

# Tax Tracker Allows Utility Rate Adjustments

Section [69-3-308](#) allows a public utility to separately disclose in a customer's bill the amount of state and a local taxes and fees assessed against the public utility and paid by the customer.

The law also requires the Public Service Commission (PSC) to allow a public utility to file a rate schedule containing provisions for the automatic adjustment and tracking of Montana state and local taxes and fees paid by the public utility, except for income tax and the invasive species fee for hydroelectric facilities. This is often referred to as the "tax tracker." Absent this provision, a public utility would have to file a rate case to include taxes in utility rates.

# Tax Tracker Process

