

## Solar PILOT agreement approved by local jurisdiction



#### **Requesting Computation of PILOT**

- By Dec 31 Prior to Tax Year Taxpayer will submit copy of agreement to assessor for computation of in lieu fee.
- Request for computation is filed annually
- \$200 late fee due for late filed request there is no late file deadline per statute, the taxpayer has up to 1-year from the date of delinquency to file and pay, so essentially they have up to 1-year for late filing (see consequences of non-payment & disqualification sections below)

# BY FEBRUARY 1

#### **PILOT Due Statement**

- Assessor computes PILOT due & sends the taxpayer a statement. If the taxpayer requests computation of PILOT after February 1, this statement should be sent as soon as possible and the taxpayer given 30 days to pay – this is consistent with payment period for a timely process..
- The statement must include:
  - Fee due date by March 1, payable to the county treasurer,
  - the PILOT amount due, and
  - an explanation of the consequences of non-payment. (see consequences below)

#### Consequences of Non-Payment

- Failure to pay the PILOT will result in the exemption being removed, and full tax assessed for the upcoming tax year.
- The exemption may be reinstated within one-year of the date of delinquency with the payment of the unpaid PILOT + Interest.
  - The date of the delinquency is the day after the payment was originally due this may vary depending on the timing of the PILOT due statement from the assessor.
  - Interest is charged at a rate of one and one-third percent per month or fraction of month until paid (311.505(2))
  - Reinstatement of the exemption will require a roll correction to remove the assessed tax.



### PILOT payment due

- By March 1, unless the assessor fails to send PILOT statement timely.
- If PILOT statement is mailed late, the payment is due after mailed the statute does not specify a time allowed to pay, but DOR feels that 30 day from the statement date is consistent with the normal payment timeframe (we are considering possible clarification through rule)

#### Disqualification

- If the taxpayer fails to pay the PILOT for more than one-year during the agreement term they shall be disqualified from the exemption and PILOT. The missed years do not have to be consectutive.
- The property will be assessed and taxed as normal & be charged a penalty equal to one year of PILOT.
- If disqualified the penalty fee will be distributed using the PILOT distribution schedule, the taxes assessed will follow the regular distribution schedule.



#### Distribution of PILOT

- Treasurer distributes PILOT payment to tax districts.
- Distribution is proportional to the total operational levy amounts (Perm Rate & Local Option only) for all districts the project is located in.