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**Benton PUD pays \$2.68 million in Privilege Tax
*State School Fund will receive \$905,000 of the Privilege Tax payment***

(Kennewick) Benton PUD paid \$2.68 million in “privilege taxes” to the State of Washington at the end of May which is up \$0.24 million from last year. The annual tax was levied on 2017 revenue for the privilege of providing electricity in the state. The privilege taxes collected by the state include \$905,000 for the state school fund, and \$276,000 to the state general fund. In addition, \$1.5 million is divided between Benton County, and the cities of Kennewick, Prosser, Benton City, and Richland.

In addition to the privilege tax, Benton PUD paid the following taxes in 2017: \$4.48 million to the state for the public utility tax; municipal utility taxes of \$5.52 million to the City of Kennewick, \$451,000 to the City of Prosser, \$142,000 to the City of Benton City, \$16,000 to the City of Richland, and other excise taxes of \$67,000 to the State.

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Benton PUD serves over 53,000 customers electricity and wholesale broadband in Kennewick, Prosser, Finley, Benton City and surrounding areas in Benton County with offices located at 2721 W. 10th Avenue in Kennewick and 250 N. Gap Road in Prosser.