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Jeff – Presently, the Tax Department is working with the Three Affiliated Tribes (TAT) at their request to draft tax collection and administration agreements between the State and TAT for alcohol, tobacco, hotel and restaurant, and motor vehicle rental taxes the TAT wish to impose on their membership. These agreements will be similar to the motor vehicle fuels tax and special fuels tax collection and administration agreement in place between the TAT and State. In that agreement, the Tax Department collects fuels taxes on all fuels purchased within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Reservation and distributes a portion of those taxes to the TAT based on the U.S. Census percentage of enrolled Native Americans versus non-enrolled persons living within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation. The Tax Department assesses an administration or service fee on the amount collected and distributed to the TAT.

Additionally, our office is preparing for a hearing to be held on August 3, 2010 at the Turtle Mountain Reservation related to a motor vehicle fuels tax and special fuels tax collection and administration agreement signed recently by the Tax Commissioner and Chairman of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians (TMBCI). The same terms described above for the TAT fuels taxes agreement will apply to this agreement with the TMBCI. Once the public hearing is held, the agreement will be reviewed for final approval by the Governor. If approved, the Tax Department will begin to provide the services covered in that agreement on September 1, 2010.

If the Committee or you would like additional information regarding these matters, please let me know. Thank you.

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