

State of Alaska
Department of Revenue
Notice of Public Scoping and Workshop
Possible Updates and Revisions to DOR Regulations 15 AAC 56:
Oil and Gas Exploration, Production and Pipeline Transportation Property Tax

The Alaska Department of Revenue (department) is considering whether it should revise regulations regarding the Oil and Gas Exploration, Production and Pipeline Transportation Property Tax under 15 AAC 56. As a first step, the department would like to gather comments on existing regulations from the public through this workshop and scoping process. In particular, the department is seeking input from interested parties and the public regarding possible regulations to aid in clarifying issues regarding the municipal property tax cap. Potential discussion topics would include: administration of the municipal property tax cap; verifying and enforcing the municipal property tax cap; the relationship between the municipal property tax cap and supplemental assessments; and debt service that qualifies as an exception to the municipal property tax cap.

The purpose of this notice is to ask the public and other interested parties for ideas and suggestions for possible changes before the department decides if it will, or does, draft specific revisions to existing regulations for public review. The department is not proposing any specific changes at this time. Any proposed regulatory revisions will subsequently be noticed, and made available for public review and comment under AS 44.62, the Administrative Procedures Act.

Background and Need for Regulations

The aforementioned topics have all come before the department in recent years. The topics have also been the subject of litigation, which was settled without legal resolution from the courts on the issues. The department believes all parties would benefit from a regulations project that adds clarity to the issues associated with these topics, and that this would lead to more efficient administration.

Other minor changes, such as conforming changes to recognize new or former statutes may also be made.

Public Input

The department is interested in ideas from the public and other interested parties that will make the administration of property taxes more efficient while maintaining the protections necessary for the State and its citizens. The department is asking for suggestions regarding the development of regulations that protect the interests of the public without also requiring undue administrative

burden on the oil and gas industry, municipalities, the State, and any other government agencies that may be affected.

Written comments, suggestions, questions, and other input must be received by the department no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2017. Written comments, suggestions, questions, and other input may also be submitted by mail to:

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Written comments, suggestions, questions, and other input may also be submitted by email to: john.larsen@alaska.gov, or by FAX to: (907) 269-6644. For any questions regarding this scoping notice please contact John Larsen at (907) 269-8436.

The department will also hold a public workshop to meet with interested parties and the public regarding this notice. The public workshop will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in the East Conference Hearing Room of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, located at 701 W. 8th Ave., Suite 300, Anchorage, Alaska. Those wishing to participate must be in attendance by no later than 10:00 a.m. Those wishing to participate by teleconference may dial into the workshop at 1-800-315-6338, Access Code: 40720.

The department will consider the information submitted if and when the department proposes regulatory revisions to 15 AAC 56. Any proposed regulatory revisions will be publicly noticed, and made available for public review and comment under AS 44.62, the Administrative Procedures Act. Written comments received are public records and are subject to public inspection

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