



Special Notice

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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Changes to the Renewable Energy Cost Recovery Program - Light and power businesses

Note: This Special Notice supersedes the August 2017 Special Notice on the same subject.

The following discussion is for light and power businesses. System owners, sellers and installers should see our Special Notice: "Changes to the Renewable Energy Cost Recovery Program - System owners, sellers, and installers."

What's changing?

- Modifies the public utility tax (PUT) credit for incentive payments under this program;
- Transfers the administration of the Renewable Energy Cost Recovery Incentive Program from the Department of Revenue (Department) to the Washington State University extension energy program (WSU); and
- Ends the sales and use tax exemptions for solar energy systems capable of generating 500 kilowatts or less after September 30, 2017.

See [Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill \(ESSB\) 5939](#).

Light and power businesses

WSU will take over administration of the program effective October 1, 2017. For more information, call WSU at (360) 956-2000, email SolarProgram@energy.wsu.edu, or visit <http://www.energy.wsu.edu/RenewableEnergySystemIncentiveProgram.aspx>

The PUT credit for light and power businesses making incentive payments to program participants is increasing. It will be the greater of 1.5 percent of the business' 2014 taxable power sales, or \$250,000.

- Credits are allowed for fees paid by a utility to WSU to collect electricity production data.
- The right to earn tax credits for incentive payments expires June 30, 2029, and credits may not be claimed after June 30, 2030.
- The credit may not exceed the tax due.

Information related to program application data and PUT credits is not considered confidential tax information and is subject to public disclosure.

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