

PROPERTY TAXES

IN LIEU EXCISE TAXES - PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT (PUD) TAX

43.52.460 STEAM-GENERATED POWER PLANT

Description: A joint operating agency formed under Chapter 43.52 RCW must make payments in lieu of taxes in the same amounts as paid by public utility districts (PUDs). However, such payments do not apply to electricity produced by a nuclear steam powered electric generating facility constructed or acquired by a joint operating agency and in operation prior to May 17, 1971.

Purpose: To recognize that the long-term financial planning associated with construction and operation of the N-Reactor at Hanford was done under the assumption that its exempt status would be maintained.

Category/Year Enacted: Other business. 1957

Primary Beneficiaries: None currently.

Possible Program Inconsistency: None evident.

Taxpayer Savings (\$000) None. According to Energy Northwest (formerly the Washington Public Power Supply System), the U.S. Department of Energy is in the process of dismantling the N-Reactor, thereby making this exemption superfluous.