

## **GENERAL FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**A current Letter of Authorization (Power of Attorney) must accompany all returns, if completed and filed by someone other than a company official.**

**A complete return may be submitted electronically (PDF format only) to [PUReturns@dor.ga.gov](mailto:PUReturns@dor.ga.gov).**

**If the return is submitted electronically, in order to satisfy filing requirements the original signed and notarized section of the return (PT-41 PU, Statement 1) or (PT-900 PU for Airline Flight Equipment) must be mailed to:**

**State of Georgia  
Department of Revenue  
Local Government Services  
Public Utility Section  
4125 Welcome All Road  
Atlanta, Georgia 30349**

**If the return is to be delivered by U.S. Mail, Federal Express, United Parcel Service, etc., the following must be completed and submitted to the address above.**

- 1. Two PT-41 PU Statement 1 (one signed original and one copy),**
- 2. One PT-41 PU Statement 2,**
- 3. One PT-100, 200, 300 etc. series form for each county where the company has property,**
- 4. PT-42, PT-42N, PT-42NP's are to be filed in duplicate,**
- 5. One PT-44, and**
- 6. One Contact Sheet.**

**\*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE \*\*\*\*\***

Please read enclosed instructions carefully. Georgia law provides penalties to be applied to returns not meeting the filing requirements. Returns that are filed incorrectly or are incomplete will not satisfy the filing requirements.

Returns are to be filed and/or postmarked by March 1 of the current year. Georgia law allows for an extension in filing time. The request for an extension should be made prior to the filing deadline. While written requests for extensions in filing time to April 1<sup>st</sup> will be generally granted, only unusual circumstances will receive consideration for extensions beyond April 1<sup>st</sup>.

All PT42, PT42N and PT42NP forms are to be filed by March 1.

- **NOTE: NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GRANTED FOR THE FILING OF THE PT42's, PT42N's, or PT42NP forms.**

Please mail the completed return forms and all other correspondence to the following address:

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES DIVISION  
PUBLIC UTILITY SECTION  
4125 WELCOME ALL ROAD  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30349**

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, or need further assistance, please feel free to contact the Public Utility Section at 404-724-7008.

JANUARY 2016

## VALUATION OF CITY GAS COMPANIES

The values are determined by the cost approach. The original cost times the applicable depreciation factor will produce the proposed assessment for the city gas companies.

The year to be used for depreciation depends on the year the mains were installed.

### DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE (PERCENT GOOD)

<u>YEAR INSTALLED</u>	<u>PERCENT GOOD</u>
2016	100%
2015	99%
2014	97%
2013	94%
2012	93%
2011	92%
2010	90%
2008	90%
2008	89%
2007	89%
2006	88%
2005	87%
2004	86%
2003	86%
2002	85%
2001	84%
2000 and earlier	83%

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING PT-42, PT-42N AND PT-42NP FORMS  
SCHEDULES OF OPERATING REAL ESTATE, NON-OPERATING REAL ESTATE, AND  
NON-OPERATING PERSONAL PROPERTY BY TAXING JURISDICTIONS**

1. The PT-42 will be used to list and describe operating real estate.
2. The PT-42N form will be used to list and describe non-operating real estate.
3. The PT-42NP forms will be used to list and describe “non operating personal property.”
4. All real estate which is returnable by the taxpayers to the Department of Revenue must be shown. Exempt property must also be listed and described, with the word “exempt” shown in the Fair Market Value column.
5. A PT-42, PT-42N and/or PT-42NP must be filed in **DUPLICATE** for each county in which real property is located.
6. On all forms, fill out the top section. On the PT-42 form, the “total county value for operating real estate” must equal the total value of all parcels listed on the form and the value placed on that county’s PT-PU distribution form under the category of “operating real estate”. On the PT-42N, the “total county value for non-operating real estate” must equal the total value of all parcels listed on the form and the value placed on the county’s PT-PU distribution form under the category of “non-operating real estate”. On the PT-42NP, the “total county value for non-operating personal property” must equal the total value of all parcels listed on the form and the value placed on the county’s PT-PU distribution form under the category of “non-operating property”.
7. **DESCRIPTION AND ADDRESS**
  - A. **A description adequate to identify and locate each parcel of real estate or item of personal property must be given. Include land lot numbers, Georgia Militia district numbers, main cross streets, and street addresses where applicable.**
  - B. **Indicate land size either by dimensions, acres or square feet. Specify whether the property is improved, briefly describe each improvement thereon by use, type of construction, number of floors and size.**
  - C. **The land and the improvements must be separately valued on the form.**
8. Additions and Deletions: Please indicate on the PT-42 and PT-42N any property that was added or Deleted since the prior year’s return.
  - A. Addition – Indicate any added property by placing an asterisk by the Fair Market Value. This would apply both to a new parcel acquired during the year and to any changes in land and/or improvements made to existing parcels.
  - B. Deletion – For the tax year following the sale of a parcel, continue to list the property on the appropriate form, indicating property that was deleted by placing two asterisks where Fair Market Value should be.
  - C. For any property that was added or deleted since the prior year’s return, please include the following additional information:
    1. Grantor or Grantee, Date of Transaction, Deed Book and page, Plat Book and page and price.
    2. If only part of an acreage parcel was sold, indicate how many acres were sold and how large the remaining parcel is.
    3. For any building modifications, describe the modifications, the cost of modification and the date modifications were made.

## **PUBLIC UTILITY APPORTIONMENT AND DISTRIBUTION INSTRUCTIONS**

1. After determining the total unit Fair Market Value (FMV) for your company's operating property, allocate a FMV to Georgia based on original cost.
2. Deduct the FMV of locally assessed vehicle, pollution control equipment, and other deductions as applicable.
3. Four percent of the total taxable FMV of operating property in Georgia may be assigned to franchise value. The franchise value thus assigned shall be distributed to each taxing district based on the proportion that the value of property in that district bears to the total.
4. The FMV of all operating real estate, other than production facilities improvements, shall be assigned to the taxing jurisdiction in which it is located.
5. The FMV of property accounts, including production facilities improvements, for which records of actual cost by location are kept, shall be assigned to the proper jurisdiction based on actual dollars invested.
6. Distribute the FMV of remaining property to the taxing districts where the property is located based on an average value per unit.
7. The FMV of all non-operating property shall be assigned to the taxing jurisdictions in which it is located.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FORMS**

### **PT-41 PU Statement 1**

- 1. RETURN THIS FORM IN DUPLICATE. (ONE ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY)**
2. Fill in company name and year of return on the top part of form.
3. Enter the Fair Market Value for the total operating unit and allocate a portion of the unit value to Georgia.
4. Deduct the fair market value of pollution control equipment, locally assessed motor vehicles and any other tax exempt property. The fair market value determined for pollution control equipment and other tax exempt property shall be based on the ratio of the company fair market value to original cost times the original cost of the exempt property. File a copy of the DNR permit for any pollution control equipment for which an exemption is being claimed for the first time. A schedule of original cost and net book value of pollution control equipment, by county, must be submitted. The fair market value of motor vehicles shall be the values upon which the local assessment of the vehicles were based.
5. The total taxable fair market value of operating property in Georgia must equal the total of the "county" values on the PT-41 PU Statement 2 form for operating property.
6. Enter the total fair market value of all non-operating property in Georgia. The total taxable fair market value of non-operating property in Georgia must equal the total of the "county" values on the PT-42 PU Statement 2 form for non-operating property.
7. Have the form signed by the proper company official and notarized.

### **PT-41 PU STATEMENT 2**

On Form PT-41, Statement 2, the taxing districts are mutually exclusive. For each county in which property is located, a county total for the fair market value must be shown followed by a taxing district breakdown (county total and city totals) of that value. The total of the fair market values returned for the districts within a county must equal the fair market value returned for that county on the appropriate 100, 200, etc., series.

- 1. Return one copy of this form.**

2. Fill in the company name and year of the return on the top of the form.
3. In county order, enter the information for the county and the taxing districts within the county, first for operating property, then for non-operating property. See the enclosed sample.
4. Round values to nearest whole dollar amounts.
5. Refer to the prior year's assessment notice for the correct names of taxing Districts.
6. Value of Franchise - see enclosed instruction sheet for Apportionment and Distribution. For operating property, either enter value of franchise or leave blank. For non-operating property, enter "NON-OP".

### **PT42, PT42N AND P42NP**

1. This form must be filed in duplicate.
2. See separate instruction sheet enclosed.

### **PT-100 PU through PT-800 PU**

1. **Return one copy of this form.**
2. A 100, 200 etc. series form must be completed for each county where your company has property. This form is not necessary for other taxing districts.
3. Fill in the company name, year of the return and the county name on the top of the form.
4. For operating property:
  - a. Unit of measure column is for descriptive purposes only. Put number of miles, number of telephones, number of meters, etc. under the "number" column.
  - b. Deductions for pollution control equipment and locally assessed motor vehicles must be taken in the taxing jurisdiction where the equipment or vehicle is located. Values reported on this form should have the fair market value of pollution control equipment and motor vehicles already taken out using the formula given in PT-41 PU Statement 1 instructions.

- c. The fair market value entered for operating real estate must equal the total county value reported at the top of the PT-42 form for that county.
  - d. Franchise Value - see Apportionment and Distribution instructions on how to handle franchises.
  - e. The total county FMV - Operating Property must equal the corresponding "county" operating value on form PT-41 PU Statement 2.
5. For non-operating property:
- a. The fair market value entered for non-operating real estate must equal the total county value for non-operating property reported at the top of the PT-42N form for that county.
  - b. Enter the value of any other non-operating property. You must attach a schedule of any other non-operating property, giving a description, original cost, age, net book value and the taxing district(s) in which the property is located.
  - c. The total county FMV - Non-operating property must equal the corresponding "county" non-operating value on form PT-41 PU Statement 2.

### **PT-44 PU**

- 1. Return one copy of this form.**
2. Fill in the company name and year of the return on the top of the form.
3. This form must be returned if the company is returning a decreased fair market value in any taxing district. List the taxing districts in county order.
4. Show the dollar amounts of fair market value reduction and specific reason(s) for the reduction in fair market value.



State of Georgia
Department of Revenue

Annual Return for Taxation of the \_\_\_\_\_ Company,
FEIN# \_\_\_\_\_, of all property owned by said company on January 1, 20 \_\_\_\_\_ made to the
Department of Revenue, State of Georgia, in pursuance with law without deducting the indebtedness of said Company.
THIS RETURN MUST BE MADE ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH.

FAIR MARKET VALUE (FMV)

Unit value for entire company — Operating property only
Unit value for Georgia — Operating property only
DEDUCT:
Motor Vehicles locally assessed
Pollution control equipment
Other deductions (attached itemized list)
Total taxable FMV of operating property in Georgia
Total FMV for all non-operating property in Georgia

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Company Title)

State of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_

Before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, of said company, who being
duly sworn depose and saith that the foregoing statement contains a true and correct return of all property
owned, controlled, or held by or on behalf of said company therein named, without deducting indebtedness of
same on January 1, 20\_\_\_\_, and that the value thereof as stated is its fair market value.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

(NOTARY PUBLIC)





ANNUAL RETURN FOR TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL GAS COMPANIES  
DISTRIBUTION OF FAIR MARKET VALUE BY TYPES OF PROPERTY

January 1, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL EMPLOYER ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 1: TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION MAINS

DIAMETER	NUMBER MILES	YEAR INSTALLED	ORIGINAL COST	FAIR MARKET VALUE RETURNED BY COMPANY	REVENUE DEPARTMENT	
					DEPR. FACTOR	FAIR MARKET VALUE
FMV - ALL TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION MAINS						

SECTION 2: REGULATOR STATIONS

TYPE OF STATION	NUMBER STATIONS	YEAR BUILT	ORIGINAL COST	IMPROVEMENTS		FAIR MARKET VALUE RETURNED BY CO.	REVENUE DEPARTMENT		
				COST	YEAR		DEPR. FACTOR	COST BASE	FMV
Double Regular Field									
Small District Regulator									
Large District Regulator									
Take Station									
Small City Gate									
Large City Gate									
TOTAL FMV OF ALL REGULATORS STATIONS									

SECTION 3: SERVICES (Including Meters and Regulators)

TYPE SERVICE YEAR INSTALLED	NUMBER SERVICES	AVG. ORIGINAL COST PER SERV.	TOTAL ORIGINAL COST	FAIR MARKET VALUE RETURNED BY COMPANY	REVENUE DEPARTMENT	
					DEPR. FACTOR	FMV
Residential 1950-1960						
Residential 1960-1970						
Residential 1971-Present						
Commercial Date:						
Industrial Date:						
TOTAL VALUE OF ALL SERVICES						

SECTION 4: REMAINING PROPERTY

TYPE OF PROPERTY	YEAR ACQUIRED	TOTAL ORIGINAL COST	FAIR MARKET VALUE RETURNED BY COMPANY	REVENUE DEPARTMENT	
				DEPR. FACTOR	FMV
Tools, Shop and Work Equipment					
Materials and Supplies					
Office Furniture & Equipment					
*ALL OTHER PROPERTY					
TOTAL FMV OF ALL REMAINING PROPERTY					

\*INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS

SECTION 5: REAL ESTATE

TYPE OF PROPERTY	FAIR MARKET VALUE RETURNED BY COMPANY	FAIR MARKET VALUE-REVENUE DEPARTMENT

SECTION 6: FRANCHISE VALUE

VALUE ALLOCATED TO FRANCHISE BY COMPANY	FRANCHISE VALUE - REVENUE DEPARTMENT

TOTAL FMV RETURNED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL FMV PER REVENUE DEPARTMENT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REAL ESTATE  
BY TAXING JURISDICTION**

COMPANY	FEI #
COUNTY	DATE

TOTAL COUNTY VALUE FOR OPERATING REAL ESTATE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION AND ADDRESS	FAIR MARKET VALUE
OPERATING REAL ESTATE ONLY	

**SCHEDULE OF NON-OPERATING REAL ESTATE  
BY TAXING JURISDICTION**

COMPANY	FEI #
COUNTY	DATE

TOTAL COUNTY VALUE FOR NON-OPERATING REAL ESTATE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION AND ADDRESS	FAIR MARKET VALUE
<u>NON-OPERATING REAL ESTATE ONLY</u>	





## COMPANY CONTACT FORM

Please complete the following information and return to the State of Georgia, Local Government Services Division, Public Utility Section, with the filing of your annual property tax return.

NAME OF COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE (9 DIGIT) \_\_\_\_\_

INTERNET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL EMPLOYER ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Individual(s) to whom correspondence concerning tax matters should be directed:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE (9 digit) \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

FAX NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATIVE INDIVIDUAL(S) TO CONTACT, IF APPLICABLE:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

MAIN OFFICE NUMBER FOR COMPANY IF ABOVE INDIVIDUALS CANNOT BE REACHED. \_\_\_\_\_