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Local Officials, Fire Protection District Administrators, and Library District Administrators in the Thermal Electric Generating Facilities Impacted Area

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**SUBJECT: POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR THE 2016 DISTRIBUTION OF THERMAL ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES TAX PROCEEDS**

Population estimates for incorporated places, unincorporated areas, fire protection districts, and library districts are attached. These population estimates should be used for the 2016 distribution of tax proceeds from thermal electric generating facilities in accordance with RCW 54.28.055.

These estimates were produced by the Office of Financial Management (OFM) using information from OFM's Small Area Estimate Program and the Department of Revenue's tax code area boundaries for cities, fire protection districts, and library districts. The estimates account for annexations through 4/1/2016. Incorporated area populations are included in the fire protection district population estimates in cases where districts provide services to cities (RCW 52.04.071 and RCW 52.04.091). Incorporated area populations are not included in the library district population estimates per RCW 54.28.055(2).

If you have any questions regarding these figures, please contact me by phone at 360-902-0596 or by email at [thomas.kimpel@ofm.wa.gov](mailto:thomas.kimpel@ofm.wa.gov).

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**TABLE 1****Population Estimates for Cities and Unincorporated Areas to be Used for the 2016  
Distribution of Thermal Electric Generating Facilities Tax Proceeds**

Cities and Unincorporated Areas of Counties	2015 Population to be Used for the 2016 Distribution of Tax Proceeds	Proportion of Impacted Area Unincorporated Population by County	Proportion of Impacted Area Incorporated Population by City
Total Unincorporated	58,230	1.000	1.000
Total Incorporated	250,360		
<u>Benton County</u>	188,440		
Unincorporated Area	33,885	0.582	
Benton City	3,285		0.013
Kennewick	78,375		0.313
Prosser	5,845		0.023
Richland	53,090		0.212
West Richland	13,960		0.056
<u>Franklin County</u>	86,780		
Unincorporated Area	11,530	0.198	
Connell	5,405		0.022
Mesa	495		0.002
Pasco	69,350		0.277
<u>Grant County</u>	270		
Unincorporated Area	270	0.005	
<u>Walla Walla County</u>	4,790		
Unincorporated Area	4,790	0.082	
<u>Yakima County</u>	28,310		
Unincorporated Area	7,755	0.133	
Grandview	11,200		0.045
Mabton (Part)	0		0.000
Sunnyside (Part)	9,355		0.037

## Notes:

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information provided, population estimates are subject to errors arising from problems associated with incomplete or inaccurate source data as well as modeling error.

According to RCW 54.28.010(7), the "impacted area" for a thermal electric generating facility on a federal reservation means that area in the state lying within 35 statute miles of the most commonly used entrance of the federal reservation and which is south of the southern boundary of Township 15 North. For the present analysis, the entrance at the intersection of Stevens Dr. and Horn Rapids Rd. is considered the most commonly used entrance.

The 2015 population includes city annexations through April 1, 2016.

Population estimates are rounded to the nearest 5.

**TABLE 2****Population Estimates for Fire Protection Districts to be Used for the 2016  
Distribution of Thermal Electric Generating Facilities Tax Proceeds**

Fire Protection Districts	2015 Population to be Used for the 2016 Distribution of Tax Proceeds	Proportion of Impacted Area Fire Protection District Population
Total	81,270	1.000
<u>Benton County</u>	56,505	
1	17,655	0.217
2	7,295	0.090
3	13,085	0.161
4	17,505	0.215
5	325	0.004
6	640	0.008
<u>Franklin County</u>	12,015	
1	1,985	0.024
2	55	0.001
3	5,335	0.066
4	2,850	0.035
5	1,790	0.022
<u>Grant County</u>	270	
8	270	0.003
<u>Walla Walla County</u>	4,790	
1	0	0.000
3	755	0.009
5	3,885	0.048
6	150	0.002
7	0	0.000
<u>Yakima County</u>	7,690	
5	7,680	0.094
7	10	0.000

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Incorporated area populations are included in the fire protection district population estimates in cases where districts provide services to cities (RCW 52.04.071 and RCW 52.04.091). Incorporated area populations are included in the following fire protection district estimates: Benton City (Benton-2), Prosser (Benton-3), West Richland (Benton-4) and Mesa (Franklin-1).

The 2015 population includes city annexations through April 1, 2016.

Population estimates are rounded to the nearest 5.

**TABLE 3****Population Estimates for Library Districts to be Used for the 2016  
Distribution of Thermal Electric Generating Facilities Tax Proceeds**

Library Districts	2015 Population to be Used for the 2016 Distribution of Tax Proceeds	Proportion of Impacted Area Library District Population
Total	58,230	1.000
Mid-Columbia	45,415	0.780
North Central	270	0.005
Walla Walla County	4,790	0.082
Yakima Valley	7,755	0.133

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Incorporated area populations are not included in the library district estimates per RCW 54.28.055(2).

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# MAP

## Thermal Electric Generating Facility Impacted Area

