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**Legislature Extends Effective Date of Steelworks' and Blast Furnaces' Sales Tax Exemption on Purchases of Utilities**

Two acts of the First Extraordinary Legislative Session of 2004 provide that the sales tax exemption authorized by R.S. 47:305.51 on purchases of utilities by certain steelworks and blast furnaces shall remain in effect and shall not be affected by legislation suspending sales tax exemptions.

Act 5 of the First Extraordinary Legislative Session enacted R.S. 47:302(R), 321(I), and 331(P) to provide that the exemption under R.S. 47:305.51 shall be in effect regardless of any legislation enacted during the First Extraordinary Legislative Session suspending exemptions, or any other law to the contrary. Act 4 of the First Extraordinary Legislative Session, which did suspend many sales tax exemptions through June 30, 2009, further assures that the R.S. 47:305.51 exemption shall not be suspended by language within that Act specifically excluding R.S. 47:305.51 from suspension.

R.S. 47:305.51 provides that Louisiana state and local sales and use taxes shall not apply to utilities used by steelworks and blast furnaces with more than 125 full-time employees, including coke ovens and rolling mills, which are classified by the Louisiana Department of Labor as SIC 3312 of the Standard Industrial Classification Code. The statute provides specifically that the exemption shall not apply to utilities used in and around the production of coke in oil refineries and the use of coke in oil refineries and other chemical processes.

Questions concerning this matter can be directed to the Taxpayer Services Division at 225.219.7356.

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