

■ Illinois Imposes Renewable Energy Resources and Coal Technology Development Assistance Charge

TO: All Electric and Natural Gas Utilities

Effective January 1, 1998, all electric and natural gas utilities and all alternative retail electric suppliers, except municipal electric utilities and electric co-operatives, must collect the Renewable Energy Resources and Coal Technology Development Assistance Charge (hereafter referred to as the "Renewable Energy Charge") from their customers and pay this charge to the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Municipal electric utilities and electric cooperatives may elect to collect this charge from their customers. If they elect to do so, they must pay the charge to the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The Illinois Department of Revenue is collecting this charge on behalf of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs.

What if I am a municipal electric utility or an electric cooperative and I choose to collect the charge?

If you are a municipal electric utility or an electric cooperative

and you choose to collect the Renewable Energy Charge, you must notify the Illinois Department of Revenue in writing.

Do I have to collect the charge if I am a municipal gas utility or a gas cooperative?

Yes. If you are a municipal gas utility or a gas cooperative, you must collect the Renewable Energy Charge from your customers and pay this charge to the Illinois Department of Revenue.

What is the Renewable Energy Charge?

The Renewable Energy Charge is an amount that a public utility, a municipal utility, an electric cooperative, or an alternative retail electric supplier collects monthly from each of its customers for electric or natural gas services delivered by the utility, cooperative, or supplier. The utility, cooperative, or supplier pays the total collected charges to the Illinois Department of Revenue on a monthly basis. Revenue collected from the charge is used to foster investment in and the development and use of renewable energy resources.

From whom do I collect the Renewable Energy Charge?

You collect the Renewable Energy Charge monthly from each customer to whom you deliver electric services, natural gas services, or both.

How much do I collect for the Renewable Energy Charge?

The amount of Renewable Energy Charge you collect monthly from each customer depends on the type of customer and the customer's electric or natural gas usage during the past calendar year.

The amounts you must collect monthly are:

- \$0.05 per account to which you delivered residential electric service
- \$0.05 per account to which you delivered residential gas service
- \$0.50 per account to which you delivered nonresidential electric service and which had less than 10 megawatts of peak demand during the previous calendar year
- \$0.50 per account to which you delivered nonresidential gas services and less than 4 million therms of gas

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- \$37.50 per account to which you delivered nonresidential electric service and which had 10 megawatts or more of peak demand during the previous calendar year
- \$37.50 per account to which you delivered nonresidential gas services and 4 million therms or more of gas during the previous calendar year

What is “residential electric service”?

“Residential electric service” is electric utility service for household purposes delivered to a dwelling of two or fewer units that is billed under a residential rate, or electric utility service for household purposes delivered to a dwelling unit or units that are billed under a residential rate and are registered by a separate meter for each dwelling unit.

What is “nonresidential electric service”?

“Nonresidential electric service” is all electric utility service that is not residential electric service.

What is “residential gas service”?

“Residential gas service” is gas utility service for household purposes delivered to a dwelling of two or fewer units that is billed under a residential rate, or gas utility service for household purposes delivered to a dwelling unit or units that are billed under a residential rate and are registered by a separate meter for each dwelling unit.

What is “nonresidential gas service”?

“Nonresidential gas service” is all gas utility service that is not residential gas service.

How do I pay the Renewable Energy Charge?

You pay the total amount of the Renewable Energy Charge you collected monthly from your customers for electric services to the Illinois Department of Revenue on Form RPU-6, Assistance Charges Return for Electricity Distributors.

You pay the total amount of the Renewable Energy Charge you collected monthly from your customers for natural gas services on Form RG-6, Assistance Charges Return for Natural Gas Distributors.

Note: You also pay the Energy Assistance Charge you collect monthly from your customers for electric and natural gas services on these same forms.

When are Forms RPU-6 and RG-6 due?

Forms RPU-6 and RG-6 are both due on or before the 20th day of the month following the month during which you collected the Renewable Energy Charge.

What if I have already filed Form RPU-6 or RG-6 for the Energy Assistance Charge only?

If you have already filed Form RPU-6 or RG-6 for only the Energy Assistance Charge, you must file an amended return and report both the Energy Assistance Charge and the Renewable Energy Charge.

Questions?

If you have questions or need more information, please call or write us. Our telephone numbers and address are printed at the bottom of this bulletin.

For information or forms...

- Call us at 217 785-5007 or 217 785-6602.
- Call our TDD (telecommunications device for the deaf) at 1 800 544-5304.
- Write us at Illinois Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 19039, Springfield, IL 62794-9039.
- Visit our Web site at <www.revenue.state.il.us>.
- Call Illinois Tax Fax, our fax-on-demand service, at 217 785-3400.
- Call our 24-hour Forms Order Line at 1 800 356-6302.

