

199—15.21(476C) Applications for renewable energy tax credits under Iowa Code chapter 476C. The renewable energy tax credits equal 1.5 cents per kilowatt-hour of electricity, or 44 cents per 1,000 standard cubic feet of hydrogen fuel, or \$4.50 per 1 million British thermal units of methane gas or other biogas used to generate electricity, or \$4.50 per 1 million British thermal units of heat for a commercial purpose, generated by and purchased from eligible renewable energy facilities under 199 IAC 15.19(476C), for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2006. Either the owners of an eligible facility or a designated purchaser of renewable energy from the facility may apply for renewable energy tax credits, for up to ten tax years following the date the facility is placed in service. Renewable energy tax credits will not be issued for renewable energy purchased after December 31, 2021.

For the first tax year for which tax credits can be claimed, the kilowatt-hours, standard cubic feet, or British thermal units generated by and purchased from an eligible facility may exceed 12 months' production.

EXAMPLE: An eligible facility was placed in service on April 1, 2006, and the taxpayer files on a calendar-year basis. The first year for which tax credits can be claimed is the year ending December 31, 2007, since that is the first tax year that began on or after July 1, 2006. The credit for the 2007 tax year can include renewable energy produced and purchased between April 1, 2006, and December 31, 2007.

15.21(1) Application process for renewable energy tax credits. A renewable energy facility must be approved as eligible by the board under 199 IAC 15.19(476C) in order to qualify for renewable energy tax credits. Tax credit applications must be filed with the board no later than 30 days after the close of the tax year for which the credits are to be applied. The tax credit applications will be held confidential by the board and the department of revenue as, among other things, documents containing customer-specific or personal information (199 IAC 1.9(5)“c”) and information related to tax returns (Iowa Code section 422.20). The information will be held confidential by the board upon filing, and by the department of revenue upon receipt from the board, and will be subject to the provisions of 199 IAC 1.9(8)“b”(3). Accordingly, the applicant should mark each of the pages of the tax credit application “CONFIDENTIAL” in bold or large letters.

a. Either the facility owners or the purchaser of renewable energy shall be eligible to apply for the tax credits, as designated under 199 IAC 15.19(1)“g.” If a facility is jointly owned, then owners applying for the tax credits must file their application jointly. For each application, an original and two copies must be filed according to the following format, including a cover letter that cites this rule (199 IAC 15.21(476C)), and the following 12 information items separately identified by item number:

(1) A copy of the original application for facility eligibility under 199 IAC 15.19(476C), plus any subsequent amendments to the application.

(2) A copy of the board's determination approving the facility as eligible for tax credits under 199 IAC 15.19(476C).

(3) A statement attesting that the owners have not received wind energy tax credits for the facility under 199 IAC 15.20(476B).

(4) A copy of the power purchase agreement or other agreement to purchase from the facility electricity, hydrogen fuel, methane or other biogas, or heat for a commercial purpose. The agreement shall designate whether the producer or purchaser of renewable energy will be eligible to apply for the tax credits and shall be consistent with the designation originally filed under 199 IAC 15.19(1)“g.”

(5) A statement attesting that the electricity, hydrogen fuel, methane or other biogas, or heat for a commercial purpose, for which tax credits are sought, has been generated by the eligible facility and sold to an unrelated purchaser. For purposes of the renewable energy tax credits, persons are related to each other if either person owns an 80 percent or more equity interest in the other person.

(6) The date that the eligible facility was placed in service (that is, between July 1, 2005, and January 1, 2012).

(7) The total number of kilowatt-hours of electricity, standard cubic feet of hydrogen fuel, British thermal units of methane gas or other biogas used to generate electricity, or British thermal units of heat for a commercial purpose generated by the eligible facility during the tax year.

(8) Invoices or other information that documents the number of kilowatt-hours of electricity, standard cubic feet of hydrogen fuel, British thermal units of methane gas or other biogas used to

generate electricity, or British thermal units of heat for a commercial purpose generated by the eligible facility and sold to an unrelated purchaser during the tax year.

(9) Information regarding the facility owners or designated eligible purchaser, including the name, address, and tax identification number of each owner or purchaser. If the application is filed by the facility owners, this shall also include the percentage of equity interest held by each owner during the period for which renewable energy tax credits will be sought under Iowa Code chapter 476C. This information shall be consistent with ownership information provided in the original application for facility eligibility, as amended, under 199 IAC 15.19(476C).

(10) The type of tax for which the credits will be applied and the first tax year in which the credits will be applied.

(11) Identification of any applicants that are eligible to receive renewable electricity production credits authorized under Section 45 of the Internal Revenue Code. This identification should include a statement from the applicant attesting to the applicant's eligibility and any available supporting documentation.

(12) If any of the applicants is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, trust, or any other reporting entity all of whose income is taxed directly to its equity holders or beneficiaries for taxes imposed under Iowa Code chapter 422, division II or III, the application shall include a list of the partners, members, shareholders, or beneficiaries of the entity. This list shall include the name, address, tax identification number, and pro-rata share of earnings from the entity for each of the partners, members, shareholders, or beneficiaries of the entity. The renewable energy tax credits will flow through to the entity's partners, shareholders, or members in accordance with their pro-rata share of earnings from the entity.

If the entity is also eligible to receive renewable electricity production credits authorized under Section 45 of the Internal Revenue Code, the entity may designate specific partners if the business is a partnership, shareholders if the business is an S corporation, or members if the business is a limited liability company to receive the renewable energy tax credits issued under Iowa Code chapter 476C and the percentage allocable to each. Such an entity may also designate a percentage of the tax credits allocable to an equity holder or beneficiary as a liquidating distribution or portion thereof of a holder or beneficiary's interest in the applicant entity. Otherwise, in the absence of such designations, the renewable energy tax credits will flow through to the entity's partners, shareholders, or members in accordance with their pro-rata share of earnings from the entity.

Alternatively, the tax credits will be issued directly to the entity if the entity is a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation, estate, trust, or any other reporting entity, all of whose income is taxed directly to its equity holders or beneficiaries for taxes imposed under Iowa Code chapter 422, division V, or under Iowa Code chapter 423, 432, or 437A.

b. The board will forward the tax credit applications to the department of revenue for review and processing. Along with each forwarded application, the board will provide staff analysis and opinion regarding:

- (1) The completeness of the application.
- (2) The facility's eligibility status under 199 IAC 15.19(476C).
- (3) Whether the reported kilowatt-hours of electricity, standard cubic feet of hydrogen fuel, British thermal units of methane gas or other biogas used to generate electricity, or British thermal units of heat for a commercial purpose generated by and purchased from the facility during the tax year seem accurate and eligible for renewable energy tax credits.

15.21(2) *Review process and computation of renewable energy tax credits.* The department of revenue will review the applications and opinions forwarded by the board, calculate the tax credits, and issue renewable energy tax credit certificates to the facility owners or designated purchaser, in accordance with department of revenue requirements and procedures under 701 IAC 42.26(422,476C), 52.27(422,476C), and 58.16(422,476C).