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Re: Our File No. LR-00-229, (Fuel Tax) General Questions.

Dear

This is in response to your inquiry regarding Oklahoma Motor Fuel Tax. I have listed each of your questions below and provided a response.

(1) How high is the motor fuel tax in your state at present? Are there any additional fees (e.g., sales or excise tax) on motor fuels?

Oklahoma imposes a tax on all gasoline and all diesel fuel used or consumed in this state as follows:

Gasoline Excise Tax, sixteen cents ($0.16) per gallon
Diesel fuel Excise Tax, thirteen cents ($0.13) per gallon

Oklahoma statutes also provide for a fee known as the "Motor Fuel Special Assessment Fee" which is assessed at one cent ($0.01) per gallon of motor fuel, diesel fuel and blended materials used or consumed in this state.

(2) How large is the state's revenue from these dues (preferably in both money and percentage terms)?

In fiscal year 2000 (July 99 through June 00), revenues from Oklahoma Motor Fuel Taxes totaled the following:

Gasoline Excise Tax:	$297,503,359
Diesel Fuel Excise Tax:	$87,234,773
Motor Fuel Special Assessment:	$28,957,345
Total	$413,695,477

Oklahoma Motor Fuel Taxes made up approximately 7% of the total state revenues apportioned in fiscal year 2000.

(3) Are these funds earmarked for road building and maintenance purposes, or are they also spent on other purposes? If so, what percentage goes to transportation-related goals?

Oklahoma Motor Fuel Taxes are apportioned to various funds wherein the majority is apportioned to transportation related funds as follows:

Gasoline Excise Tax:	State Transportation Fund	63.75%
	County Highways	30.125%
	County Bridge and Road Improvement fund	2.625%
Diesel Excise Tax:	State Transportation Fund	64.34%
	County Highways	30.43%
	County Bridge and Road Improvement Fund	3.84%

If you should have any questions or need additional information you may contact me at 405-521-3133.

This response applies only to the circumstances set out in your request of November 3, 2000. Pursuant to Commission Rule 710:1-3-73(e), this Letter Ruling may be generally relied upon only by the entity to whom it is issued, assuming that all pertinent facts have been accurately and completely stated, and that there has been no change in applicable law.

Sincerely,

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