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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 42-5063, 42-5159 AND 42-6012, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES;
RELATING TO NATURAL GAS DELIVERY TAXATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 42-5063, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 42-5063. Utilities classification; definitions

5 A. The utilities classification is comprised of the business of:

6 1. Producing and furnishing or furnishing to consumers natural or
7 artificial gas and water.

8 2. Providing to retail electric customers ancillary services, electric
9 distribution services, electric generation services, electric transmission
10 services and other services related to providing electricity.

11 B. The utilities classification does not include:

12 1. Sales of ancillary services, electric distribution services,
13 electric generation services, electric transmission services and other
14 services related to providing electricity, gas or water to a person who
15 resells the services.

16 2. Sales of natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas used to propel a
17 motor vehicle.

18 3. Sales of alternative fuel, as defined in section 1-215, to a used
19 oil fuel burner who has received a permit to burn used oil or used oil fuel
20 under section 49-426 or 49-480.

21 4. Sales of ancillary services, electric distribution services,
22 electric generation services, electric transmission services and other
23 services that are related to providing electricity to a retail electric
24 customer who is located outside this state for use outside this state if the
25 electricity is delivered to a point of sale outside this state.

26 5. Sales or other transfers of renewable energy credits or any other
27 unit created to track energy derived from renewable energy resources. For
28 the purposes of this paragraph, "renewable energy credit" means a unit
29 created administratively by the corporation commission or governing body of a
30 public power utility to track kilowatt hours of electricity derived from a
31 renewable energy resource or the kilowatt hour equivalent of conventional
32 energy resources displaced by distributed renewable energy resources.

33 6. The leasing or renting of space to make attachments to utility
34 poles as follows:

35 (a) By a person that is engaged in business under this section.

36 (b) To a person that is engaged in business under this section or
37 section 42-5064 or that is a cable operator.

38 C. The tax base for the utilities classification is the gross proceeds
39 of sales or gross income derived from the business, but the following shall
40 be deducted from the tax base:

41 1. Revenues received by a municipally owned utility in the form of
42 fees charged to persons constructing residential, commercial or industrial
43 developments or connecting residential, commercial or industrial developments
44 to a municipal utility system or systems if the fees are segregated and used

1 only for capital expansion, system enlargement or debt service of the utility
2 system or systems.

3 2. Revenues received by any person or persons owning a utility system
4 in the form of reimbursement or contribution compensation for property and
5 equipment installed to provide utility access to, on or across the land of an
6 actual utility consumer if the property and equipment become the property of
7 the utility. This deduction shall not exceed the value of such property and
8 equipment.

9 3. Gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from sales to:

10 (a) Qualifying hospitals as defined in section 42-5001.

11 (b) A qualifying health care organization as defined in section
12 42-5001 if the tangible personal property is used by the organization solely
13 to provide health and medical related educational and charitable services.

14 4. The portion of gross proceeds of sales or gross income that is
15 derived from sales to a qualified environmental technology manufacturer,
16 producer or processor as defined in section 41-1514.02 of a utility product
17 and that is used directly in environmental technology manufacturing,
18 producing or processing. This paragraph shall apply for twenty full
19 consecutive calendar or fiscal years from the date the first paper
20 manufacturing machine is placed in service. In the case of a qualified
21 environmental technology manufacturer, producer or processor who does not
22 manufacture paper, the time period shall begin with the date the first
23 manufacturing, processing or production equipment is placed in service.

24 5. The portion of gross proceeds of sales or gross income attributable
25 to transfers of electricity by any retail electric customer owning a solar
26 photovoltaic energy generating system to an electric distribution system, if
27 the electricity transferred is generated by the customer's system.

28 6. Gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from sales of
29 electricity or natural gas to a business that is principally engaged in
30 manufacturing or smelting operations and that uses at least fifty-one percent
31 of the electricity or natural gas in the manufacturing or smelting
32 operations. This paragraph ~~does not apply~~ APPLIES to gas transportation
33 services. For the purposes of this paragraph:

34 (a) "Gas transportation services" means the services of transporting
35 natural gas to a natural gas customer or to a natural gas distribution
36 facility if the natural gas was purchased from a supplier other than the
37 utility.

38 (b) "Manufacturing" means the performance as a business of an
39 integrated series of operations that places tangible personal property in a
40 form, composition or character different from that in which it was acquired
41 and transforms it into a different product with a distinctive name, character
42 or use. Manufacturing does not include processing, fabricating, job
43 printing, mining, generating electricity or operating a restaurant.

44 (c) "Principally engaged" means at least fifty-one percent of the
45 business is a manufacturing or smelting operation.

1 (d) "Smelting" means to melt or fuse a metalliferous mineral, often
2 with an accompanying chemical change, usually to separate the metal.

3 7. Gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from sales of
4 electricity or natural gas to a business that operates an international
5 operations center in this state and that is certified by the Arizona commerce
6 authority pursuant to section 41-1520.

7 D. For the purposes of this section:

8 1. "Ancillary services" means those services so designated in federal
9 energy regulatory commission order 888 adopted in 1996 that include the
10 services necessary to support the transmission of electricity from resources
11 to loads while maintaining reliable operation of the transmission system
12 according to good utility practice.

13 2. "Cable operator" has the same meaning prescribed in section 9-505.

14 3. "Electric distribution service" means distributing electricity to
15 retail electric customers through the use of electric distribution
16 facilities.

17 4. "Electric generation service" means providing electricity for sale
18 to retail electric customers but excluding electric distribution or
19 transmission services.

20 5. "Electric transmission service" means transmitting electricity to
21 retail electric customers or to electric distribution facilities so
22 classified by the federal energy regulatory commission or, to the extent
23 permitted by law, so classified by the Arizona corporation commission.

24 6. "Other services" includes metering, meter reading services, billing
25 and collecting services.

26 7. "Retail electric customer" means a person who purchases electricity
27 for that person's own use, including use in that person's trade or business
28 and not for resale, redistribution or retransmission.

29 8. "Utility pole" means any wooden, metal or other pole used for
30 utility purposes and the pole's appurtenances that are attached or authorized
31 for attachment by the person controlling the pole.

32 Sec. 2. Section 42-5159, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

33 42-5159. Exemptions

34 A. The tax levied by this article does not apply to the storage, use
35 or consumption in this state of the following described tangible personal
36 property:

37 1. Tangible personal property sold in this state, the gross receipts
38 from the sale of which are included in the measure of the tax imposed by
39 articles 1 and 2 of this chapter.

40 2. Tangible personal property the sale or use of which has already
41 been subjected to an excise tax at a rate equal to or exceeding the tax
42 imposed by this article under the laws of another state of the United States.
43 If the excise tax imposed by the other state is at a rate less than the tax
44 imposed by this article, the tax imposed by this article is reduced by the
45 amount of the tax already imposed by the other state.

1 3. Tangible personal property, the storage, use or consumption of
2 which the constitution or laws of the United States prohibit this state from
3 taxing or to the extent that the rate or imposition of tax is
4 unconstitutional under the laws of the United States.

5 4. Tangible personal property that directly enters into and becomes an
6 ingredient or component part of any manufactured, fabricated or processed
7 article, substance or commodity for sale in the regular course of business.

8 5. Motor vehicle fuel and use fuel, the sales, distribution or use of
9 which in this state is subject to the tax imposed under title 28, chapter 16,
10 article 1, use fuel that is sold to or used by a person holding a valid
11 single trip use fuel tax permit issued under section 28-5739, aviation fuel,
12 the sales, distribution or use of which in this state is subject to the tax
13 imposed under section 28-8344, and jet fuel, the sales, distribution or use
14 of which in this state is subject to the tax imposed under article 8 of this
15 chapter.

16 6. Tangible personal property brought into this state by an individual
17 who was a nonresident at the time the property was purchased for storage, use
18 or consumption by the individual if the first actual use or consumption of
19 the property was outside this state, unless the property is used in
20 conducting a business in this state.

21 7. Purchases of implants used as growth promotants and injectable
22 medicines, not already exempt under paragraph 16 of this subsection, for
23 livestock and poultry owned by, or in possession of, persons who are engaged
24 in producing livestock, poultry, or livestock or poultry products, or who are
25 engaged in feeding livestock or poultry commercially. For the purposes of
26 this paragraph, "poultry" includes ratites.

27 8. Livestock, poultry, supplies, feed, salts, vitamins and other
28 additives for use or consumption in the businesses of farming, ranching and
29 feeding livestock or poultry, not including fertilizers, herbicides and
30 insecticides. For the purposes of this paragraph, "poultry" includes
31 ratites.

32 9. Seeds, seedlings, roots, bulbs, cuttings and other propagative
33 material for use in commercially producing agricultural, horticultural,
34 viticultural or floricultural crops in this state.

35 10. Tangible personal property not exceeding two hundred dollars in
36 any one month purchased by an individual at retail outside the continental
37 limits of the United States for the individual's own personal use and
38 enjoyment.

39 11. Advertising supplements that are intended for sale with newspapers
40 published in this state and that have already been subjected to an excise tax
41 under the laws of another state in the United States that equals or exceeds
42 the tax imposed by this article.

43 12. Materials that are purchased by or for publicly funded libraries
44 including school district libraries, charter school libraries, community

1 college libraries, state university libraries or federal, state, county or
2 municipal libraries for use by the public as follows:

3 (a) Printed or photographic materials, beginning August 7, 1985.

4 (b) Electronic or digital media materials, beginning July 17, 1994.

5 13. Tangible personal property purchased by:

6 (a) A hospital organized and operated exclusively for charitable
7 purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any
8 private shareholder or individual.

9 (b) A hospital operated by this state or a political subdivision of
10 this state.

11 (c) A licensed nursing care institution or a licensed residential care
12 institution or a residential care facility operated in conjunction with a
13 licensed nursing care institution or a licensed kidney dialysis center, which
14 provides medical services, nursing services or health related services and is
15 not used or held for profit.

16 (d) A qualifying health care organization, as defined in section
17 42-5001, if the tangible personal property is used by the organization solely
18 to provide health and medical related educational and charitable services.

19 (e) A qualifying health care organization as defined in section
20 42-5001 if the organization is dedicated to providing educational,
21 therapeutic, rehabilitative and family medical education training for blind
22 and visually impaired children and children with multiple disabilities from
23 the time of birth to age twenty-one.

24 (f) A nonprofit charitable organization that has qualified under
25 section 501(c)(3) of the United States internal revenue code and that engages
26 in and uses such property exclusively in programs for persons with mental or
27 physical disabilities if the programs are exclusively for training, job
28 placement, rehabilitation or testing.

29 (g) A person that is subject to tax under this chapter by reason of
30 being engaged in business classified under section 42-5075, or a
31 subcontractor working under the control of a person that is engaged in
32 business classified under section 42-5075, if the tangible personal property
33 is any of the following:

34 (i) Incorporated or fabricated by the person into a structure,
35 project, development or improvement in fulfillment of a contract.

36 (ii) Incorporated or fabricated by the person into any project
37 described in section 42-5075, subsection 0.

38 (iii) Used in environmental response or remediation activities under
39 section 42-5075, subsection B, paragraph 6.

40 (h) A person that is not subject to tax under section 42-5075 and that
41 has been provided a copy of a certificate described in section 42-5009,
42 subsection L, if the property purchased is incorporated or fabricated by the
43 person into the real property, structure, project, development or improvement
44 described in the certificate.

1 (i) A nonprofit charitable organization that has qualified under
2 section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code if the property is purchased
3 from the parent or an affiliate organization that is located outside this
4 state.

5 (j) A qualifying community health center as defined in section
6 42-5001.

7 (k) A nonprofit charitable organization that has qualified under
8 section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code and that regularly serves
9 meals to the needy and indigent on a continuing basis at no cost.

10 (l) A person engaged in business under the transient lodging
11 classification if the property is a personal hygiene item or articles used by
12 human beings for food, drink or condiment, except alcoholic beverages, which
13 are furnished without additional charge to and intended to be consumed by the
14 transient during the transient's occupancy.

15 (m) For taxable periods beginning from and after June 30, 2001, a
16 nonprofit charitable organization that has qualified under section 501(c)(3)
17 of the internal revenue code and that provides residential apartment housing
18 for low income persons over sixty-two years of age in a facility that
19 qualifies for a federal housing subsidy, if the tangible personal property is
20 used by the organization solely to provide residential apartment housing for
21 low income persons over sixty-two years of age in a facility that qualifies
22 for a federal housing subsidy.

23 (n) A qualifying health sciences educational institution as defined in
24 section 42-5001.

25 (o) A person representing or working on behalf of any person described
26 in subdivision (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (i), (j), (k), (m) or (n) of
27 this paragraph, if the tangible personal property is incorporated or
28 fabricated into a project described in section 42-5075, subsection 0.

29 14. Commodities, as defined by title 7 United States Code section 2,
30 that are consigned for resale in a warehouse in this state in or from which
31 the commodity is deliverable on a contract for future delivery subject to the
32 rules of a commodity market regulated by the United States commodity futures
33 trading commission.

34 15. Tangible personal property sold by:

35 (a) Any nonprofit organization organized and operated exclusively for
36 charitable purposes and recognized by the United States internal revenue
37 service under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code.

38 (b) A nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under
39 section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) or 501(c)(6) of the internal revenue code if the
40 organization is associated with a major league baseball team or a national
41 touring professional golfing association and no part of the organization's
42 net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

43 (c) A nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under
44 section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(6), 501(c)(7) or 501(c)(8) of the
45 internal revenue code if the organization sponsors or operates a rodeo

1 featuring primarily farm and ranch animals and no part of the organization's
2 net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

3 16. Drugs and medical oxygen, including delivery hose, mask or tent,
4 regulator and tank, on the prescription of a member of the medical, dental or
5 veterinarian profession who is licensed by law to administer such substances.

6 17. Prosthetic appliances, as defined in section 23-501, prescribed or
7 recommended by a person who is licensed, registered or otherwise
8 professionally credentialed as a physician, dentist, podiatrist,
9 chiropractor, naturopath, homeopath, nurse or optometrist.

10 18. Prescription eyeglasses and contact lenses.

11 19. Insulin, insulin syringes and glucose test strips.

12 20. Hearing aids as defined in section 36-1901.

13 21. Durable medical equipment that has a centers for medicare and
14 medicaid services common procedure code, is designated reimbursable by
15 medicare, is prescribed by a person who is licensed under title 32, chapter
16 7, 13, 17 or 29, can withstand repeated use, is primarily and customarily
17 used to serve a medical purpose, is generally not useful to a person in the
18 absence of illness or injury and is appropriate for use in the home.

19 22. Food, as provided in and subject to the conditions of article 3 of
20 this chapter and section 42-5074.

21 23. Items purchased with United States department of agriculture food
22 stamp coupons issued under the food stamp act of 1977 (P.L. 95-113; 91 Stat.
23 958) or food instruments issued under section 17 of the child nutrition act
24 (P.L. 95-627; 92 Stat. 3603; P.L. 99-661, section 4302; 42 United States Code
25 section 1786).

26 24. Food and drink provided without monetary charge by a taxpayer that
27 is subject to section 42-5074 to its employees for their own consumption on
28 the premises during the employees' hours of employment.

29 25. Tangible personal property that is used or consumed in a business
30 subject to section 42-5074 for human food, drink or condiment, whether
31 simple, mixed or compounded.

32 26. Food, drink or condiment and accessory tangible personal property
33 that are acquired for use by or provided to a school district or charter
34 school if they are to be either served or prepared and served to persons for
35 consumption on the premises of a public school in the school district or on
36 the premises of the charter school during school hours.

37 27. Lottery tickets or shares purchased pursuant to title 5, chapter
38 5.1, article 1.

39 28. Textbooks, sold by a bookstore, that are required by any state
40 university or community college.

41 29. Magazines, other periodicals or other publications produced by
42 this state to encourage tourist travel.

43 30. Paper machine clothing, such as forming fabrics and dryer felts,
44 purchased by a paper manufacturer and directly used or consumed in paper
45 manufacturing.

1 31. Coal, petroleum, coke, natural gas, virgin fuel oil and
2 electricity purchased by a qualified environmental technology manufacturer,
3 producer or processor as defined in section 41-1514.02 and directly used or
4 consumed in the generation or provision of on-site power or energy solely for
5 environmental technology manufacturing, producing or processing or
6 environmental protection. This paragraph shall apply for twenty full
7 consecutive calendar or fiscal years from the date the first paper
8 manufacturing machine is placed in service. In the case of an environmental
9 technology manufacturer, producer or processor who does not manufacture
10 paper, the time period shall begin with the date the first manufacturing,
11 processing or production equipment is placed in service.

12 32. Motor vehicles that are removed from inventory by a motor vehicle
13 dealer as defined in section 28-4301 and that are provided to:

14 (a) Charitable or educational institutions that are exempt from
15 taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code.

16 (b) Public educational institutions.

17 (c) State universities or affiliated organizations of a state
18 university if no part of the organization's net earnings inures to the
19 benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

20 33. Natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas used to propel a motor
21 vehicle.

22 34. Machinery, equipment, technology or related supplies that are only
23 useful to assist a person with a physical disability as defined in section
24 46-191 or a person who has a developmental disability as defined in section
25 36-551 or has a head injury as defined in section 41-3201 to be more
26 independent and functional.

27 35. Liquid, solid or gaseous chemicals used in manufacturing,
28 processing, fabricating, mining, refining, metallurgical operations, research
29 and development and, beginning on January 1, 1999, printing, if using or
30 consuming the chemicals, alone or as part of an integrated system of
31 chemicals, involves direct contact with the materials from which the product
32 is produced for the purpose of causing or permitting a chemical or physical
33 change to occur in the materials as part of the production process. This
34 paragraph does not include chemicals that are used or consumed in activities
35 such as packaging, storage or transportation but does not affect any
36 exemption for such chemicals that is otherwise provided by this section. For
37 the purposes of this paragraph, "printing" means a commercial printing
38 operation and includes job printing, engraving, embossing, copying and
39 bookbinding.

40 36. Food, drink and condiment purchased for consumption within the
41 premises of any prison, jail or other institution under the jurisdiction of
42 the state department of corrections, the department of public safety, the
43 department of juvenile corrections or a county sheriff.

44 37. A motor vehicle and any repair and replacement parts and tangible
45 personal property becoming a part of such motor vehicle sold to a motor

1 carrier who is subject to a fee prescribed in title 28, chapter 16, article 4
2 and who is engaged in the business of leasing or renting such property.

3 38. Tangible personal property that is or directly enters into and
4 becomes an ingredient or component part of cards used as prescription plan
5 identification cards.

6 39. Overhead materials or other tangible personal property that is
7 used in performing a contract between the United States government and a
8 manufacturer, modifier, assembler or repairer, including property used in
9 performing a subcontract with a government contractor who is a manufacturer,
10 modifier, assembler or repairer, to which title passes to the government
11 under the terms of the contract or subcontract. For the purposes of this
12 paragraph:

13 (a) "Overhead materials" means tangible personal property, the gross
14 proceeds of sales or gross income derived from which would otherwise be
15 included in the retail classification, that is used or consumed in the
16 performance of a contract, the cost of which is charged to an overhead
17 expense account and allocated to various contracts based on generally
18 accepted accounting principles and consistent with government contract
19 accounting standards.

20 (b) "Subcontract" means an agreement between a contractor and any
21 person who is not an employee of the contractor for furnishing of supplies or
22 services that, in whole or in part, are necessary to the performance of one
23 or more government contracts, or under which any portion of the contractor's
24 obligation under one or more government contracts is performed, undertaken or
25 assumed, and that includes provisions causing title to overhead materials or
26 other tangible personal property used in the performance of the subcontract
27 to pass to the government or that includes provisions incorporating such
28 title passing clauses in a government contract into the subcontract.

29 40. Through December 31, 1994, tangible personal property sold
30 pursuant to a personal property liquidation transaction, as defined in
31 section 42-5061. From and after December 31, 1994, tangible personal
32 property sold pursuant to a personal property liquidation transaction, as
33 defined in section 42-5061, if the gross proceeds of the sales were included
34 in the measure of the tax imposed by article 1 of this chapter or if the
35 personal property liquidation was a casual activity or transaction.

36 41. Wireless telecommunications equipment that is held for sale or
37 transfer to a customer as an inducement to enter into or continue a contract
38 for telecommunications services that are taxable under section 42-5064.

39 42. Alternative fuel, as defined in section 1-215, purchased by a used
40 oil fuel burner who has received a permit to burn used oil or used oil fuel
41 under section 49-426 or 49-480.

42 43. Tangible personal property purchased by a commercial airline and
43 consisting of food, beverages and condiments and accessories used for serving
44 the food and beverages, if those items are to be provided without additional
45 charge to passengers for consumption in flight. For the purposes of this

1 paragraph, "commercial airline" means a person holding a federal certificate
2 of public convenience and necessity or foreign air carrier permit for air
3 transportation to transport persons, property or United States mail in
4 intrastate, interstate or foreign commerce.

5 44. Alternative fuel vehicles if the vehicle was manufactured as a
6 diesel fuel vehicle and converted to operate on alternative fuel and
7 equipment that is installed in a conventional diesel fuel motor vehicle to
8 convert the vehicle to operate on an alternative fuel, as defined in section
9 1-215.

10 45. Gas diverted from a pipeline, by a person engaged in the business
11 of:

12 (a) Operating a natural or artificial gas pipeline, and used or
13 consumed for the sole purpose of fueling compressor equipment that
14 pressurizes the pipeline.

15 (b) Converting natural gas into liquefied natural gas, and used or
16 consumed for the sole purpose of fueling compressor equipment used in the
17 conversion process.

18 46. Tangible personal property that is excluded, exempt or deductible
19 from transaction privilege tax pursuant to section 42-5063.

20 47. Tangible personal property purchased to be incorporated or
21 installed as part of environmental response or remediation activities under
22 section 42-5075, subsection B, paragraph 6.

23 48. Tangible personal property sold by a nonprofit organization that
24 is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(6) of the internal revenue code
25 if the organization produces, organizes or promotes cultural or civic related
26 festivals or events and no part of the organization's net earnings inures to
27 the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

28 49. Prepared food, drink or condiment donated by a restaurant as
29 classified in section 42-5074, subsection A to a nonprofit charitable
30 organization that has qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the internal
31 revenue code and that regularly serves meals to the needy and indigent on a
32 continuing basis at no cost.

33 50. Application services that are designed to assess or test student
34 learning or to promote curriculum design or enhancement purchased by or for
35 any school district, charter school, community college or state university.
36 For the purposes of this paragraph:

37 (a) "Application services" means software applications provided
38 remotely using hypertext transfer protocol or another network protocol.

39 (b) "Curriculum design or enhancement" means planning, implementing or
40 reporting on courses of study, lessons, assignments or other learning
41 activities.

42 51. Motor vehicle fuel and use fuel to a qualified business under
43 section 41-1516 for off-road use in harvesting, processing or transporting
44 qualifying forest products removed from qualifying projects as defined in
45 section 41-1516.

1 52. Repair parts installed in equipment used directly by a qualified
2 business under section 41-1516 in harvesting, processing or transporting
3 qualifying forest products removed from qualifying projects as defined in
4 section 41-1516.

5 53. Renewable energy credits or any other unit created to track energy
6 derived from renewable energy resources. For the purposes of this paragraph,
7 "renewable energy credit" means a unit created administratively by the
8 corporation commission or governing body of a public power entity to track
9 kilowatt hours of electricity derived from a renewable energy resource or the
10 kilowatt hour equivalent of conventional energy resources displaced by
11 distributed renewable energy resources.

12 54. Computer data center equipment purchased by the owner, operator or
13 qualified colocation tenant of the computer data center or an authorized
14 agent of the owner, operator or qualified colocation tenant during the
15 qualification period for use in a computer data center that is certified by
16 the Arizona commerce authority under section 41-1519. To qualify for this
17 deduction, at the time of purchase, the owner, operator or qualified
18 colocation tenant must present to the retailer its certificate that is issued
19 pursuant to section 41-1519 and that establishes its qualification for the
20 deduction. For the purposes of this paragraph, "computer data center",
21 "computer data center equipment", "qualification period" and "qualified
22 colocation tenant" have the same meanings prescribed in section 41-1519.

23 55. Coal acquired from an owner or operator of a power plant by a
24 person who is responsible for refining coal if both of the following apply:

25 (a) The transfer of title or possession of the coal is for the purpose
26 of refining the coal.

27 (b) The title or possession of the coal is transferred back to the
28 owner or operator of the power plant after completion of the coal refining
29 process. For the purposes of this subdivision, "coal refining process" means
30 the application of a coal additive system that aids the reduction of power
31 plant emissions during the combustion of coal and the treatment of flue gas.

32 56. Tangible personal property incorporated or fabricated into a
33 project described in section 42-5075, subsection 0, that is located within
34 the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation for which the owner, as
35 defined in section 42-5075, of the project is an Indian tribe or an
36 affiliated Indian. For the purposes of this paragraph:

37 (a) "Affiliated Indian" means an individual native American Indian who
38 is duly registered on the tribal rolls of the Indian tribe for whose benefit
39 the Indian reservation was established.

40 (b) "Indian reservation" means all lands that are within the limits of
41 areas set aside by the United States for the exclusive use and occupancy of
42 an Indian tribe by treaty, law or executive order and that are recognized as
43 Indian reservations by the United States department of the interior.

44 (c) "Indian tribe" means any organized nation, tribe, band or
45 community that is recognized as an Indian tribe by the United States

1 department of the interior and includes any entity formed under the laws of
2 the Indian tribe.

3 B. In addition to the exemptions allowed by subsection A of this
4 section, the following categories of tangible personal property are also
5 exempt:

6 1. Machinery, or equipment, used directly in manufacturing,
7 processing, fabricating, job printing, refining or metallurgical operations.
8 The terms "manufacturing", "processing", "fabricating", "job printing",
9 "refining" and "metallurgical" as used in this paragraph refer to and include
10 those operations commonly understood within their ordinary meaning.
11 "Metallurgical operations" includes leaching, milling, precipitating,
12 smelting and refining.

13 2. Machinery, or equipment, used directly in the process of extracting
14 ores or minerals from the earth for commercial purposes, including equipment
15 required to prepare the materials for extraction and handling, loading or
16 transporting such extracted material to the surface. "Mining" includes
17 underground, surface and open pit operations for extracting ores and
18 minerals.

19 3. Tangible personal property sold to persons engaged in business
20 classified under the telecommunications classification under section 42-5064,
21 including a person representing or working on behalf of such a person in a
22 manner described in section 42-5075, subsection 0, and consisting of central
23 office switching equipment, switchboards, private branch exchange equipment,
24 microwave radio equipment and carrier equipment including optical fiber,
25 coaxial cable and other transmission media that are components of carrier
26 systems.

27 4. Machinery, equipment or transmission lines used directly in
28 producing or transmitting electrical power, but not including distribution.
29 Transformers and control equipment used at transmission substation sites
30 constitute equipment used in producing or transmitting electrical power.

31 5. Neat animals, horses, asses, sheep, ratites, swine or goats used or
32 to be used as breeding or production stock, including sales of breedings or
33 ownership shares in such animals used for breeding or production.

34 6. Pipes or valves four inches in diameter or larger used to transport
35 oil, natural gas, artificial gas, water or coal slurry, including compressor
36 units, regulators, machinery and equipment, fittings, seals and any other
37 part that is used in operating the pipes or valves.

38 7. Aircraft, navigational and communication instruments and other
39 accessories and related equipment sold to:

40 (a) A person holding a federal certificate of public convenience and
41 necessity, a supplemental air carrier certificate under federal aviation
42 regulations (14 Code of Federal Regulations part 121) or a foreign air
43 carrier permit for air transportation for use as or in conjunction with or
44 becoming a part of aircraft to be used to transport persons, property or
45 United States mail in intrastate, interstate or foreign commerce.

1 (b) Any foreign government, or sold to persons who are not residents
2 of this state and who will not use such property in this state other than in
3 removing such property from this state.

4 8. Machinery, tools, equipment and related supplies used or consumed
5 directly in repairing, remodeling or maintaining aircraft, aircraft engines
6 or aircraft component parts by or on behalf of a certificated or licensed
7 carrier of persons or property.

8 9. Rolling stock, rails, ties and signal control equipment used
9 directly to transport persons or property.

10 10. Machinery or equipment used directly to drill for oil or gas or
11 used directly in the process of extracting oil or gas from the earth for
12 commercial purposes.

13 11. Buses or other urban mass transit vehicles that are used directly
14 to transport persons or property for hire or pursuant to a governmentally
15 adopted and controlled urban mass transportation program and that are sold to
16 bus companies holding a federal certificate of convenience and necessity or
17 operated by any city, town or other governmental entity or by any person
18 contracting with such governmental entity as part of a governmentally adopted
19 and controlled program to provide urban mass transportation.

20 12. Groundwater measuring devices required under section 45-604.

21 13. New machinery and equipment consisting of tractors, tractor-drawn
22 implements, self-powered implements, machinery and equipment necessary for
23 extracting milk, and machinery and equipment necessary for cooling milk and
24 livestock, and drip irrigation lines not already exempt under paragraph 6 of
25 this subsection and that are used for commercial production of agricultural,
26 horticultural, viticultural and floricultural crops and products in this
27 state. For the purposes of this paragraph:

28 (a) "New machinery and equipment" means machinery or equipment that
29 has never been sold at retail except pursuant to leases or rentals that do
30 not total two years or more.

31 (b) "Self-powered implements" includes machinery and equipment that
32 are electric-powered.

33 14. Machinery or equipment used in research and development. For the
34 purposes of this paragraph, "research and development" means basic and
35 applied research in the sciences and engineering, and designing, developing
36 or testing prototypes, processes or new products, including research and
37 development of computer software that is embedded in or an integral part of
38 the prototype or new product or that is required for machinery or equipment
39 otherwise exempt under this section to function effectively. Research and
40 development do not include manufacturing quality control, routine consumer
41 product testing, market research, sales promotion, sales service, research in
42 social sciences or psychology, computer software research that is not
43 included in the definition of research and development, or other
44 nontechnological activities or technical services.

1 15. Tangible personal property that is used by either of the following
2 to receive, store, convert, produce, generate, decode, encode, control or
3 transmit telecommunications information:

4 (a) Any direct broadcast satellite television or data transmission
5 service that operates pursuant to 47 Code of Federal Regulations part 25.

6 (b) Any satellite television or data transmission facility, if both of
7 the following conditions are met:

8 (i) Over two-thirds of the transmissions, measured in megabytes,
9 transmitted by the facility during the test period were transmitted to or on
10 behalf of one or more direct broadcast satellite television or data
11 transmission services that operate pursuant to 47 Code of Federal Regulations
12 part 25.

13 (ii) Over two-thirds of the transmissions, measured in megabytes,
14 transmitted by or on behalf of those direct broadcast television or data
15 transmission services during the test period were transmitted by the facility
16 to or on behalf of those services.

17 For the purposes of subdivision (b) of this paragraph, "test period" means
18 the three hundred sixty-five day period beginning on the later of the date on
19 which the tangible personal property is purchased or the date on which the
20 direct broadcast satellite television or data transmission service first
21 transmits information to its customers.

22 16. Clean rooms that are used for manufacturing, processing,
23 fabrication or research and development, as defined in paragraph 14 of this
24 subsection, of semiconductor products. For the purposes of this paragraph,
25 "clean room" means all property that comprises or creates an environment
26 where humidity, temperature, particulate matter and contamination are
27 precisely controlled within specified parameters, without regard to whether
28 the property is actually contained within that environment or whether any of
29 the property is affixed to or incorporated into real property. Clean room:

30 (a) Includes the integrated systems, fixtures, piping, movable
31 partitions, lighting and all property that is necessary or adapted to reduce
32 contamination or to control airflow, temperature, humidity, chemical purity
33 or other environmental conditions or manufacturing tolerances, as well as the
34 production machinery and equipment operating in conjunction with the clean
35 room environment.

36 (b) Does not include the building or other permanent, nonremovable
37 component of the building that houses the clean room environment.

38 17. Machinery and equipment that are used directly in the feeding of
39 poultry, the environmental control of housing for poultry, the movement of
40 eggs within a production and packaging facility or the sorting or cooling of
41 eggs. This exemption does not apply to vehicles used for transporting eggs.

42 18. Machinery or equipment, including related structural components,
43 that is employed in connection with manufacturing, processing, fabricating,
44 job printing, refining, mining, natural gas pipelines, metallurgical
45 operations, telecommunications, producing or transmitting electricity or

1 research and development and that is used directly to meet or exceed rules or
2 regulations adopted by the federal energy regulatory commission, the United
3 States environmental protection agency, the United States nuclear regulatory
4 commission, the Arizona department of environmental quality or a political
5 subdivision of this state to prevent, monitor, control or reduce land, water
6 or air pollution.

7 19. Machinery and equipment that are used in the commercial production
8 of livestock, livestock products or agricultural, horticultural, viticultural
9 or floricultural crops or products in this state and that are used directly
10 and primarily to prevent, monitor, control or reduce air, water or land
11 pollution.

12 20. Machinery or equipment that enables a television station to
13 originate and broadcast or to receive and broadcast digital television
14 signals and that was purchased to facilitate compliance with the
15 telecommunications act of 1996 (P.L. 104-104; 110 Stat. 56; 47 United States
16 Code section 336) and the federal communications commission order issued
17 April 21, 1997 (47 Code of Federal Regulations part 73). This paragraph does
18 not exempt any of the following:

19 (a) Repair or replacement parts purchased for the machinery or
20 equipment described in this paragraph.

21 (b) Machinery or equipment purchased to replace machinery or equipment
22 for which an exemption was previously claimed and taken under this paragraph.

23 (c) Any machinery or equipment purchased after the television station
24 has ceased analog broadcasting, or purchased after November 1, 2009,
25 whichever occurs first.

26 21. Qualifying equipment that is purchased from and after June 30,
27 2004 through June 30, 2024 by a qualified business under section 41-1516 for
28 harvesting or processing qualifying forest products removed from qualifying
29 projects as defined in section 41-1516. To qualify for this exemption, the
30 qualified business must obtain and present its certification from the Arizona
31 commerce authority at the time of purchase.

32 C. The exemptions provided by subsection B of this section do not
33 include:

34 1. Expendable materials. For the purposes of this paragraph,
35 expendable materials do not include any of the categories of tangible
36 personal property specified in subsection B of this section regardless of the
37 cost or useful life of that property.

38 2. Janitorial equipment and hand tools.

39 3. Office equipment, furniture and supplies.

40 4. Tangible personal property used in selling or distributing
41 activities, other than the telecommunications transmissions described in
42 subsection B, paragraph 15 of this section.

43 5. Motor vehicles required to be licensed by this state, except buses
44 or other urban mass transit vehicles specifically exempted pursuant to

1 subsection B, paragraph 11 of this section, without regard to the use of such
2 motor vehicles.

3 6. Shops, buildings, docks, depots and all other materials of whatever
4 kind or character not specifically included as exempt.

5 7. Motors and pumps used in drip irrigation systems.

6 8. Machinery and equipment or tangible personal property used by a
7 contractor in the performance of a contract.

8 D. The following shall be deducted in computing the purchase price of
9 electricity by a retail electric customer from a utility business:

10 1. Revenues received from sales of ancillary services, electric
11 distribution services, electric generation services, electric transmission
12 services and other services related to providing electricity to a retail
13 electric customer who is located outside this state for use outside this
14 state if the electricity is delivered to a point of sale outside this state.

15 2. Revenues received from providing electricity, including ancillary
16 services, electric distribution services, electric generation services,
17 electric transmission services and other services related to providing
18 electricity with respect to which the transaction privilege tax imposed under
19 section 42-5063 has been paid.

20 E. The tax levied by this article does not apply to the purchase of
21 solar energy devices from a retailer that is registered with the department
22 as a solar energy retailer or a solar energy contractor.

23 F. The following shall be deducted in computing the purchase price of
24 electricity by a retail electric customer from a utility business:

25 1. Fees charged by a municipally owned utility to persons constructing
26 residential, commercial or industrial developments or connecting residential,
27 commercial or industrial developments to a municipal utility system or
28 systems if the fees are segregated and used only for capital expansion,
29 system enlargement or debt service of the utility system or systems.

30 2. Reimbursement or contribution compensation to any person or persons
31 owning a utility system for property and equipment installed to provide
32 utility access to, on or across the land of an actual utility consumer if the
33 property and equipment become the property of the utility. This deduction
34 shall not exceed the value of such property and equipment.

35 G. The tax levied by this article does not apply to the purchase price
36 of electricity or natural gas by:

37 1. A business that is principally engaged in manufacturing or smelting
38 operations and that uses at least fifty-one percent of the electricity or
39 natural gas in the manufacturing or smelting operations. This paragraph ~~does~~
40 ~~not apply~~ APPLIES to gas transportation services. For the purposes of this
41 paragraph:

42 (a) "Gas transportation services" means the services of transporting
43 natural gas to a natural gas customer or to a natural gas distribution
44 facility if the natural gas was purchased from a supplier other than the
45 utility.

1 (b) "Manufacturing" means the performance as a business of an
2 integrated series of operations that places tangible personal property in a
3 form, composition or character different from that in which it was acquired
4 and transforms it into a different product with a distinctive name, character
5 or use. Manufacturing does not include processing, fabricating, job
6 printing, mining, generating electricity or operating a restaurant.

7 (c) "Principally engaged" means at least fifty-one percent of the
8 business is a manufacturing or smelting operation.

9 (d) "Smelting" means to melt or fuse a metalliferous mineral, often
10 with an accompanying chemical change, usually to separate the metal.

11 2. A business that operates an international operations center in this
12 state and that is certified by the Arizona commerce authority pursuant to
13 section 41-1520.

14 H. For the purposes of subsection B of this section:

15 1. "Aircraft" includes:

16 (a) An airplane flight simulator that is approved by the federal
17 aviation administration for use as a phase II or higher flight simulator
18 under appendix H, 14 Code of Federal Regulations part 121.

19 (b) Tangible personal property that is permanently affixed or attached
20 as a component part of an aircraft that is owned or operated by a
21 certificated or licensed carrier of persons or property.

22 2. "Other accessories and related equipment" includes aircraft
23 accessories and equipment such as ground service equipment that physically
24 contact aircraft at some point during the overall carrier operation.

25 I. For the purposes of subsection D of this section, "ancillary
26 services", "electric distribution service", "electric generation service",
27 "electric transmission service" and "other services" have the same meanings
28 prescribed in section 42-5063.

29 Sec. 3. Section 42-6012, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

30 42-6012. Municipal transaction privilege tax: sales of
31 electricity or natural gas

32 A city or town that levies a transaction privilege, sales, gross
33 receipts, use, franchise or other similar fee or tax, however denominated, on
34 the business of producing, providing or furnishing electricity, electric
35 lights, current, power or natural gas shall either tax or exempt in whole the
36 gross proceeds of sales or gross income from sales by those businesses to
37 either of the following businesses:

38 1. Businesses that use at least fifty-one percent of the electricity,
39 electric lights, current, power or natural gas in a manufacturing or smelting
40 operation located in that city or town. This paragraph ~~does not apply~~
41 **APPLIES** to gas transportation services. For the purposes of this paragraph:

42 (a) "Gas transportation services" means the services of transporting
43 natural gas to a natural gas customer or to a natural gas distribution
44 facility if the natural gas was purchased from a supplier other than the
45 utility.

1 (b) "Manufacturing" means the performance as a business of an
2 integrated series of operations that places tangible personal property in a
3 form, composition or character different from that in which it was acquired
4 and transforms it into a different product with a distinctive name, character
5 or use. Manufacturing does not include processing, fabricating, job
6 printing, mining, generating electricity or operating a restaurant.

7 (c) "Smelting" means to melt or fuse a metalliferous mineral, often
8 with an accompanying chemical change, usually to separate the metal.

9 2. Businesses that operate an international operations center in this
10 state and that are certified by the Arizona commerce authority pursuant to
11 section 41-1520.