

SENATE FILE NO. SF0011

Wyoming oil & gas conservation commission-charges deadline.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hawks

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to mines and minerals; modifying the
2 deadline to submit payment for charges assessed by the
3 Wyoming oil and gas conservation commission on oil and gas
4 produced, sold or transported in Wyoming; and providing for
5 an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 30-5-116(b)(intro) is amended to
10 read:

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12 **30-5-116. Disposition of monies; payment of expenses;**
13 **charge assessed on value of oil or gas produced.**

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15 (b) There is assessed on the fair cash market value
16 as provided by W.S. 39-14-203, of all oil and gas produced,
17 sold or transported from the premises in Wyoming a charge

1 not to exceed eight-tenths of one (1) mill (\$.0008) on the
2 dollar. The commission shall by order fix the amount of the
3 charge in the first instance and may reduce or increase the
4 amount as the expenses chargeable may require. The amounts
5 fixed by the commission shall not exceed the limit
6 prescribed above. It is the duty of the commission to
7 collect all assessments. All monies collected shall be
8 remitted to the state treasurer for deposit in an account
9 within the earmarked revenue fund and used exclusively to
10 pay the costs and expenses incurred in connection with the
11 administration and enforcement of W.S. 30-5-101 through
12 30-5-119. The persons owning a working interest, royalty
13 interest, payments out of production, or any other interest
14 in the oil and gas or in the proceeds thereof, subject to
15 the charge in this subsection are liable for the charge in
16 proportion to their ownership at the time of production.
17 The charge so assessed is payable monthly. The sum due is
18 payable to the commission, on or before the twenty-fifth of
19 the second month ~~next~~ following the month in which the
20 charge accrued by the producer on behalf of himself and all
21 other interested persons. If there is a sale of oil or gas
22 within this state the charge is payable by the purchaser.
23 Any charge not paid within the time specified bears
24 interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the

1 date of delinquency until paid. This charge together with
2 the interest is a lien upon the oil or gas against which it
3 is levied and assessed. The person paying the charge as
4 provided is authorized and required to deduct from any
5 amounts due the persons owning an interest in the oil and
6 gas or in the proceeds at the time of production the
7 proportionate amount of the charge before making the
8 payment. Subsection (b) of this section shall apply to all
9 lands in the state of Wyoming, notwithstanding the
10 provisions of W.S. 30-5-118, however, there is exempted
11 from the charge as levied and assessed the following:

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13 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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