

# Sliding Scale Market Value Exclusion Application

for Electric Power Generation Efficiency

Owner or Operator of Business

Minnesota Tax ID Number

Names of Property Owners

Mailing Address

City

State

ZIP Code

City or Township Property is Located

County

City

Township

Legal Description of the Real Property as Shown on Tax Records

Parcel ID

## Equipment Efficiency Information

See instructions. Attach additional sheet if necessary.

A. Energy Input for Generator (example: natural gas)	B. Amount of Energy Input into Generator (example: cubic feet for natural gas)	C. Amount of Energy Input into Generator British Thermal Units	D. Useful Electric Power Output of Generator British Thermal Units	E. Useful Thermal Energy Output of Generator British Thermal Units

### Sign Here

*I certify the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that anyone giving false information in order to avoid or reduce their tax obligations is subject to a fine of up to \$3,000 and/or one year in prison.*

Signature

Title

Date

Name of Contact Person (please print)

Email Address

Phone

Email to [sa.property@state.mn.us](mailto:sa.property@state.mn.us).

# Sliding Scale Market Value Exclusion Application Instructions

If you are an owner or operator of an electric power generation facility (other than wind energy conversion), you may be able to reduce the taxable market value of your facility's equipment.

This exclusion does not apply to the value of the facility's structures or the land on which it is located.

If the property is located in two or more counties, cities, townships, or school districts, you must apply separately for each taxing district where the property is located.

If you exercise your right under federal law to require an electric utility to purchase power generated by the facility, you must tell us right away, by emailing [sa.property@state.mn.us](mailto:sa.property@state.mn.us).

## When is the application due?

There is no due date for an original application. The reduction in taxable market value for qualifying properties will be reflected in the market value beginning in the next assessment year.

Renewal applications are due by October 1 every even year. The sliding scale market value exclusion is valid for two assessment years. You must file a renewal application every two-years.

## Equipment Efficiency Information

In the table provided, list:

- All fuel types and fuel amounts put in the generator necessary to generate electric power.  
**Note:** Some facilities may use materials to prepare fuel before generating electricity. Energy used in any on-site preparation of materials needs to be included.
- All useful electric power and useful thermal energy output by the generator.

## What happens next?

Once we receive your completed application, the Department of Revenue will send your information to the Minnesota Department of Commerce and request that they make a determination of the efficiency of your facility. The Department of Commerce may request additional information from you in order to make their determination.

Based on the efficiency determination by the Department of Commerce, the market value of your equipment will be reduced by 8% for each percentage point that the efficiency of the facility is above 40%.

## Eligibility Requirements

If you are an owner or operator of a new or existing power generation facility who offers electric power generated by the facility for sale, you may still be eligible for an exclusion if you meet all four requirements below.

- You received a certificate of need, under [Minnesota Statute 216B.243](#), if required.
- The Public Utilities Commission finds an agreement exists or a good faith offer has been made to sell the majority of the net power generated by the facility to an electric utility that has demonstrated need for the power. A right of first refusal satisfies the good faith offer requirement. The commission has 90 days from the date the commission receives notice of the application to make this determination.
- The electric utility has agreed in advance not to offer the electric power for resale to a retail customer located outside of the utility's assigned service area or, if the utility is a generation or transmission cooperative electric association, the assigned service area of its members, unless otherwise permitted by law.
- Any facility that was not eligible for the sliding scale market value exclusion for property taxes payable in 2015 must be converted from coal to an alternative fuel and have a nameplate capacity prior to conversion of less than 75 megawatts.

## Use of Information

This application will be forwarded to the Department of Commerce.

You are not required by law to provide this information. However, if you want to receive this exclusion, you must provide all of the information requested from you.

Failure to provide the requested information could result in a delay in processing or a denial of your application.

All information provided on this form is public data.

## File Electronically

### Original Application

Submit the completed application and all supporting materials to [sa.property@state.mn.us](mailto:sa.property@state.mn.us)

### Renewal Application

Submit the completed application and all supporting materials to [adam.zoet@state.mn.us](mailto:adam.zoet@state.mn.us) and [jessica.burdette@state.mn.us](mailto:jessica.burdette@state.mn.us)

## Questions?

Forms and other tax information are available on our website.

Website: [www.revenue.state.mn.us](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us)

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This information is available in alternate formats.