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**State Revenue Collections above Estimate
but Below Prior Year at End of Third Quarter**

OKLAHOMA CITY – General Revenue Fund collections for the first three quarters of Fiscal Year 2008 remain above the estimate but below the prior year, State Treasurer Scott Meacham reported today.

Preliminary reports show general revenue fund collections through the third quarter totaled \$4.173 billion. That amount was:

- \$61 million or 1.4 percent below the prior year; but
- \$25.8 million or 0.6 percent above the estimate.

“With 75 percent of the fiscal year behind us, we are seeing continued growth in the economy – but at a much slower pace than when the year began,” Treasurer Meacham said. “In spite of variations in some revenue streams, gross production receipts and sales tax collections are showing ongoing strength.”

However, Meacham pointed to problems with the House Bill 1017 Fund – an earmarked fund for common education that is not included in general revenue calculations. The Legislature approved spending \$689.7 million from the fund during the current fiscal year to support local school districts, but collections primarily from corporate income and sales taxes have fallen short.

Year-to-date collections for the 1017 Fund have totaled \$420.6 million; however, spending targets require total collections of \$468.4 million – a shortfall of \$47.8 million or 10.2 percent. Supplemental appropriations were made earlier this month to avoid across-the-board cuts to schools.

“We are closely monitoring collections to this fund and the governor and legislature stand ready to provide additional supplemental funding to complete the fiscal year,” he said.

In the general revenue fund, net income tax collections produced \$1.698 billion through March, which was \$228.5 million or 11.9 percent below the prior year and \$69.8 million or 3.9 percent below the estimate. Net income tax collections include personal income taxes and corporate income taxes less refunds paid for the month.

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Corporate income tax payments showed the biggest deficit in total collections, generating \$182.9 million year-to-date. That was \$134.8 million or 42.4 percent less than the prior year and \$123.7 million or 40.3 percent below the estimate. An unanticipated one-time estimated tax payment of some \$94 million received in March 2007 is the primary reason for the difference in corporate collections for March of this year.

Year-to-date personal income tax payments totaled \$1.5 billion. That was \$93.7 million or 5.8 percent below the prior year but \$53.9 million or 3.7 percent above the estimate.

The state sales tax produced \$1.217 billion for the first nine-months of the fiscal year, which was \$82.3 million or 7.3 percent above the prior year and \$35.1 million or 3 percent above the estimate.

The gross production tax on oil and natural gas yielded \$524.5 million through March, which was \$76.8 million or 17.2 percent above the prior year and \$56.4 million or 12 percent above the estimate.

Motor vehicle taxes produced \$185.5 million, which was \$2.9 million or 1.6 percent above the prior year-to-date and \$0.1 million or 0.1 percent above the estimate.

Investment of state funds by Treasurer Meacham produced \$128.3 million for the year-to-date. That was \$16.4 million or 14.7 percent more than the previous year.

Other revenue, which includes the Treasurer's investment earnings along with taxes on insurance, inheritance, alcoholic beverages and others, produced \$547.8 million for the first three quarters of the fiscal year. This was \$5.5 million or 1 percent above the prior year and \$4.1 million or 0.8 percent above the estimate.

For the month of March, general revenue fund collections fell below the prior year and the estimate, Meacham reported.

Preliminary reports show general revenue fund collections in March totaled \$487.9 million. That amount was:

- \$32 million or 6.2 percent below the prior year; and
- \$11.4 million or 2.3 percent below the estimate.

Net income tax collections, a combination of personal and corporate taxes, totaled \$176 million for the month. That was \$77.6 million or 30.6 percent below the prior year and \$46.8 million or 21 percent below the estimate.

Corporate collections for the month totaled \$51.6 million. That was \$79.8 million or 60.7 percent below the prior year and \$69.6 million or 57.4 percent below the estimate.

Personal income tax collections for March totaled \$124.4 million. That was \$2.2 million or 1.8 percent above the prior year and \$22.8 million or 22.4 percent above the estimate for the month.

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Sales tax collections for March totaled \$129.3 million. That was \$6.5 million or 5.3 percent above the prior year and \$1.3 million or 1 percent above the estimate.

Gross production taxes on natural gas totaled \$78.6 million for the month, which was \$14.9 million or 23.3 percent above the prior year and \$20.6 million or 35.5 percent above the estimate.

Motor vehicle tax in March totaled \$14.8 million, which was \$5.7 million or 27.9 percent below the prior year and \$5.7 million or 27.8 percent below the estimate.

Other revenue sources in March produced \$89.2 million for the month. That was \$30 million or 50.6 percent above the prior year and \$19.2 million or 27.5 percent above the estimate.

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General Revenue Comparisons With Prior Year

CHART I

PRELIMINARY

(In \$ millions)	MONTHLY COMPARISON		SUMMARY March 2008	
	FY-07 Actual March 2007	FY-08 Actual March 2008	Variance From Prior Year \$	Variance From Prior Year %
Net Income Tax	253.5	176.0	-77.6	-30.6%
Gross Production	63.7	78.6	14.9	23.3%
Sales Tax	122.8	129.3	6.5	5.3%
Motor Vehicle	20.6	14.8	-5.7	-27.9%
Subtotal: Major Taxes	460.7	398.7	-61.9	-13.4%
Other Sources (1)	59.2	89.2	30.0	50.6%
TOTAL GEN REVENUE	519.9	487.9	-32.0	-6.2%
Less 1-time receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Recurring Rev. (2)	519.9	487.9	-32.0	-6.2%

PRELIMINARY

(In \$ millions)	9 MONTH YEAR TO DATE		SUMMARY March 2008	
	FY-07 Actual Thru March 2007	FY-08 Actual Thru March 2008	Variance From Prior Year \$	Variance From Prior Year %
Net Income Tax	1,926.8	1,698.3	-228.5	-11.9%
Gross Production	447.7	524.5	76.8	17.2%
Sales Tax	1,134.9	1,217.2	82.3	7.3%
Motor Vehicle	182.6	185.5	2.9	1.6%
Subtotal: Major Taxes	3,692.1	3,625.5	-66.5	-1.8%
Other Sources (1)	542.3	547.8	5.5	1.0%
TOTAL GEN REVENUE	4,234.3	4,173.3	-61.0	-1.4%
Less 1-time receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Recurring Rev. (2)	4,234.3	4,173.3	-61.0	-1.4%

(1) Other sources revenue estimated pending final accounting.

(2) Recurring revenue after subtracting one-time funds.

Details may not sum due to rounding.

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General Revenue Comparisons With Estimate

CHART II

PRELIMINARY

(In \$ millions)	MONTHLY COMPARISON		SUMMARY March 2008	
	FY-08 Estimate	FY-08 Actual	Variance From Estimate	
	March 2008	March 2008	\$	%
Net Income Tax	222.8	176.0	-46.8	-21.0%
Gross Production	58.0	78.6	20.6	35.5%
Sales Tax	128.1	129.3	1.3	1.0%
Motor Vehicle	20.5	14.8	-5.7	-27.8%
Subtotal: Major Taxes	429.4	398.7	-30.7	-7.1%
Other Sources (1)	70.0	89.2	19.2	27.5%
TOTAL GEN REVENUI	499.3	487.9	-11.4	-2.3%
Less 1-time receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Recurring Rev. (2)	499.3	487.9	-11.4	-2.3%

PRELIMINARY

(In \$ millions)	9 MONTH YEAR TO DATE		SUMMARY March 2008	
	FY-08 Estimate	FY-08 Actual	Variance From Estimate	
	Thru March 2008	Thru March 2008	\$	%
Net Income Tax	1,768.2	1,698.3	-69.8	-3.9%
Gross Production	468.2	524.5	56.4	12.0%
Sales Tax	1,182.1	1,217.2	35.1	3.0%
Motor Vehicle	185.4	185.5	0.1	0.1%
Subtotal: Major Taxes	3,603.8	3,625.5	21.7	0.6%
Other Sources (1)	543.7	547.8	4.1	0.8%
TOTAL GEN REVENUI	4,147.5	4,173.3	25.8	0.6%
Less 1-time receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Recurring Rev. (2)	4,147.5	4,173.3	25.8	0.6%

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