

Waiver of Penalties Related to Certain Missing Royalty/Tax Payer (RTP) Errors for the October 2013 Billing Processing Month

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Purpose: The purpose of this tip is to notify companies that the Ministry of the Economy (ECON) will initiate a waiver of penalties related to certain missing RTP errors for the October 2013 billing processing month.

Background: As a result of the implementation of ECON's new billing system earlier in 2013, changes were required to the program on our legacy system which assigns the applicable associated gas (gas produced from oil wells) royalty/tax status to each well. However, when the program changes were implemented, the associated gas royalty/tax status for some of the oil wells was not assigned as a result of a coding oversight.

The necessary changes required to address the coding oversight were implemented by ECON on November 25th, 2013 and as a result, an RTA record was created and sent by ECON to Petrinex with respect to gas production from certain wells which previously did not have an RTA record for gas. Since Petrinex requires an RTP record for every well/unit/IF that has an RTA record, an RTP100 error was created for each of these wells.

For those BAs that responded to the error messages and created the required RTP record, the appropriate royalties/taxes payable on these wells has been reflected in the October 2013 billing processing month. However, for those that did not submit the required RTP record before the end of the month, a non-compliance penalty was assessed in that same billing.



TIP

Key Message: Since the sweep which would have alerted BAs with respect to these RTP errors was not available until the morning of November 28th, some BAs did not have time to respond to the RTP requirement before the end of the last business day of the month (November 29th). As a result of the changes coming so late in the month and without forewarning, ECON will initiate a waiver of those penalties related to the missing RTP errors that were caused by the creation of these new associated gas royalty/tax statuses during the October 2013 billing processing month.

For More information:

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