SENATE FILE **275**BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1070)

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### A BILL FOR

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        7 follows:
                    The city of Waukee in Dallas county and the
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      9 area within two miles of the city limits of Waukee as 10 of January 1, 1999, not including any part of the 11 cities of Clive, Urbandale, or West Des Moines."
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                  By renumbering, redesignating, and correcting
      13 internal references as necessary.
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                                         By NEAL SCHUERER
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- 1 Section 1. Section 426B.2, subsections 1 and 3, Code 2003, 2 are amended to read as follows:
- 3 1. The moneys in the property tax relief fund available to
- 4 counties for a fiscal year shall be distributed as provided in
- 5 this section. A county's proportion of the moneys shall be
- 6 equivalent to the sum of the following three factors:
- 7 a. One-third based upon the county's proportion of the 8 state's general population.
- 9 b. One-third based upon the county's proportion of the
- 10 state's total taxable property valuation assessed for taxes
- 11 payable in the previous fiscal year.
- 12 c. One-third based upon the county's proportion of all
- 13 counties' base year expenditures, as defined in section
- 14 331.438.
- 15 Moneys provided to a county for property tax relief in a
- 16 fiscal year, excluding replacement taxes in the property tax
- 17 relief fund, in accordance with this subsection shall not be
- 18 less than the amount provided for property tax relief in the
- 19 previous fiscal year.
- 20 3. The director of human services shall draw warrants on
- 21 the property tax relief fund, payable to the county treasurer
- 22 in the amount due to a county in accordance with subsection 1
- 23 and mail the warrants to the county auditors in July and
- 24 January of each year. Any replacement generation tax in the
- 25 property tax relief fund as of November 1 shall be paid to the
- 26 county treasurers in July and January of the fiscal year
- 27 beginning the following July 1.
- 28 Sec. 2. Section 437A.3, subsection 10, Code 2003, is
- 29 amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:
- NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. "New electric power generating
- 31 plant" means an electric power generating plant that is owned
- 32 by or leased to an electric company, electric cooperative, or
- 33 municipal utility, and that initially generates electricity
- 34 subject to replacement generation tax under section 437A.6 on
- 35 or after January 1, 2003.

- 1 Sec. 3. Section 437A.3, subsection 13, Code 2003, is
- 2 amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:
- 3 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. "Local amount" for the purposes
- 4 of determining the local taxable value for a new electric
- 5 power generating plant shall annually be determined to be
- 6 equal up to the first forty-four million four hundred forty-
- 7 four thousand four hundred forty-five dollars of the taxable
- 8 value of the new electric power generating plant. "Local
- 9 amount" for the purposes of determining the local assessed
- 10 value for a new electric power generating plant shall be
- 11 annually determined to be the percentage share of the taxable
- 12 value of the new electric power generating plant allocated as
- 13 the local amount multiplied by the total assessed value of the
- 14 new electric power generating plant.
- 15 Sec. 4. Section 437A.3, Code 2003, is amended by adding
- 16 the following new subsection:
- 17 NEW SUBSECTION. 27A. "Taxable value" means as defined in
- 18 section 437A.19, subsection 2, paragraph "f".
- 19 Sec. 5. Section 437A.5, subsection 1, Code 2003, is
- 20 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
- 21 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. Notwithstanding paragraphs "a" and "b",
- 22 a natural gas delivery rate of one and eleven-hundredths of a
- 23 cent (.0111) per therm of natural gas is imposed on all
- 24 natural gas delivered to or consumed by a new electric power
- 25 generating plant for purposes of generating electricity within
- 26 the state during the tax year. However, if a new electric
- 27 power generating plant is exempt from a replacement generation
- 28 tax pursuant to section 437A.6, subsection 1, paragraph "b",
- 29 the natural gas delivery rate for the municipal service area
- 30 that the new plant serves shall instead apply for deliveries
- 31 of natural gas by the municipal gas utility.
- 32 The provisions of section 437A.5, subsection 8, shall not
- 33 apply to the therms of natural gas subject to the delivery tax
- 34 set forth in this paragraph.
- 35 Sec. 6. Section 437A.5, subsection 6, Code 2003, is

- 1 amended to read as follows:
- Notwithstanding subsection 1, the natural gas delivery
- 3 tax rate applied to therms of natural gas delivered by a
- 4 taxpayer to utility property and facilities which that are
- 5 placed in service on or after January 1, 1999, and which that
- 6 are owned by or leased to and initially served by such
- 7 taxpayer shall be the natural gas delivery tax rate in effect
- 8 for the natural gas competitive service area principally
- 9 served by such utility property and facilities even though
- 10 such utility property and facilities may be physically located
- ll in another natural gas competitive service area.
- 12 This subsection shall not apply to natural gas delivered to
- 13 or consumed by new electric power generating plants.
- 14 Sec. 7. Section 437A.7, Code 2003, is amended by adding
- 15 the following new subsection:
- 16 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. In lieu of the replacement
- 17 transmission tax imposed in subsection 1, a municipal utility
- 18 whose replacement transmission tax liability for the tax year
- 19 1999 was limited to the tax imposed by this section and whose
- 20 anticipated tax revenues from a taxpayer, as defined in
- 21 section 437A.15, subsection 4, for the tax year 1999, exceeded
- 22 its replacement transmission tax by more than one hundred
- 23 thousand dollars shall be subject to replacement transmission
- 24 tax on all transmission lines owned by or leased to the
- 25 municipal utility as of the last day of the tax year 2000 as
- 26 follows:
- 27 a. Three thousand twenty-five dollars per pole mile of
- 28 transmission line owned or leased by the taxpayer not
- 29 exceeding one hundred kilovolts.
- 30 b. Seven thousand dollars per pole mile of transmission
- 31 line owned or leased by the taxpayer greater than one hundred
- 32 fifty kilovolts but not exceeding three hundred kilovolts.
- 33 Sec. 8. Section 437A.8, subsection 4, Code 2003, is
- 34 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
- 35 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. Notwithstanding paragraph "a", a

1 taxpayer who owns or leases a new electric power generating 2 plant and who has no other operating property in the state of 3 Iowa except for operating property directly serving the new 4 electric power generating plant as described in section 5 437A.16, shall pay the replacement generation tax associated 6 with the allocation of the local amount to the county 7 treasurer of the county in which the local amount is located 8 and shall remit the remaining replacement generation tax, if 9 any, to the director according to paragraph "a" for remittance 10 of the tax to county treasurers. The director shall notify 11 each taxpayer on or before August 31 following a tax year of 12 its remaining replacement generation tax to be remitted to the 13 director. All remaining replacement generation tax revenues 14 received by the director shall be deposited in the property 15 tax relief fund created in section 426B.1, and shall be 16 distributed as provided in section 426B.2. 17 Sec. 9. Section 437A.15, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code 18 2003, is amended to read as follows: All replacement taxes owed by a taxpayer shall be 20 allocated among the local taxing districts in which such 21 taxpayer's property is located in accordance with a general 22 allocation formula determined by the department of management 23 on the basis of general property tax equivalents. General 24 property tax equivalents shall be determined by applying the 25 levy rates reported by each local taxing district to the 26 department of management on or before June 30 following a tax 27 year to the assessed taxable value of taxpayer property 28 allocated to each such local taxing district as adjusted and 29 reported to the department of management in such tax year by 30 the director pursuant to section 437A.19, subsection 2. 31 general allocation formula for a tax year shall allocate to 32 each local taxing district that portion of the replacement 33 taxes owed by each taxpayer which bears the same ratio as such 34 taxpayer's general property tax equivalents for each local 35 taxing district bears to such taxpayer's total general

- 1 property tax equivalents for all local taxing districts in 2 Iowa.
- 3 When allocating natural gas delivery taxes on deliveries of
- 4 natural gas to a new electric power generating plant, ten
- 5 percent of those natural gas delivery taxes shall be allocated
- 6 over new gas property built to directly serve the new electric
- 7 power generating plant and ninety percent of those natural gas
- 8 delivery taxes shall be allocated to the general property tax
- 9 equivalents of all gas property within the natural gas
- 10 competitive service area or areas where the new gas property
- 11 is located.
- 12 Sec. 10. Section 437A.15, subsection 3, Code 2003, is
- 13 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
- 14 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
- 15 section, if a taxpayer is a municipal utility or a municipal
- 16 owner of an electric power facility financed under the
- 17 provisions of chapter 28F or 476A, the assessed value, other
- 18 than the local amount, of a new electric power generating
- 19 plant shall be allocated to each taxing district in which the
- 20 municipal utility or municipal owner is serving customers and
- 21 has electric meters in operation in the ratio that the number
- 22 of operating electric meters of the municipal utility or
- 23 municipal owner located in the taxing district bears to the
- 24 total number of operating electric meters of the municipal
- 25 utility or municipal owner in the state as of January 1 of the
- 26 tax year. If the municipal utility or municipal owner of an
- 27 electric power facility financed under the provisions of
- 28 chapter 28F or 476A has a new electric power generating plant
- 29 but the municipal utility or municipal owner has no operating
- 30 electric meters in this state, the municipal utility or
- 31 municipal owner shall pay the replacement generation tax
- 32 associated with the new electric power generating plant
- 33 allocation of the local amount to the county treasurer of the
- 34 county in which the local amount is located and shall remit
- 35 the remaining replacement generation tax, if any, to the

- 1 director at the times contained in section 437A.8, subsection
- 2 4, for remittance of the tax to the county treasurers. All
- 3 remaining replacement generation tax revenues received by the
- 4 director shall be deposited in the property tax relief fund
- 5 created in section 426B.1, and shall be distributed as
- 6 provided in section 426B.2.
- 7 Sec. 11. Section 437A.15, subsection 7, Code 2003, is
- 8 amended to read as follows:
- 9 7. On-or-before-July-1,-1998,-the The department of
- 10 management, in consultation with the department of revenue and
- 11 finance, shall initiate-and coordinate the establishment-of-a
- 12 utility replacement tax task force and provide staffing
- 13 assistance to the task force. It is the intent of the general
- 14 assembly that the task force include representatives of the
- 15 department of management, department of revenue and finance,
- 16 electric companies, natural gas companies, municipal
- 17 utilities, electric cooperatives, counties, cities, school
- 18 boards, and industrial, commercial, and residential consumers,
- 19 and other appropriate stakeholders.
- 20 The task force shall study the effects of the replacement
- 21 tax on local taxing authorities, local taxing districts,
- 22 consumers, and taxpayers and the department of management
- 23 shall report to the general assembly by January 1 of each year
- 24 through January 1, 2003 2005, the results of the study and the
- 25 specific recommendations of the task force for modifications
- 26 to the replacement tax, if any, which will further the
- 27 purposes of tax neutrality for local taxing authorities, local
- 28 taxing districts, taxpayers, and consumers, consistent with
- 29 the stated purposes of this chapter. The department of
- 30 management shall also report to the legislative council by
- 31 November 15 of each year through 2002, the status of the
- 32 task force study and any recommendations.
- 33 Sec. 12. Section 437A.19, subsection 2, paragraph f, Code
- 34 2003, is amended to read as follows:
- 35 f. In the event the base year assessed value of taxpayer

- 1 property is adjusted as a result of taxpayer appeals, reduce 2 the assessed value of taxpayer property in each local taxing 3 district to reflect such adjustment. The adjustment shall be 4 allocated in proportion to the allocation of the taxpayer's 5 assessed value among the local taxing districts determined 6 without regard to this adjustment. If-an An adjustment to the 7 base year assessed value of taxpayer property is-finally 8 determined-on-or-before-September-30,-1999,-it-shall-be 9 reflected-in-the-January-1,-1999,-assessed-value---Otherwise, 10 any-such-adjustment shall be made as of January 1 of the year 11 following the date on which the adjustment is finally 12 determined. 13 In no event shall the adjustments set forth in this 14 subsection reduce the assessed value of taxpayer property in 15 any local taxing district below zero. 16 The director, on-or-before-October-31,-1999,-in-the-case-of 17 January-17-19997-assessed-values7-and on or before August 31 18 of each subsequent assessment year, shall report to the 19 department of management and to the auditor of each county the 20 adjusted assessed value of taxpayer property as of January 1 21 of such assessment year for each local taxing district, 22 provided-that-for-a-taxpayer-whose-base-year-as-defined-in 23 section-437A-37-subsection-17-changed-from-1997-to-19987-the 24 director-shall,-before-May-1,-2000,-report-to-the-department 25 of-management-and-to-the-auditor-of-each-county,-the-assessed 26 values-as-of-January-17-1999. For purposes of this 27 subsection, the assessed value of taxpayer property in each 28 local taxing district subject to adjustment under this section 29 by the director means the assessed value of such property as 30 of the preceding January 1 as determined and allocated among 31 the local taxing districts by the director. 32 Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to authorize
- 33 local taxing authorities to exclude from the calculation of
- 34 levy rates the adjusted-assessed taxable value of taxpayer
- 35 property reported to county auditors pursuant to this

1 subsection.

- 2 In addition to reporting the assessed values as described
- 3 in this subsection, the director, on or before October 31,
- 4 2003, in the case of January 1, 2003, values, and on or before
- 5 August 31 of each subsequent assessment year, shall also
- 6 report to the department of management and to the auditor of
- 7 each county the taxable value of taxpayer property as of
- 8 January 1 of such assessment year for each local taxing
- 9 district. For purposes of this chapter, "taxable value" means
- 10 the value for all property subject to the replacement tax
- 11 annually determined by the director, by dividing the estimated
- 12 annual replacement tax liability for that property by the
- 13 prior year's consolidated taxing district rate for the taxing
- 14 district where that property is located, then multiplying the
- 15 quotient by one thousand. The prior year's replacement tax
- 16 amounts for that property shall be used to estimate the
- 17 current tax year's taxable value for that property. If
- 18 property not subject to any threshold recalculation is
- 19 generating replacement tax for the first time, or if a
- 20 taxpayer's replacement tax will not be changed by any
- 21 threshold recalculation and the taxpayer believes that the
- 22 replacement tax will vary more than ten percent from the
- 23 previous tax year, the taxpayer shall report to the director
- 24 by July 15 of the current calendar year, on forms prescribed
- 25 by the director, the estimated replacement tax liability that
- 26 will be attributable to that property for the current tax
- 27 year. For the purposes of computing the taxable value of
- 28 property in a taxing district, the taxing district's share of
- 29 the estimated replacement tax liability shall be the taxing
- 30 district's percentage share of the "assessed value allocated
- 31 by property tax equivalent" multiplied by the total estimated
- 32 replacement tax. "Assessed value allocated by property tax
- 33 equivalent" shall be determined by dividing the taxpayer's
- 34 current year assessed valuation in a taxing district by one
- 35 thousand, and then multiplying by the prior year's

## 1 consolidated tax rate.

- 2 Sec. 13. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This bill applies
- 3 retroactively to tax years beginning on or after January 1,
- 4 2003.

## EXPLANATION

- 6 This bill amends various provisions of Code chapter 437A,
- 7 relating to the replacement generation tax on persons
- 8 generating electricity, and related provisions in Code section
- 9 426B.2. The bill also makes conforming amendments to various
- 10 replacement generation tax provisions relating to new electric
- ll power generating plants to be built in the state of Iowa and
- 12 the allocation of replacement generation taxes for stand-alone
- 13 new electric power generating plants, the natural gas delivery
- 14 tax attributable to the natural gas deliveries to those
- 15 plants, and the allocation of the natural gas delivery tax
- 16 attributable to those plants.
- 17 The bill adds a definition for "new electric power
- 18 generating plant" in Code section 437A.3, and adds additional
- 19 definitional material for "local amount" by providing that the
- 20 local amount of a new electric power generating plant, for
- 21 purposes of determining the local taxable value of the plant,
- 22 shall annually be determined to be equal up to the first
- 23 \$44,444,445 of taxable value of the new plant. This provision
- 24 fixes the taxable value at this amount for new plants on a
- 25 yearly basis regardless of depreciation.
- 26 The bill establishes in Code section 437A.5 a new statewide
- 27 natural gas delivery rate of one and eleven-hundredths of a
- 28 cent (.0111) per therm of natural gas delivered to or consumed
- 29 by new electric power generating plants. If the new plant is
- 30 owned by or leased to a municipal utility that is exempt from
- 31 replacement generation tax pursuant to Code section 437A.6,
- 32 however, the rate for the municipal service area instead
- 33 applies. The bill also provides that the natural gas
- 34 delivered to new electric power generating plants is not
- 35 subject to the threshold recalculation for certain increases

1 and decreases in total taxable therms of natural gas under 2 Code section 437A.5, subsection 8. The bill provides, in Code section 437A.7, a replacement 4 transmission tax at increased rates on a municipal utility 5 whose anticipated tax revenue exceeded its replacement 6 transmission tax by more than \$100,000 for tax year 1999. Ιf 7 such a utility acquires transmission lines in 2001 or 8 thereafter, those lines will be subject to tax at the rates in 9 Code section 437A.7, subsection 1, paragraphs "a" through "d". The bill adds a new paragraph to Code section 437A.8, 11 subsection 4, to provide for the remission of replacement 12 generation tax in cases of certain new electric power 13 generating plants. The bill provides a method for allocation 14 of replacement generation tax incurred by a stand-alone new 15 electric power generating plant whereby the tax attributed to 16 the local amount as defined in Code section 437A.3, subsection 17 13, is paid to the county treasurer and the remaining tax, if 18 any, is paid to the director who deposits the tax receipts 19 into the property tax relief fund created in Code section 20 426B.1 for distribution as provided in Code section 426B.2. 21 This provision is applicable even if the taxpayer has other 22 Iowa operating property as long as the taxpayer's other Iowa 23 operating property is limited to operating property directly 24 serving the new electric power generating plant. 25 replacement generation tax is placed in the property tax 26 relief fund for distribution, along with other state moneys, 27 to counties to reimburse the counties for their qualified 28 mental health, mental retardation, and developmental 29 disabilities services expenditures. 30 The bill provides in Code section 426B.2 that in

31 determining whether property tax relief fund moneys provided 32 to a county are more or less than in the previous fiscal year, 33 replacement taxes shall not be considered in such 34 determination. The bill also amends Code section 426B.2,

35 subsection 3, to provide that all replacement tax receipts in

- 1 the property tax relief fund as of November 1 of the calendar
- 2 year immediately preceding the following fiscal year shall be
- 3 paid to the county treasurers in July and January of each 4 year.
- 5 The bill provides in Code section 437A.15, subsection 3,
- 6 for the allocation of gas delivery taxes on deliveries of
- 7 natural gas to a new electric power generating plant. Ten
- 8 percent of the natural gas delivery taxes shall be allocated
- 9 over new gas properties built to directly serve the new plant
- 10 and the remaining 90 percent shall be allocated to the general
- ll property tax equivalents of all gas property within the
- 12 natural gas competitive service area or areas where the new
- 13 gas property is located.
- 14 The bill adds a new paragraph to Code section 437A.15,
- 15 subsection 3, pertaining to the assessed value of a new
- 16 electric power generating plant owned by a municipal utility
- 17 or municipal owner. The bill provides a method of allocation
- 18 of replacement generation tax incurred by stand-alone electric
- 19 power generating plants of municipal utilities and municipal
- 20 owners who have an electric power facility financed under Code
- 21 chapter 28F or 476A and provides a method of allocation of
- 22 replacement generation tax on the basis of operating electric
- 23 meters with respect to other municipal utilities and municipal
- 24 owners who have an electric power facility financed under Code
- 25 chapter 28F or 476A.
- 26 The bill adds a new paragraph to Code section 437A.19 to
- 27 adjust annually the assessed value for all gas and electric
- 28 utility property by determining a taxable value of such
- 29 property on an annual basis, in order to bring the general
- 30 property tax equivalent for properties subject to the
- 31 replacement tax more in balance with the actual replacement
- 32 tax generated by those properties. The new paragraph provides
- 33 a formula to determine the taxable value for property
- 34 generating a replacement tax on an annual basis and a method
- 35 for determining such value if the property is generating tax

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1 for the first time. The bill also includes definitions for
 2 "taxable value" and certain terms used only in Code section
 3 437A.19. A new subsection is also added to the definitions in
 4 437A.3 for "taxable value" to refer to the definition in
 5 437A.19, since that term applies to all of Code chapter 437A.
      The bill also extends the utility replacement tax task
 7 force by two years, by requiring that it report its activities
 8 to the general assembly by January 1 of each year through
9 January 1, 2005.
      The bill applies retroactively to tax years beginning on or
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#### SENATE FILE 275

#### S-3039

- 1 Amend Senate File 275 as follows:
  - 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 27 the
- 3 following:
- "Sec. . Section 437A.3, Code 2003, is amended
- 5 by adding the following new subsection:
- 6 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. "Cogeneration facility" means 7 a facility with a capacity of two hundred megawatts or
- 8 less that uses the same energy source for the
- 9 sequential generation of electrical or mechanical
- 10 power in combination with steam, heat, or other forms
- 11 of useful energy and, except for ownership, meets the
- 12 criteria to be a qualifying cogeneration facility as
- 13 defined in the federal Public Utility Regulatory
- 14 Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. p 2601 et seq., and
- 15 related federal regulations."
  - 16 2. Page 2, line 32, by striking the word and
- 17 figure "section 437A.5,".
- 18 3. Page 2, by inserting after line 34 the
- 19 following:
  - 20 "If the new electric power generating plant is part
  - 21 of a cogeneration facility, the natural gas delivery
  - 22 rate for that plant shall be the lesser of the natural
  - 23 gas delivery rate established in this paragraph or the
  - 24 rate per therm of natural gas as in effect at the time
  - 25 of the initial natural gas deliveries to the plant for
  - 26 the natural gas competitive service area where the new
  - 27 electric power generating plant is located."
  - 4. By renumbering, relettering, redesignating,
  - 29 and correcting internal references as necessary.

By NEAL SCHUERER

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## SENATE FILE 275

## S-3053

- 1 Amend Senate File 275 as follows:
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- 3 following:
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- 5 paragraph a, subparagraph (1), subparagraph
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- 9 area within two miles of the city limits."
- 10 2. By renumbering, redesignating, and correcting 11 internal references as necessary.

By NEAL SCHUERER
JERRY BEHN

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## **Description**

Senate File 275 makes changes to the utility replacement tax, which is paid by utilities instead of property tax. The Bill makes adjustments that affect taxes of an out-of-state utility and changes the gas delivery tax charged to suppliers of natural gas to new gas-fired electric plants.

### **Assumptions**

- 1. The increases to the transmission tax paid by the out-of-state utility affects the levying authorities in four counties Chickasaw, Fayette, Howard, and Mitchell and is consistent with the original intent of utility property tax replacement legislation.
- 2. Delivery of natural gas to new gas-fired electric plants will be charged a statewide natural gas delivery tax rate of 0.0111 cents per therm.
- 3. The current threshold recalculation for certain increases and decreases in total tax revenues from delivered natural gas (plus or minus 2.0%) does not apply to deliveries to new gas-fired electricity generating plants.
- 4. A typical new 700 megawatt gas-fired electricity generating plant would have a estimated taxable valuation of \$109.0 million under this Bill and annually would generate an estimated \$3.5 million of additional gas delivery excise taxes for local government and \$589,000 for school aid through the uniform levy, thus reducing the General Fund appropriation by a comparable amount.
- 5. There are four gas-fired electric plants in planning stages.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The increase in Senate File 275 to the transmission tax paid by an out-of-state utilities will increase local government revenues by an estimated \$108,000 annually.

The change affecting new gas-fired electric plants will begin generating revenues to offset school aid and for local government after a new plant becomes operational. It cannot be determined when new gas-fired electric plants will begin buying natural gas and how much new revenue will be generated.

#### Sources

Department of Management Utilities Division, Department of Commerce Office of the Attorney General

/s/ Dennis C Prouty	
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- 21 the property tax relief fund, payable to the county treasurer
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- 23 and mail the warrants to the county auditors in July and
- 24 January of each year. Any replacement generation tax in the
- 25 property tax relief fund as of November 1 shall be paid to the
- 26 county treasurers in July and January of the fiscal year
- 27 beginning the following July 1.
- Sec. 2. Section 437A.3, Code 2003, is amended by adding
- 29 the following new subsection:
- 30 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. "Cogeneration facility" means a
- 31 facility with a capacity of two hundred megawatts or less that
- 32 uses the same energy source for the sequential generation of
- 33 electrical or mechanical power in combination with steam,
- 34 heat, or other forms of useful energy and, except for
- 35 ownership, meets the criteria to be a qualifying cogeneration

- 1 facility as defined in the federal Public Utility Regulatory
- 2 Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq., and related
- 3 federal regulations.
- 4 Sec. 3. Section 437A.3, subsection 10, Code 2003, is
- 5 amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:
- 6 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. "New electric power generating
- 7 plant" means an electric power generating plant that is owned
- 8 by or leased to an electric company, electric cooperative, or
- 9 municipal utility, and that initially generates electricity
- 10 subject to replacement generation tax under section 437A.6 on
- 11 or after January 1, 2003.
- 12 Sec. 4. Section 437A.3, subsection 13, Code 2003, is
- 13 amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:
- 14 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. "Local amount" for the purposes
- 15 of determining the local taxable value for a new electric
- 16 power generating plant shall annually be determined to be
- 17 equal up to the first forty-four million four hundred forty-
- 18 four thousand four hundred forty-five dollars of the taxable
- 19 value of the new electric power generating plant. "Local
- 20 amount" for the purposes of determining the local assessed
- 21 value for a new electric power generating plant shall be
- 22 annually determined to be the percentage share of the taxable
- 23 value of the new electric power generating plant allocated as
- 24 the local amount multiplied by the total assessed value of the
- 25 new electric power generating plant.
- 26 Sec. 5. Section 437A.3, subsection 21, paragraph a,
- 27 subparagraph (1), subparagraph subdivision (am), Code 2003, is
- 28 amended to read as follows:
- 29 (am) The city of Waukee in Dallas county and the area
- 30 within two miles of the city limits of Waukee as of January 1,
- 31 1999, not including any part of the cities of Clive,
- 32 Urbandale, or West Des Moines.
- 33 Sec. 6. Section 437A.3, Code 2003, is amended by adding
- 34 the following new subsection:
- 35 NEW SUBSECTION. 27A. "Taxable value" means as defined in

- 1 section 437A.19, subsection 2, paragraph "f".
- 2 Sec. 7. Section 437A.5, subsection 1, Code 2003, is
- 3 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
- 4 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. Notwithstanding paragraphs "a" and "b",
- 5 a natural gas delivery rate of one and eleven-hundredths of a
- 6 cent (.0111) per therm of natural gas is imposed on all
- 7 natural gas delivered to or consumed by a new electric power
- 8 generating plant for purposes of generating electricity within
- 9 the state during the tax year. However, if a new electric
- 10 power generating plant is exempt from a replacement generation
- 11 tax pursuant to section 437A.6, subsection 1, paragraph "b",
- 12 the natural gas delivery rate for the municipal service area
- 13 that the new plant serves shall instead apply for deliveries
- 14 of natural gas by the municipal gas utility.
- The provisions of subsection 8, shall not apply to the
- 16 therms of natural gas subject to the delivery tax set forth in
- 17 this paragraph.
- 18 If the new electric power generating plant is part of a
- 19 cogeneration facility, the natural gas delivery rate for that
- 20 plant shall be the lesser of the natural gas delivery rate
- 21 established in this paragraph or the rate per therm of natural
- 22 gas as in effect at the time of the initial natural gas
- 23 deliveries to the plant for the natural gas competitive
- 24 service area where the new electric power generating plant is
- 25 located.
- Sec. 8. Section 437A.5, subsection 6, Code 2003, is
- 27 amended to read as follows:
- 28 6. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the natural gas delivery
- 29 tax rate applied to therms of natural gas delivered by a
- 30 taxpayer to utility property and facilities which that are
- 31 placed in service on or after January 1, 1999, and which that
- 32 are owned by or leased to and initially served by such
- 33 taxpayer shall be the natural gas delivery tax rate in effect
- 34 for the natural gas competitive service area principally
- 35 served by such utility property and facilities even though

- 1 such utility property and facilities may be physically located
- 2 in another natural gas competitive service area.
- 3 This subsection shall not apply to natural gas delivered to
- 4 or consumed by new electric power generating plants.
- 5 Sec. 9. Section 437A.7, Code 2003, is amended by adding
- 6 the following new subsection:
- 7 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. In lieu of the replacement
- 8 transmission tax imposed in subsection 1, a municipal utility
- 9 whose replacement transmission tax liability for the tax year
- 10 1999 was limited to the tax imposed by this section and whose
- 11 anticipated tax revenues from a taxpayer, as defined in
- 12 section 437A.15, subsection 4, for the tax year 1999, exceeded
- 13 its replacement transmission tax by more than one hundred
- 14 thousand dollars shall be subject to replacement transmission
- 15 tax on all transmission lines owned by or leased to the
- 16 municipal utility as of the last day of the tax year 2000 as
- 17 follows:
- 18 a. Three thousand twenty-five dollars per pole mile of
- 19 transmission line owned or leased by the taxpayer not
- 20 exceeding one hundred kilovolts.
- 21 b. Seven thousand dollars per pole mile of transmission
- 22 line owned or leased by the taxpayer greater than one hundred
- 23 fifty kilovolts but not exceeding three hundred kilovolts.
- 24 Sec. 10. Section 437A.8, subsection 4, Code 2003, is
- 25 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
- 26 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. Notwithstanding paragraph "a", a
- 27 taxpayer who owns or leases a new electric power generating
- 28 plant and who has no other operating property in the state of
- 29 Iowa except for operating property directly serving the new
- 30 electric power generating plant as described in section
- 31 437A.16, shall pay the replacement generation tax associated
- 32 with the allocation of the local amount to the county
- 33 treasurer of the county in which the local amount is located
- 34 and shall remit the remaining replacement generation tax, if
- 35 any, to the director according to paragraph "a" for remittance

- 1 of the tax to county treasurers. The director shall notify
- 2 each taxpayer on or before August 31 following a tax year of
- 3 its remaining replacement generation tax to be remitted to the
- 4 director. All remaining replacement generation tax revenues
- 5 received by the director shall be deposited in the property
- 6 tax relief fund created in section 426B.1, and shall be
- 7 distributed as provided in section 426B.2.
- 8 Sec. 11. Section 437A.15, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
- 9 2003, is amended to read as follows:
- 10 a. All replacement taxes owed by a taxpayer shall be
- ll allocated among the local taxing districts in which such
- 12 taxpayer's property is located in accordance with a general
- 13 allocation formula determined by the department of management
- 14 on the basis of general property tax equivalents. General
- 15 property tax equivalents shall be determined by applying the
- 16 levy rates reported by each local taxing district to the
- 17 department of management on or before June 30 following a tax
- 18 year to the assessed taxable value of taxpayer property
- 19 allocated to each such local taxing district as adjusted and
- 20 reported to the department of management in such tax year by
- 21 the director pursuant to section 437A.19, subsection 2. The
- 22 general allocation formula for a tax year shall allocate to
- 23 each local taxing district that portion of the replacement
- 24 taxes owed by each taxpayer which bears the same ratio as such
- 25 taxpayer's general property tax equivalents for each local
- 26 taxing district bears to such taxpayer's total general
- 27 property tax equivalents for all local taxing districts in
- 28 Iowa.
- 29 When allocating natural gas delivery taxes on deliveries of
- 30 natural gas to a new electric power generating plant, ten
- 31 percent of those natural gas delivery taxes shall be allocated
- 32 over new gas property built to directly serve the new electric
- 33 power generating plant and ninety percent of those natural gas
- 34 delivery taxes shall be allocated to the general property tax
- 35 equivalents of all gas property within the natural gas

- 1 competitive service area or areas where the new gas property
- 2 is located.
- 3 Sec. 12. Section 437A.15, subsection 3, Code 2003, is
- 4 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
- 5 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
- 6 section, if a taxpayer is a municipal utility or a municipal
- 7 owner of an electric power facility financed under the
- 8 provisions of chapter 28F or 476A, the assessed value, other
- 9 than the local amount, of a new electric power generating
- 10 plant shall be allocated to each taxing district in which the
- 11 municipal utility or municipal owner is serving customers and
- 12 has electric meters in operation in the ratio that the number
- 13 of operating electric meters of the municipal utility or
- 14 municipal owner located in the taxing district bears to the
- 15 total number of operating electric meters of the municipal
- 16 utility or municipal owner in the state as of January 1 of the
- 17 tax year. If the municipal utility or municipal owner of an
- 18 electric power facility financed under the provisions of
- 19 chapter 28F or 476A has a new electric power generating plant
- 20 but the municipal utility or municipal owner has no operating
- 21 electric meters in this state, the municipal utility or
- 22 municipal owner shall pay the replacement generation tax
- 23 associated with the new electric power generating plant
- 24 allocation of the local amount to the county treasurer of the
- 25 county in which the local amount is located and shall remit
- 26 the remaining replacement generation tax, if any, to the
- 27 director at the times contained in section 437A.8, subsection
- 28 4, for remittance of the tax to the county treasurers. All
- 29 remaining replacement generation tax revenues received by the
- 30 director shall be deposited in the property tax relief fund
- 31 created in section 426B.1, and shall be distributed as
- 32 provided in section 426B.2.
- 33 Sec. 13. Section 437A.15, subsection 7, Code 2003, is
- 34 amended to read as follows:
- 7. Θn-or-before-July-17-19987-the The department of

- 1 management, in consultation with the department of revenue and
- 2 finance, shall initiate-and coordinate the establishment-of-a
- 3 utility replacement tax task force and provide staffing
- 4 assistance to the task force. It is the intent of the general
- 5 assembly that the task force include representatives of the
- 6 department of management, department of revenue and finance,
- 7 electric companies, natural gas companies, municipal
- 8 utilities, electric cooperatives, counties, cities, school
- 9 boards, and industrial, commercial, and residential consumers,
- 10 and other appropriate stakeholders.
- 11 The task force shall study the effects of the replacement
- 12 tax on local taxing authorities, local taxing districts,
- 13 consumers, and taxpayers and the department of management
- 14 shall report to the general assembly by January 1 of each year
- 15 through January 1, 2003 2005, the results of the study and the
- 16 specific recommendations of the task force for modifications
- 17 to the replacement tax, if any, which will further the
- 18 purposes of tax neutrality for local taxing authorities, local
- 19 taxing districts, taxpayers, and consumers, consistent with
- 20 the stated purposes of this chapter. The department of
- 21 management shall also report to the legislative council by
- 22 November 15 of each year through 2002 2004, the status of the
- 23 task force study and any recommendations.
- Sec. 14. Section 437A.19, subsection 2, paragraph f, Code
- 25 2003, is amended to read as follows:
- 26 f. In the event the base year assessed value of taxpayer
- 27 property is adjusted as a result of taxpayer appeals, reduce
- 28 the assessed value of taxpayer property in each local taxing
- 29 district to reflect such adjustment. The adjustment shall be
- 30 allocated in proportion to the allocation of the taxpayer's
- 31 assessed value among the local taxing districts determined
- 32 without regard to this adjustment. #f-an An adjustment to the
- 33 base year assessed value of taxpayer property is-finally
- 34 determined-on-or-before-September-30,-1999,-it-shall-be
- 35 reflected-in-the-January-1,-1999,-assessed-value----Otherwise,

- 1 any-such-adjustment shall be made as of January 1 of the year
- 2 following the date on which the adjustment is finally
- 3 determined.
- 4 In no event shall the adjustments set forth in this
- 5 subsection reduce the assessed value of taxpayer property in
- 6 any local taxing district below zero.
- 7 The director, on-or-before-October-31,-1999,-in-the-case-of
- 8 January-17-19997-assessed-values7-and on or before August 31
- 9 of each subsequent assessment year, shall report to the
- 10 department of management and to the auditor of each county the
- 11 adjusted assessed value of taxpayer property as of January 1
- 12 of such assessment year for each local taxing district,
- 13 provided-that-for-a-taxpayer-whose-base-year-as-defined-in
- 14 section-437A-37-subsection-17-changed-from-1997-to-19987-the
- 15 director-shall,-before-May-1,-2000,-report-to-the-department
- 16 of-management-and-to-the-auditor-of-each-county,-the-assessed
- 17 values-as-of-January-17-1999. For purposes of this
- 18 subsection, the assessed value of taxpayer property in each
- 19 local taxing district subject to adjustment under this section
- 20 by the director means the assessed value of such property as
- 21 of the preceding January 1 as determined and allocated among
- 22 the local taxing districts by the director.
- 23 Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to authorize
- 24 local taxing authorities to exclude from the calculation of
- 25 levy rates the adjusted-assessed taxable value of taxpayer
- 26 property reported to county auditors pursuant to this
- 27 subsection.
- In addition to reporting the assessed values as described
- 29 in this subsection, the director, on or before October 31,
- 30 2003, in the case of January 1, 2003, values, and on or before
- 31 August 31 of each subsequent assessment year, shall also
- 32 report to the department of management and to the auditor of
- 33 each county the taxable value of taxpayer property as of
- 34 January 1 of such assessment year for each local taxing
- 35 district. For purposes of this chapter, "taxable value" means

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1 the value for all property subject to the replacement tax
 2 annually determined by the director, by dividing the estimated
 3 annual replacement tax liability for that property by the
 4 prior year's consolidated taxing district rate for the taxing
 5 district where that property is located, then multiplying the
 6 quotient by one thousand. The prior year's replacement tax
 7 amounts for that property shall be used to estimate the
 8 current tax year's taxable value for that property. If
 9 property not subject to any threshold recalculation is
10 generating replacement tax for the first time, or if a
11 taxpayer's replacement tax will not be changed by any
12 threshold recalculation and the taxpayer believes that the
13 replacement tax will vary more than ten percent from the
14 previous tax year, the taxpayer shall report to the director
15 by July 15 of the current calendar year, on forms prescribed
16 by the director, the estimated replacement tax liability that
17 will be attributable to that property for the current tax
18 year. For the purposes of computing the taxable value of
19 property in a taxing district, the taxing district's share of
20 the estimated replacement tax liability shall be the taxing
21 district's percentage share of the "assessed value allocated
22 by property tax equivalent" multiplied by the total estimated
23 replacement tax. "Assessed value allocated by property tax
24 equivalent" shall be determined by dividing the taxpayer's
25 current year assessed valuation in a taxing district by one
26 thousand, and then multiplying by the prior year's
27 consolidated tax rate.
      Sec. 15. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This bill applies
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29 retroactively to tax years beginning on or after January 1,
30 2003.
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#### SENATE FILE 275

#### H-1333

- Amend Senate File 275, as amended, passed, and 2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
- Page 6, line 2, by inserting after the word 4 "located." the following: "When allocating natural
- 5 gas delivery taxes on deliveries of natural gas to a
- 6 new peak load electric power generating plant of one
- 7 hundred megawatts or less, one hundred percent of
- 8 those natural gas delivery taxes shall be allocated
- 9 over new gas property built directly to serve the new
- 10 peak load electric power generating plant. For
- 11 purposes of this paragraph, "new peak load electric
- 12 power generating plant" means an electric power
- 13 generating plant that operates infrequently, to meet
- 14 additional energy demands or to take advantage of
- 15 profitable energy market conditions, and that
- 16 initially generates electricity subject to replacement
- 17 generation tax under section 437A.6 on or after
- 18 January 1, 2003."

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## A BILL FOR

1	An	Act relating to the taxation of utilities, including
2		establishment of a natural gas delivery tax rate for new
3		electric power generating plants, establishment of a
4		replacement transmission tax for certain municipal utilities,
5		methods of allocation of replacement generation tax incurred
6		by certain new stand-alone electric power generating plants, a
7		formula for determining taxable value for property generating
8		replacement tax annually, extending the task force, and
9		providing for applicability.
10	BE	IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 Section 1. Section 426B.2, subsections 1 and 3, Code 2003, 2 are amended to read as follows:

- I. The moneys in the property tax relief fund available to
- 4 counties for a fiscal year shall be distributed as provided in
- 5 this section. A county's proportion of the moneys shall be
- 6 equivalent to the sum of the following three factors:
- 7 a. One-third based upon the county's proportion of the
- 8 state's general population.
- 9 b. One-third based upon the county's proportion of the
- 10 state's total taxable property valuation assessed for taxes
- ll payable in the previous fiscal year.
- 12 c. One-third based upon the county's proportion of all
- 13 counties' base year expenditures, as defined in section
- 14 331.438.
- 15 Moneys provided to a county for property tax relief in a
- 16 fiscal year, excluding replacement taxes in the property tax
- 17 relief fund, in accordance with this subsection shall not be
- 18 less than the amount provided for property tax relief in the
- 19 previous fiscal year.
- 20 3. The director of human services shall draw warrants on
- 21 the property tax relief fund, payable to the county treasurer
- 22 in the amount due to a county in accordance with subsection 1
- 23 and mail the warrants to the county auditors in July and
- 24 January of each year. Any replacement generation tax in the
- 25 property tax relief fund as of November 1 shall be paid to the
- 26 county treasurers in July and January of the fiscal year
- 27 beginning the following July 1.
- Sec. 2. Section 437A.3, subsection 10, Code 2003, is
- 29 amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:
- 30 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. "New electric power generating
- 31 plant" means an electric power generating plant that is owned
- 32 by or leased to an electric company, electric cooperative, or
- 33 municipal utility, and that initially generates electricity
- 34 subject to replacement generation tax under section 437A.6 on
- 35 or after January 1, 2003.

- 1 Sec. 3. Section 437A.3, subsection 13, Code 2003, is
- 2 amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:
- 3 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. "Local amount" for the purposes
- 4 of determining the local taxable value for a new electric
- 5 power generating plant shall annually be determined to be
- 6 equal up to the first forty-four million four hundred forty-
- 7 four thousand four hundred forty-five dollars of the taxable
- 8 value of the new electric power generating plant. "Local
- 9 amount" for the purposes of determining the local assessed
- 10 value for a new electric power generating plant shall be
- 11 annually determined to be the percentage share of the taxable
- 12 value of the new electric power generating plant allocated as
- 13 the local amount multiplied by the total assessed value of the
- 14 new electric power generating plant.
- 15 Sec. 4. Section 437A.3, Code 2003, is amended by adding
- 16 the following new subsection:
- 17 NEW SUBSECTION. 27A. "Taxable value" means as defined in
- 18 section 437A.19, subsection 2, paragraph "f".
- 19 Sec. 5. Section 437A.5, subsection 1, Code 2003, is
- 20 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
- 21 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. Notwithstanding paragraphs "a" and "b",
- 22 a natural gas delivery rate of one and eleven-hundredths of a
- 23 cent (.0111) per therm of natural gas is imposed on all
- 24 natural gas delivered to or consumed by a new electric power
- 25 generating plant for purposes of generating electricity within
- 26 the state during the tax year. However, if a new electric
- 27 power generating plant is exempt from a replacement generation
- 28 tax pursuant to section 437A.6, subsection 1, paragraph "b",
- 29 the natural gas delivery rate for the municipal service area
- 30 that the new plant serves shall instead apply for deliveries
- 31 of natural gas by the municipal gas utility.
- The provisions of section 437A.5, subsection 8, shall not
- 33 apply to the therms of natural gas subject to the delivery tax
- 34 set forth in this paragraph.
- 35 Sec. 6. Section 437A.5, subsection 6, Code 2003, is

1 amended to read as follows:

- 2 6. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the natural gas delivery
- 3 tax rate applied to therms of natural gas delivered by a
- 4 taxpayer to utility property and facilities which that are
- 5 placed in service on or after January 1, 1999, and which that
- 6 are owned by or leased to and initially served by such
- 7 taxpayer shall be the natural gas delivery tax rate in effect
- 8 for the natural gas competitive service area principally
- 9 served by such utility property and facilities even though
- 10 such utility property and facilities may be physically located
- 11 in another natural gas competitive service area.
- 12 This subsection shall not apply to natural gas delivered to
- 13 or consumed by new electric power generating plants.
- 14 Sec. 7. Section 437A.7, Code 2003, is amended by adding
- 15 the following new subsection:
- 16 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. In lieu of the replacement
- 17 transmission tax imposed in subsection 1, a municipal utility
- 18 whose replacement transmission tax liability for the tax year
- 19 1999 was limited to the tax imposed by this section and whose
- 20 anticipated tax revenues from a taxpayer, as defined in
- 21 section 437A.15, subsection 4, for the tax year 1999, exceeded
- 22 its replacement transmission tax by more than one hundred
- 23 thousand dollars shall be subject to replacement transmission
- 24 tax on all transmission lines owned by or leased to the
- 25 municipal utility as of the last day of the tax year 2000 as
- 26 follows:
- 27 a. Three thousand twenty-five dollars per pole mile of
- 28 transmission line owned or leased by the taxpayer not
- 29 exceeding one hundred kilovolts.
- 30 b. Seven thousand dollars per pole mile of transmission
- 31 line owned or leased by the taxpayer greater than one hundred
- 32 fifty kilovolts but not exceeding three hundred kilovolts.
- 33 Sec. 8. Section 437A.8, subsection 4, Code 2003, is
- 34 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
- 35 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. Notwithstanding paragraph "a", a

- 1 taxpayer who owns or leases a new electric power generating
- 2 plant and who has no other operating property in the state of
- 3 Iowa except for operating property directly serving the new
- 4 electric power generating plant as described in section
- 5 437A.16, shall pay the replacement generation tax associated
- 6 with the allocation of the local amount to the county
- 7 treasurer of the county in which the local amount is located
- 8 and shall remit the remaining replacement generation tax, if
- 9 any, to the director according to paragraph "a" for remittance
- 10 of the tax to county treasurers. The director shall notify
- 11 each taxpayer on or before August 31 following a tax year of
- 12 its remaining replacement generation tax to be remitted to the
- 13 director. All remaining replacement generation tax revenues
- 14 received by the director shall be deposited in the property
- 15 tax relief fund created in section 426B.1, and shall be
- 16 distributed as provided in section 426B.2.
- 17 Sec. 9. Section 437A.15, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
- 18 2003, is amended to read as follows:
- 19 a. All replacement taxes owed by a taxpayer shall be
- 20 allocated among the local taxing districts in which such
- 21 taxpayer's property is located in accordance with a general
- 22 allocation formula determined by the department of management
- 23 on the basis of general property tax equivalents. General
- 24 property tax equivalents shall be determined by applying the
- 25 levy rates reported by each local taxing district to the
- 26 department of management on or before June 30 following a tax
- 27 year to the assessed taxable value of taxpayer property
- 28 allocated to each such local taxing district as adjusted and
- 29 reported to the department of management in such tax year by
- 30 the director pursuant to section 437A.19, subsection 2. The
- 31 general allocation formula for a tax year shall allocate to
- 32 each local taxing district that portion of the replacement
- 33 taxes owed by each taxpayer which bears the same ratio as such
- 34 taxpayer's general property tax equivalents for each local
- 35 taxing district bears to such taxpayer's total general

1 property tax equivalents for all local taxing districts in 2 Iowa.

- 3 When allocating natural gas delivery taxes on deliveries of
- 4 natural gas to a new electric power generating plant, ten
- 5 percent of those natural gas delivery taxes shall be allocated
- 6 over new gas property built to directly serve the new electric
- 7 power generating plant and ninety percent of those natural gas
- 8 delivery taxes shall be allocated to the general property tax
- 9 equivalents of all gas property within the natural gas
- 10 competitive service area or areas where the new gas property
- 11 is located.
- 12 Sec. 10. Section 437A.15, subsection 3, Code 2003, is
- 13 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
- 14 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
- 15 section, if a taxpayer is a municipal utility or a municipal
- 16 owner of an electric power facility financed under the
- 17 provisions of chapter 28F or 476A, the assessed value, other
- 18 than the local amount, of a new electric power generating
- 19 plant shall be allocated to each taxing district in which the
- 20 municipal utility or municipal owner is serving customers and
- 21 has electric meters in operation in the ratio that the number
- 22 of operating electric meters of the municipal utility or
- 23 municipal owner located in the taxing district bears to the
- 24 total number of operating electric meters of the municipal
- 25 utility or municipal owner in the state as of January 1 of the
- 26 tax year. If the municipal utility or municipal owner of an
- 27 electric power facility financed under the provisions of
- 28 chapter 28F or 476A has a new electric power generating plant
- 29 but the municipal utility or municipal owner has no operating
- 30 electric meters in this state, the municipal utility or
- 31 municipal owner shall pay the replacement generation tax
- 32 associated with the new electric power generating plant
- 33 allocation of the local amount to the county treasurer of the
- 34 county in which the local amount is located and shall remit
- 35 the remaining replacement generation tax, if any, to the

- 1 director at the times contained in section 437A.8, subsection
- 2 4, for remittance of the tax to the county treasurers. All
- 3 remaining replacement generation tax revenues received by the
- 4 director shall be deposited in the property tax relief fund
- 5 created in section 426B.1, and shall be distributed as
- 6 provided in section 426B.2.
- 7 Sec. 11. Section 437A.15, subsection 7, Code 2003, is
- 8 amended to read as follows:
- 9 7. On-or-before-July-1,-1998,-the The department of
- 10 management, in consultation with the department of revenue and
- 11 finance, shall initiate-and coordinate the establishment-of-a
- 12 utility replacement tax task force and provide staffing
- 13 assistance to the task force. It is the intent of the general
- 14 assembly that the task force include representatives of the
- 15 department of management, department of revenue and finance,
- 16 electric companies, natural gas companies, municipal
- 17 utilities, electric cooperatives, counties, cities, school
- 18 boards, and industrial, commercial, and residential consumers,
- 19 and other appropriate stakeholders.
- 20 The task force shall study the effects of the replacement
- 21 tax on local taxing authorities, local taxing districts,
- 22 consumers, and taxpayers and the department of management
- 23 shall report to the general assembly by January 1 of each year
- 24 through January 1, 2003 2005, the results of the study and the
- 25 specific recommendations of the task force for modifications
- 26 to the replacement tax, if any, which will further the
- 27 purposes of tax neutrality for local taxing authorities, local
- 28 taxing districts, taxpayers, and consumers, consistent with
- 29 the stated purposes of this chapter. The department of
- 30 management shall also report to the legislative council by
- 31 November 15 of each year through 2002, the status of the
- 32 task force study and any recommendations.
- 33 Sec. 12. Section 437A.19, subsection 2, paragraph f, Code
- 34 2003, is amended to read as follows:
- 35 f. In the event the base year assessed value of taxpayer

1 property is adjusted as a result of taxpayer appeals, reduce

- 2 the assessed value of taxpayer property in each local taxing
- 3 district to reflect such adjustment. The adjustment shall be
- 4 allocated in proportion to the allocation of the taxpayer's
- 5 assessed value among the local taxing districts determined
- 6 without regard to this adjustment. If-an An adjustment to the
- 7 base year assessed value of taxpayer property is-finally
- 8 determined-on-or-before-September-30,-1999,-it-shall-be
- 9 reflected-in-the-January-17-19997-assessed-value---Otherwise7
- 10 any-such-adjustment shall be made as of January 1 of the year
- 11 following the date on which the adjustment is finally
- 12 determined.
- In no event shall the adjustments set forth in this
- 14 subsection reduce the assessed value of taxpayer property in
- 15 any local taxing district below zero.
- 16 The director, on-or-before-October-317-19997-in-the-case-of
- 17 January-17-19997-assessed-values7-and on or before August 31
- 18 of each subsequent assessment year, shall report to the
- 19 department of management and to the auditor of each county the
- 20 adjusted assessed value of taxpayer property as of January 1
- 21 of such assessment year for each local taxing district,
- 22 provided-that-for-a-taxpayer-whose-base-year-as-defined-in
- 23 section-437A-37-subsection-17-changed-from-1997-to-19987-the
- 24 director-shall,-before-May-1,-2000,-report-to-the-department
- 25 of-management-and-to-the-auditor-of-each-county,-the-assessed
- 26 values-as-of-January-17-1999. For purposes of this
- 27 subsection, the assessed value of taxpayer property in each
- 28 local taxing district subject to adjustment under this section
- 29 by the director means the assessed value of such property as
- 30 of the preceding January 1 as determined and allocated among
- 31 the local taxing districts by the director.
- Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to authorize
- 33 local taxing authorities to exclude from the calculation of
- 34 levy rates the adjusted-assessed taxable value of taxpayer
- 35 property reported to county auditors pursuant to this

1 subsection.

- 2 In addition to reporting the assessed values as described
- 3 in this subsection, the director, on or before October 31,
- 4 2003, in the case of January 1, 2003, values, and on or before
- 5 August 31 of each subsequent assessment year, shall also
- 6 report to the department of management and to the auditor of
- 7 each county the taxable value of taxpayer property as of
- 8 January 1 of such assessment year for each local taxing
- 9 district. For purposes of this chapter, "taxable value" means
- 10 the value for all property subject to the replacement tax
- 11 annually determined by the director, by dividing the estimated
- 12 annual replacement tax liability for that property by the
- 13 prior year's consolidated taxing district rate for the taxing
- 14 district where that property is located, then multiplying the
- 15 quotient by one thousand. The prior year's replacement tax
- 16 amounts for that property shall be used to estimate the
- 17 current tax year's taxable value for that property. If
- 18 property not subject to any threshold recalculation is
- 19 generating replacement tax for the first time, or if a
- 20 taxpayer's replacement tax will not be changed by any
- 21 threshold recalculation and the taxpayer believes that the
- 22 replacement tax will vary more than ten percent from the
- 23 previous tax year, the taxpayer shall report to the director
- 24 by July 15 of the current calendar year, on forms prescribed
- 25 by the director, the estimated replacement tax liability that
- 26 will be attributable to that property for the current tax
- 27 year. For the purposes of computing the taxable value of
- 28 property in a taxing district, the taxing district's share of
- 29 the estimated replacement tax liability shall be the taxing
- 30 district's percentage share of the "assessed value allocated
- 31 by property tax equivalent" multiplied by the total estimated
- 32 replacement tax. "Assessed value allocated by property tax
- 33 equivalent" shall be determined by dividing the taxpayer's
- 34 current year assessed valuation in a taxing district by one
- 35 thousand, and then multiplying by the prior year's

## 1 consolidated tax rate.

- 2 Sec. 13. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This bill applies
- 3 retroactively to tax years beginning on or after January 1,
- 4 2003.
- 5 EXPLANATION
- 6 This bill amends various provisions of Code chapter 437A,
- 7 relating to the replacement generation tax on persons
- 8 generating electricity, and related provisions in Code section
- 9 426B.2. The bill also makes conforming amendments to various
- 10 replacement generation tax provisions relating to new electric
- 11 power generating plants to be built in the state of Iowa and
- 12 the allocation of replacement generation taxes for stand-alone
- 13 new electric power generating plants, the natural gas delivery
- 14 tax attributable to the natural gas deliveries to those
- 15 plants, and the allocation of the natural gas delivery tax
- 16 attributable to those plants.
- 17 The bill adds a definition for "new electric power
- 18 generating plant" in Code section 437A.3, and adds additional
- 19 definitional material for "local amount" by providing that the
- 20 local amount of a new electric power generating plant, for
- 21 purposes of determining the local taxable value of the plant,
- 22 shall annually be determined to be equal up to the first
- 23 \$44,444,445 of taxable value of the new plant. This provision
- 24 fixes the taxable value at this amount for new plants on a
- 25 yearly basis regardless of depreciation.
- The bill establishes in Code section 437A.5 a new statewide
- 27 natural gas delivery rate of one and eleven-hundredths of a
- 28 cent (.0111) per therm of natural gas delivered to or consumed
- 29 by new electric power generating plants. If the new plant is
- 30 owned by or leased to a municipal utility that is exempt from
- 31 replacement generation tax pursuant to Code section 437A.6,
- 32 however, the rate for the municipal service area instead
- 33 applies. The bill also provides that the natural gas
- 34 delivered to new electric power generating plants is not
- 35 subject to the threshold recalculation for certain increases

- 1 and decreases in total taxable therms of natural gas under
- 2 Code section 437A.5, subsection 8.
- 3 The bill provides, in Code section 437A.7, a replacement
- 4 transmission tax at increased rates on a municipal utility
- 5 whose anticipated tax revenue exceeded its replacement
- 6 transmission tax by more than \$100,000 for tax year 1999. If
- 7 such a utility acquires transmission lines in 2001 or
- 8 thereafter, those lines will be subject to tax at the rates in
- 9 Code section 437A.7, subsection 1, paragraphs "a" through "d".
- 10 The bill adds a new paragraph to Code section 437A.8,
- 11 subsection 4, to provide for the remission of replacement
- 12 generation tax in cases of certain new electric power
- 13 generating plants. The bill provides a method for allocation
- 14 of replacement generation tax incurred by a stand-alone new
- 15 electric power generating plant whereby the tax attributed to
- 16 the local amount as defined in Code section 437A.3, subsection
- 17 13, is paid to the county treasurer and the remaining tax, if
- 18 any, is paid to the director who deposits the tax receipts
- 19 into the property tax relief fund created in Code section
- 20 426B.1 for distribution as provided in Code section 426B.2.
- 21 This provision is applicable even if the taxpayer has other
- 22 Iowa operating property as long as the taxpayer's other Iowa
- 23 operating property is limited to operating property directly
- 24 serving the new electric power generating plant. The
- 25 replacement generation tax is placed in the property tax
- 26 relief fund for distribution, along with other state moneys,
- 27 to counties to reimburse the counties for their qualified
- 28 mental health, mental retardation, and developmental
- 29 disabilities services expenditures.
- 30 The bill provides in Code section 426B.2 that in
- 31 determining whether property tax relief fund moneys provided
- 32 to a county are more or less than in the previous fiscal year,
- 33 replacement taxes shall not be considered in such
- 34 determination. The bill also amends Code section 426B.2,
- 35 subsection 3, to provide that all replacement tax receipts in

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- 1 the property tax relief fund as of November 1 of the calendar
- 2 year immediately preceding the following fiscal year shall be
- 3 paid to the county treasurers in July and January of each
- 4 year.
- 5 The bill provides in Code section 437A.15, subsection 3,
- 6 for the allocation of gas delivery taxes on deliveries of
- 7 natural gas to a new electric power generating plant. Ten
- 8 percent of the natural gas delivery taxes shall be allocated
- 9 over new gas properties built to directly serve the new plant
- 10 and the remaining 90 percent shall be allocated to the general
- 11 property tax equivalents of all gas property within the
- 12 natural gas competitive service area or areas where the new
- 13 gas property is located.
- 14 The bill adds a new paragraph to Code section 437A.15,
- 15 subsection 3, pertaining to the assessed value of a new
- 16 electric power generating plant owned by a municipal utility
- 17 or municipal owner. The bill provides a method of allocation
- 18 of replacement generation tax incurred by stand-alone electric
- 19 power generating plants of municipal utilities and municipal
- 20 owners who have an electric power facility financed under Code
- 21 chapter 28F or 476A and provides a method of allocation of
- 22 replacement generation tax on the basis of operating electric
- 23 meters with respect to other municipal utilities and municipal
- 24 owners who have an electric power facility financed under Code
- 25 chapter 28F or 476A.
- 26 The bill adds a new paragraph to Code section 437A.19 to
- 27 adjust annually the assessed value for all gas and electric
- 28 utility property by determining a taxable value of such
- 29 property on an annual basis, in order to bring the general
- 30 property tax equivalent for properties subject to the
- 31 replacement tax more in balance with the actual replacement
- 32 tax generated by those properties. The new paragraph provides
- 33 a formula to determine the taxable value for property
- 34 generating a replacement tax on an annual basis and a method
- 35 for determining such value if the property is generating tax

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1 for the first time. The bill also includes definitions for
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- 2 "taxable value" and certain terms used only in Code section
- 3 437A.19. A new subsection is also added to the definitions in
- 4 437A.3 for "taxable value" to refer to the definition in
- 5 437A.19, since that term applies to all of Code chapter 437A.
- 6 The bill also extends the utility replacement tax task
- 7 force by two years, by requiring that it report its activities
- 8 to the general assembly by January 1 of each year through
- 9 January 1, 2005.
- The bill applies retroactively to tax years beginning on or
- 11 after January 1, 2003.



# STATE OF IOWA

THOMAS J. VILSACK, GOVERNOR SALLY J. PEDERSON, LT. GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT CYNTHIA P. EISENHAUER, DIRECTOR

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FROM:

CYNTHIA EISENHA MARI

RE:

2003 PROPOSED UTILITY REPLACEMENT TAX TASK FORCE LEGISLATION

DATE:

**JANUARY 31, 2003** 

The provisions of this bill are intended to enhance the operation of the utility tax replacement system and to correct certain omissions in the originally passed legislation. Major provisions of the proposal are listed below.

- Provides a uniform gas delivery tax rate on natural gas delivered to all new gas-fired electric generators, removing tax costs as a factor in competition. (Exceptions apply to certain municipal-owned gas facilities.)
- Removes gas deliveries to new gas-fired electric generating plants from tax re-calculation thresholds, opening the door for millions of dollars of new excise tax revenue for local governments. This increase is consistent with what would have happened under the previous property taxation system.
- Provides that a new taxable utility valuation be provided to county auditors. This will greatly enhance local government budgeting processes by providing a valuation which will more closely approximate a property tax equivalent.
- Increases the replacement transmission tax rates for a non-Iowa municipal utility whose replacement tax is considerably less than what property taxes would have been under the previous system. Based on current shortfalls, this will provide an additional \$124,000 to local governments in four Iowa counties.
- Extends the existence of the Utility Replacement Tax Task Force for another two years.
- Provides for tax allocation methodologies for stand-alone electric power generating plants. If the company has no other Iowa property, then excess amounts are paid to the Chapter 426B mental health property tax relief fund. If a municipal-owned generating plant has no other taxable property, then an operating meters formula is used to distribute the tax.

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#### AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TAXATION OF UTILITIES, INCLUDING ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATURAL GAS DELIVERY TAX RATE FOR NEW ELECTRIC POWER GENERATING PLANTS, ESTABLISHMENT OF A REPLACEMENT TRANSMISSION TAX FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, METHODS OF ALLOCATION OF REPLACEMENT GENERATION TAX INCURRED BY CERTAIN NEW STAND-ALONE ELECTRIC POWER GENERATING PLANTS, A FORMULA FOR DETERMINING TAXABLE VALUE FOR PROPERTY GENERATING REPLACEMENT TAX ANNUALLY, EXTENDING THE TASK FORCE, AND PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 426B.2, subsections 1 and 3, Code 2003, are amended to read as follows:

- 1. The moneys in the property tax relief fund available to counties for a fiscal year shall be distributed as provided in this section. A county's proportion of the moneys shall be equivalent to the sum of the following three factors:
- a. One-third based upon the county's proportion of the state's general population.
- b. One-third based upon the county's proportion of the state's total taxable property valuation assessed for taxes payable in the previous fiscal year.
- c. One-third based upon the county's proportion of all counties' base year expenditures, as defined in section 331.438.

Moneys provided to a county for property tax relief in a fiscal year, excluding replacement taxes in the property tax relief fund, in accordance with this subsection shall not be less than the amount provided for property tax relief in the previous fiscal year.

- 3. The director of human services shall draw warrants on the property tax relief fund, payable to the county treasurer in the amount due to a county in accordance with subsection 1 and mail the warrants to the county auditors in July and January of each year. Any replacement generation tax in the property tax relief fund as of November 1 shall be paid to the county treasurers in July and January of the fiscal year beginning the following July 1.
- Sec. 2. Section 437A.3, Code 2003, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. "Cogeneration facility" means a facility with a capacity of two hundred megawatts or less that uses the same energy source for the sequential generation of electrical or mechanical power in combination with steam, heat, or other forms of useful energy and, except for ownership, meets the criteria to be a qualifying cogeneration facility as defined in the federal Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq., and related federal regulations.

Sec. 3. Section 437A.3, subsection 10, Code 2003, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. "New electric power generating plant" means an electric power generating plant that is owned by or leased to an electric company, electric cooperative, or municipal utility, and that initially generates electricity subject to replacement generation tax under section 437A.6 on or after January 1, 2003.

Sec. 4. Section 437A.3, subsection 13, Code 2003, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. "Local amount" for the purposes of determining the local taxable value for a new electric power generating plant shall annually be determined to be equal up to the first forty-four million four hundred forty-four thousand four hundred forty-five dollars of the taxable value of the new electric power generating plant. "Local

amount" for the purposes of determining the local assessed value for a new electric power generating plant shall be annually determined to be the percentage share of the taxable value of the new electric power generating plant allocated as the local amount multiplied by the total assessed value of the new electric power generating plant.

- Sec. 5. Section 437A.3, subsection 21, paragraph a, subparagraph (1), subparagraph subdivision (am), Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:
- (am) The city of Waukee in Dallas county and the area within two miles of the city limits of Waukee as of January 1, 1999, not including any part of the cities of Clive, Urbandale, or West Des Moines.
- Sec. 6. Section 437A.3, Code 2003, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 27A. "Taxable value" means as defined in section 437A.19, subsection 2, paragraph "f".

Sec. 7. Section 437A.5, subsection 1, Code 2003, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. c. Notwithstanding paragraphs "a" and "b", a natural gas delivery rate of one and eleven-hundredths of a cent (.0111) per therm of natural gas is imposed on all natural gas delivered to or consumed by a new electric power generating plant for purposes of generating electricity within the state during the tax year. However, if a new electric power generating plant is exempt from a replacement generation tax pursuant to section 437A.6, subsection 1, paragraph "b", the natural gas delivery rate for the municipal service area that the new plant serves shall instead apply for deliveries of natural gas by the municipal gas utility.

The provisions of subsection 8, shall not apply to the therms of natural gas subject to the delivery tax set forth in this paragraph.

If the new electric power generating plant is part of a cogeneration facility, the natural gas delivery rate for that

plant shall be the lesser of the natural gas delivery rate established in this paragraph or the rate per therm of natural gas as in effect at the time of the initial natural gas deliveries to the plant for the natural gas competitive service area where the new electric power generating plant is located.

Sec. 8. Section 437A.5, subsection 6, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

6. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the natural gas delivery tax rate applied to therms of natural gas delivered by a taxpayer to utility property and facilities which that are placed in service on or after January 1, 1999, and which that are owned by or leased to and initially served by such taxpayer shall be the natural gas delivery tax rate in effect for the natural gas competitive service area principally served by such utility property and facilities even though such utility property and facilities may be physically located in another natural gas competitive service area.

This subsection shall not apply to natural gas delivered to or consumed by new electric power generating plants.

Sec. 9. Section 437A.7, Code 2003, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. In lieu of the replacement transmission tax imposed in subsection 1, a municipal utility whose replacement transmission tax liability for the tax year 1999 was limited to the tax imposed by this section and whose anticipated tax revenues from a taxpayer, as defined in section 437A.15, subsection 4, for the tax year 1999, exceeded its replacement transmission tax by more than one hundred thousand dollars shall be subject to replacement transmission tax on all transmission lines owned by or leased to the municipal utility as of the last day of the tax year 2000 as follows:

a. Three thousand twenty-five dollars per pole mile of transmission line owned or leased by the taxpayer not exceeding one hundred kilovolts.

b. Seven thousand dollars per pole mile of transmission line owned or leased by the taxpayer greater than one hundred fifty kilovolts but not exceeding three hundred kilovolts.

Sec. 10. Section 437A.8, subsection 4, Code 2003, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. d. Notwithstanding paragraph "a", a taxpayer who owns or leases a new electric power generating plant and who has no other operating property in the state of Iowa except for operating property directly serving the new electric power generating plant as described in section 437A.16, shall pay the replacement generation tax associated with the allocation of the local amount to the county treasurer of the county in which the local amount is located and shall remit the remaining replacement generation tax, if any, to the director according to paragraph "a" for remittance of the tax to county treasurers. The director shall notify each taxpayer on or before August 31 following a tax year of its remaining replacement generation tax to be remitted to the director. All remaining replacement generation tax revenues received by the director shall be deposited in the property tax relief fund created in section 426B.1. and shall be distributed as provided in section 426B.2.

Sec. 11. Section 437A.15, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

a. All replacement taxes owed by a taxpayer shall be allocated among the local taxing districts in which such taxpayer's property is located in accordance with a general allocation formula determined by the department of management on the basis of general property tax equivalents. General property tax equivalents shall be determined by applying the levy rates reported by each local taxing district to the department of management on or before June 30 following a tax year to the assessed taxable value of taxpayer property allocated to each such local taxing district as adjusted and reported to the department of management in such tax year by

the director pursuant to section 437A.19, subsection 2. The general allocation formula for a tax year shall allocate to each local taxing district that portion of the replacement taxes owed by each taxpayer which bears the same ratio as such taxpayer's general property tax equivalents for each local taxing district bears to such taxpayer's total general property tax equivalents for all local taxing districts in Iowa.

When allocating natural gas delivery taxes on deliveries of natural gas to a new electric power generating plant, ten percent of those natural gas delivery taxes shall be allocated over new gas property built to directly serve the new electric power generating plant and ninety percent of those natural gas delivery taxes shall be allocated to the general property tax equivalents of all gas property within the natural gas competitive service area or areas where the new gas property is located.

Sec. 12. Section 437A.15, subsection 3, Code 2003, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. f. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if a taxpayer is a municipal utility or a municipal owner of an electric power facility financed under the provisions of chapter 28F or 476A, the assessed value, other than the local amount, of a new electric power generating plant shall be allocated to each taxing district in which the municipal utility or municipal owner is serving customers and has electric meters in operation in the ratio that the number of operating electric meters of the municipal utility or municipal owner located in the taxing district bears to the total number of operating electric meters of the municipal utility or municipal owner in the state as of January 1 of the tax year. If the municipal utility or municipal owner of an electric power facility financed under the provisions of chapter 28F or 476A has a new electric power generating plant but the municipal utility or municipal owner has no operating

electric meters in this state, the municipal utility or municipal owner shall pay the replacement generation tax associated with the new electric power generating plant allocation of the local amount to the county treasurer of the county in which the local amount is located and shall remit the remaining replacement generation tax, if any, to the director at the times contained in section 437A.8, subsection 4, for remittance of the tax to the county treasurers. All remaining replacement generation tax revenues received by the director shall be deposited in the property tax relief fund created in section 426B.1, and shall be distributed as provided in section 426B.2.

Sec. 13. Section 437A.15, subsection 7, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

7. On-or-before-duly-17-19987-the The department of management, in consultation with the department of revenue and finance, shall initiate-and coordinate the establishment-of-a utility replacement tax task force and provide staffing assistance to the task force. It is the intent of the general assembly that the task force include representatives of the department of management, department of revenue and finance, electric companies, natural gas companies, municipal utilities, electric cooperatives, counties, cities, school boards, and industrial, commercial, and residential consumers, and other appropriate stakeholders.

The task force shall study the effects of the replacement tax on local taxing authorities, local taxing districts, consumers, and taxpayers and the department of management shall report to the general assembly by January 1 of each year through January 1, 2003, the results of the study and the specific recommendations of the task force for modifications to the replacement tax, if any, which will further the purposes of tax neutrality for local taxing authorities, local taxing districts, taxpayers, and consumers, consistent with the stated purposes of this chapter. The department of

management shall also report to the legislative council by November 15 of each year through 2002, the status of the task force study and any recommendations.

Sec. 14. Section 437A.19, subsection 2, paragraph f, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

f. In the event the base year assessed value of taxpayer property is adjusted as a result of taxpayer appeals, reduce the assessed value of taxpayer property in each local taxing district to reflect such adjustment. The adjustment shall be allocated in proportion to the allocation of the taxpayer's assessed value among the local taxing districts determined without regard to this adjustment. If-an An adjustment to the base year assessed value of taxpayer property is-finally determined-on-or-before-September-307-19997-it-shall-be reflected-in-the-January-17-19997-assessed-valuer--Otherwise7 any-such-adjustment shall be made as of January 1 of the year following the date on which the adjustment is finally determined.

In no event shall the adjustments set forth in this subsection reduce the assessed value of taxpayer property in any local taxing district below zero.

The director, on-or-before-October-31,-1999,-in-the-case-of danuary-1,-1999,-assessed-values,-and on or before August 31 of each subsequent assessment year, shall report to the department of management and to the auditor of each county the adjusted assessed value of taxpayer property as of January 1 of such assessment year for each local taxing district, provided-that-for-a-taxpayer-whose-base-year-as-defined-in section-437A-37-subsection-17-changed-from-1997-to-1998,-the director-shall,-before-May-1,-2000,-report-to-the-department of-management-and-to-the-auditor-of-each-county,-the-assessed values-as-of-January-1,-1999. For purposes of this subsection, the assessed value of taxpayer property in each local taxing district subject to adjustment under this section by the director means the assessed value of such property as

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of the preceding January 1 as determined and allocated among the local taxing districts by the director.

Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to authorize local taxing authorities to exclude from the calculation of levy rates the adjusted-assessed taxable value of taxpayer property reported to county auditors pursuant to this subsection.

In addition to reporting the assessed values as described in this subsection, the director, on or before October 31, 2003, in the case of January 1, 2003, values, and on or before August 31 of each subsequent assessment year, shall also report to the department of management and to the auditor of each county the taxable value of taxpayer property as of January 1 of such assessment year for each local taxing district. For purposes of this chapter, "taxable value" means the value for all property subject to the replacement tax annually determined by the director, by dividing the estimated annual replacement tax liability for that property by the prior year's consolidated taxing district rate for the taxing district where that property is located, then multiplying the quotient by one thousand. The prior year's replacement tax amounts for that property shall be used to estimate the current tax year's taxable value for that property. If property not subject to any threshold recalculation is generating replacement tax for the first time, or if a taxpayer's replacement tax will not be changed by any threshold recalculation and the taxpayer believes that the replacement tax will vary more than ten percent from the previous tax year, the taxpayer shall report to the director by July 15 of the current calendar year, on forms prescribed by the director, the estimated replacement tax liability that will be attributable to that property for the current tax year. For the purposes of computing the taxable value of property in a taxing district, the taxing district's share of the estimated replacement tax liability shall be the taxing

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district's percentage share of the "assessed value allocated by property tax equivalent" multiplied by the total estimated replacement tax. "Assessed value allocated by property tax equivalent" shall be determined by dividing the taxpayer's current year assessed valuation in a taxing district by one thousand, and then multiplying by the prior year's consolidated tax rate.

Sec. 15. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This bill applies retroactively to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003.

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