

## **Press Release**

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### **The Department of Revenue Administration Gives Ice Storm Victims Additional time to File State Tax Returns**

Concord — December 16, 2008 — The NH Department of Revenue Administration has announced today that, due to the extensive power outages affecting many Granite State residents and businesses as a result of the major ice storm of December 12, 2008, taxpayers with a December 15, 2008 due date will have four additional days to file their New Hampshire state tax returns beyond the tax deadline.

Taxpayers directly impacted by the storm have until December 19th to meet their tax filing obligations without incurring interest, late filing and late payment penalties. In addition, Meals and Rentals Tax Operators who file and pay their November, 2008 monthly return on December 19th will still receive their 3% commission.

Across the Northeast, there have been hundreds of thousands of power outages and other related problems making it difficult, if not impossible, for some taxpayers, businesses and tax professionals to meet the December 15<sup>th</sup> filing deadline. For those who still cannot meet the extended deadline of December 19<sup>th</sup>, the Department will also consider written requests for abatement of penalties on a case by case basis for those who can demonstrate a true need.

The Department has published a Disaster Relief Form for use in facilitating requests for consideration of abatement of penalties assessed because of late filing or payment as a direct result of the ice storm. The form can be obtained on the Department's web site at [www.nh.gov/revenue](http://www.nh.gov/revenue) or by calling the Department's form line at (603) 271-2192 and requesting a "Disaster Relief Form." Any letter requests, returns or forms that are filed late should clearly state the word, "Disaster Relief" on the top to facilitate easy identification.

New Hampshire Property Taxes are administered and collected by local municipalities as specified by law. Therefore, any request for disaster relief or assistance with property tax bills should be directed to each resident's local municipal town or city office.

Recently appointed Commissioner Kevin Clougherty states that he and his staff will work with victims of the storm to keep their accounts in good standing.

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