



# Ulster County Local Sales and Use Tax Rate Reduction on Residential Energy Sources and Services Effective March 1, 2002

## All vendors of utility services:

Ulster County has enacted legislation to phase out its local sales and use tax rate on receipts from the sale, other than for resale, of energy sources and services used for residential purposes. As of March 1, 2002, the local tax rate imposed on sales of **residential energy sources and services in Ulster County is reduced from 3¾% to 3%**. As of March 1, 2003, the rate will be further reduced to 2%. As of March 1, 2004, the rate will be further reduced to 1%. As of March 1, 2005, the rate will be eliminated and these sales will be fully exempt from local sales and use tax. Additionally, as of March 1, 2002, the related rate of tax on **transportation, transmission, or distribution of gas or electricity** when purchased from someone other than the vendor of the gas or electricity **is reduced from 1⅞% to 1¼%**. Due to the statewide phaseout of tax imposed on separately purchased transportation, transmission, or distribution of gas or electricity (see TSB-M-00(4)S), this related rate of tax will be further reduced to ¾% as of September 1, 2002, and will be fully eliminated when the next scheduled reduction in Ulster County's local rate takes effect on March 1, 2003. These changes will affect your tax collections and payments if you make taxable sales or deliveries of residential energy sources and services in Ulster County.

Residential energy sources and services include:

- Gas (including propane in containers of 100 pounds or more), electricity, and steam.
- Coal, fuel oil, and wood for residential use.

## Reporting requirements

Report residential sales of gas (including propane in containers of 100 pounds or more), electricity, and steam services, on Schedule B, Part 1, on the Ulster County 3% entry line. Report sales of separately purchased transportation, transmission, or distribution of gas or electricity on Schedule B, Part 1, on the Ulster County 1⅞% entry line. Report sales of coal, fuel oil, and wood (for heating) for residential use on Schedule B, in Part 2, on the Ulster County 3% entry line.

## Special transitional provisions

Unless the sales are based on meter readings, sales of residential energy sources and services made on or after March 1, 2002, will be subject to sales tax at the rate in effect at the time of delivery to the customer, whether or not these sales were contracted for prior to any change in the sales tax rates. Where the bill for a sale is based on a meter reading which occurs on or after March 1, 2002, and the number of days from March 1, 2002, to the date of the meter reading is more than half the total number of days covered by the bill, report sales of these services on Schedule B at the lower rates of 3% or 1⅞%, as applicable.

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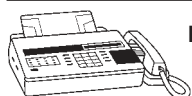
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