



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5727.02 Persons excepted.

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As used in this chapter, "public utility," "electric company," "natural gas company," "pipe-line company," "water-works company," "water transportation company," or "heating company" does not include any of the following:

(A)(1) Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, any person that is engaged in some other primary business to which the supplying of electricity, heat, natural gas, water, water transportation, steam, or air to others is incidental.

(2) For tax year 2009 and each tax year thereafter, a person that is engaged in some other primary business to which the supplying of electricity to others is incidental shall be treated as an "electric company" and a "public utility" for purposes of this chapter solely to the extent required by section 5727.031 of the Revised Code.

(3) For purposes of division (A) of this section and section 5727.031 of the Revised Code:

(a) "Supplying of electricity" means generating, transmitting, or distributing electricity.

(b) A person that leases to others energy facilities with an aggregate nameplate capacity in this state of two hundred fifty kilowatts or less per lease is not supplying electricity to others.

(c) A person that owns, or leases from another person, energy facilities with an aggregate nameplate capacity in this state of two hundred fifty kilowatts or less is not supplying electricity to others, regardless of whether the owner or lessee engages in net metering as defined in section 4928.01 of the Revised Code.

(d) A political subdivision of this state that owns an energy facility is not supplying electricity to others regardless of the nameplate capacity of the facility if the primary purpose of the facility is to supply electricity for the political subdivision's own use. As used in this division, "political subdivision" means a county, township, municipal corporation, or any other body corporate and politic that is responsible for government activities in a geographic area smaller than that of the state.

(B) Any person that supplies electricity, natural gas, water, water transportation, steam, or air to its tenants, whether for a separate charge or otherwise;

(C) Any person whose primary business in this state consists of producing, refining, or marketing petroleum or its products.



(D) Any person whose primary business in this state consists of producing or gathering natural gas rather than supplying or distributing natural gas to consumers. A person's primary business is gathering natural gas if the total dekatherms of natural gas the person gathers exceeds the total dekatherms of natural gas the person purchases from nongathered sources in a calendar year.
