY PUD #1	$	65,962.00	0.2548%	**$6,370.61**
202-000-284	KLICKITAT PUD	$	78,106.92	0.3017%	**$7,543.57**
211-000-432	CENTRALIA, CITY OF	$	95,017.00	0.3671%	**$9,176.75**
212-000-785	LEWIS COUNTY PUD #1	$	111,394.00	0.4303%	**$10,758.44**
232-000-374	MASON COUNTY PUD #1	$	13,734.00	0.0531%	**$1,326.43**
232-000-573	MASON COUNTY PUD #3	$	104,979.00	0.4056%	**$10,138.88**
242-000-308	OKANOGAN PUD (394)	$	215,029.00	0.8307%	**$20,767.51**
249-000-347	NESPELEM VALLEY ELECTRIC	$	3,100.00	0.0120%	**$299.40**
249-000-378	OKANOGAN CO-OP	$	5,221.00	0.0202%	**$504.24**
253-000-573	PACIFIC PUD #2	$	93,874.00	0.3627%	**$9,066.36**
264-000-420	PEND OREILLE PUD #1- Newport	$	51,076.00	0.1973%	**$4,932.92**
271-000-333	BUCKLEY, CITY OF	$	2,528.00	0.0098%	**$244.15**
272-000-006	OHOP MUTUAL	$	11,330.00	0.0438%	**$1,094.25**
273-000-038	PENINSULA LIGHT	$	58,282.00	0.2252%	**$5,628.88**
276-000-057	STEILACOOM, TOWN OF	$	2,410.00	0.0093%	**$232.76**
278-000-897	RUSTON, TOWN OF	$	1,462.00	0.0056%	**$141.20**
278-000-955	LAKEVIEW LIGHT	$	73,084.00	0.2823%	**$7,058.46**
278-002-171	ELMHURST MUTUAL	$	48,628.00	0.1879%	**$4,696.50**
278-012-340	TACOMA PUBLIC UTILITIES	$	1,386,494.00	5.3563%	**$133,907.68**
279-000-005	PARKLAND LIGHT	$	21,088.00	0.0815%	**$2,036.68**
279-000-101	MILTON, TOWN OF	$	3,168.00	0.0122%	**$305.97**
289-000-063	ORCAS POWER & LIGHT	$	29,923.00	0.1156%	**$2,889.97**
301-000-100	SKAMANIA COUNTY PUD	$	33,011.00	0.1275%	**$3,188.20**
313-005-741	SNOHOMISH COUNTY PUD	$	1,611,919.00	6.2272%	**$155,679.24**
321-000-008	CHENEY, CITY OF	$	23,360.00	0.0902%	**$2,256.11**
328-000-223	AVISTA	$	2,497,788.00	9.6495%	**$241,236.53**
328-009-655	INLAND POWER & LIGHT CO	$	185,851.00	0.7180%	**$17,949.50**
329-000-042	VERA WATER & POWER	$	53,403.00	0.2063%	**$5,157.67**
329-000-096	MODERN ELECTRIC	$	82,326.00	0.3180%	**$7,951.05**
331-000-072	CHEWELAH, CITY OF	$	20,842.00	0.0805%	**$2,012.92**
351-000-147	WAHKIAKUM PUD	$	20,797.00	0.0803%	**$2,008.58**
372-000-285	BLAINE, CITY OF	$	7,100.00	0.0274%	**$685.72**
377-000-001	SUMAS LIGHT	$	2,298.00	0.0089%	**$221.94**
409-000-070	PACIFICORP - Pacific Power & Light	$	981,870.75	3.7932%	**$94,829.14**
409-000-073	NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS	$	173,569.00	0.6705%	**$16,763.31**
409-002-170	CLEARWATER POWER	$	2,767.00	0.0107%	**$267.24**
578-012-249	CASCADE NATURAL GAS	$	933,889.25	3.6078%	**$90,195.09**
	Totals		**$25,885,258.80**	**100.0000%**	**$2,500,000.00**