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**Decrease in the Tax Rate on Electricity  
Effective July 1, 2014**

For bills dated on or after July 1, 2014, the state tax rate on charges for electricity is reduced from 7% to 6.95%. The reduced tax rate is comprised of a 2.6% tax imposed under Chapter 203, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and a 4.35% tax imposed under Chapter 212, F.S. Dealers selling electricity may collect tax at the combined rate of 6.95% or dealers may separately state each tax on their customers' billings. Dealers that elect to use the combined rate are not required to label the rate in a particular way, provided the tax is clearly identified as a Florida state tax or sales tax.

There is no change to the local option discretionary sales surtaxes imposed on charges for electricity. If the 4.35% tax is separately stated, the local option discretionary sales surtax should be added to the 4.35% tax rate. The applicable tax brackets are posted on the Department's website at [http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/taxes/tax\\_interest\\_rates.html](http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/taxes/tax_interest_rates.html).

There is no change in reporting the tax on electricity to the Department. The 2.5% gross receipts tax continues to be reported on the *Gross Receipts Tax Return* (Form DR-133). The combined 6.95% tax rate and any applicable local discretionary sales surtax continues to be reported on the Sales and Use Tax Return (Form DR-15).

**References: Sections 203.01 and 212.05(1)(e), Florida Statutes; Sections 2 and 4 - 6, Chapter 2014-38, Laws of Florida**

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