



Special Notice

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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Electric Utility Tax Credit for Rural Economic Development Revolving Fund

Qualifying light and power businesses are eligible for a public utility tax credit for an amount equal to 50 percent of contributions made to an electric utility rural economic development revolving fund. The credit program is effective through June 30, 2011. (Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 82.16.0491)

The total amount of credit statewide for all light and power businesses is \$350,000 per fiscal year. Each light and power business is limited to a maximum credit of \$25,000 per fiscal year.

This notice is our annual update on the program and includes the application form for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

The Program

Light and power businesses or local boards whose members live or work in the qualifying rural area may establish a fund. Expenditures from the fund must be made solely on qualifying projects.

A “qualifying rural area” is a county with a population density of less than one hundred persons per square mile or a geographic area served by a light and power business that contains 12,000 customers or fewer. The tax credit is available for contributions to a fund set up in either a qualifying county or in a geographic area.

Qualifying Rural Counties

The following counties qualify:

Adams	Douglas	Jefferson	Pacific	Walla Walla
Asotin	Ferry	Kittitas	Pend Oreille	Whatcom
Benton	Franklin	Klickitat	San Juan	Whitman
Chelan	Garfield	Lewis	Skagit	Yakima
Clallam	Grant	Lincoln	Skamania	
Columbia	Grays Harbor	Mason	Stevens	
Cowlitz	Island	Okanogan	Wahkiakum	

Credit Applications

Credit forms are available on our web site at <http://dor.wa.gov>. The *Public Utility Tax Credit* forms will be accepted beginning May 1 for the fiscal year beginning on July 1 of the same year. We approve the tax credit on a first come, first serve basis. The tax credit cannot be carried forward to future periods without prior approval.

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Other Information

The goal of the program is to support qualifying projects that improve economic, health and safety conditions, and facilitate conservation and development of renewable energy resources in qualifying rural areas. The goal is achieved when the investment of the revolving funds have generated capital investment in an amount of \$4,750,000 or more within a five-year period.

