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Montana Taxpayers Association Tax Analysis for Laurel Generating Station

The following analysis of potential taxes on the proposed Laurel generating station was requested by Northwestern Energy. Data used in the calculations was gathered from the following sources.

Data to calculate Market value received from Northwestern Energy.

Tax rates Montana Statutes

Mill levies taken from Yellowstone County Mill Levy Report FY 2022

	Generation	Trans and Distribution
Project Cost	247,935,881	28,559,064
Cost to Market Factor	0.486742	0.486742
Market Value	120,680,901	13,900,907
Tax rate	.06	.12
Taxable Value	7,240,854	1,668,109
Mill Levy County FY22 +	174.64	174.64
Mill Levy Laurel School FY 22 ++	201.03	201.03
Mill Levy State +++	102.50	102.50
Taxes County*	1,264,543	291,318
Taxes School**	1,455,629	335,339
Taxes State***	742,187	170,981
Total taxes	3,462,359	797,639^
Grand Total		4,259,999

+county levies in Laurel rural school district with Big Sky Eco. Dev.

++ Laurel elementary and High School plus countywide school retirement and transportation

+++State Mill levies 95 mills, 6 Mills University, 1.5 Mill Vo-Tech

*This is newly taxable property to county so they can capture the revenue for additional spending

** School district budgets are controlled by statute increased tax revenue from new property will generally result in decreased mill levies for all taxpayers.

***Statewide mills are statutorily set so new property generates new revenue

^Calculations for T&D were done using Laurel school and county levies, actual revenue will likely be higher as some property will be in higher mill districts

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