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H.B. No. 2810

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to natural gas reporting for severance tax purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 201.203, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

Section 201.203. Producer's Report. (a) On or before the last day of each calendar month, each producer shall file a report with the comptroller on forms prescribed by the comptroller. The report must contain the following information concerning gas produced during the preceding calendar month:

(1) the gross amount of gas produced, and the thermal (Btu) content of such gas, that is subject to the tax imposed by this chapter;

(2) the leases from which the gas was produced;

(3) the names and addresses of the first purchasers of the gas; and

(4) other information the comptroller may reasonably require.

(b) If the report the producer is required to file shows additional tax due, the producer must pay the additional tax when he files the report.

(c) If the producer is required to report and pay the tax under Section 201.2041 of this code, the producer's report shall include for that gas any additional information required to be

1 reported by a first purchaser under Section 201.2035 of this code
2 for gas for which the first purchaser is required to pay the tax.

3 SECTION 2. Section 201.2035, Tax Code, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 Section 201.2035. First Purchaser's Report. (a) On or
6 before the last day of each calendar month, each first purchaser
7 must file a report with the comptroller on forms prescribed by the
8 comptroller. The report must contain the following information
9 concerning gas purchased from a producer during the preceding
10 calendar month:

11 (1) the gross amount of gas purchased, and the thermal
12 (Btu) content of such gas, from each producer;

13 (2) the price paid for the gas;

14 (3) the lease from which the gas was produced; and

15 (4) other information the comptroller may reasonably
16 require.

17 (b) If the report the first purchaser is required to file
18 shows any additional tax due, the first purchaser must pay the tax
19 when he files the report.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.