



UTE INDIAN TRIBE

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PUBLIC NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

In response to Tribal membership requests, the Ute Indian Tribe Business Committee has made a decision to authorize a bonus distribution to all Tribal members from the Ute Energy L.L.C. revenue. This distribution will be taxable to individual Tribal members and may have an impact on eligibility for public benefits.

While revenue generated from tribal trust resources is generally tax-exempt to the Tribe, individual tribal members are subject to federal income tax for per capita payments made from income derived from tribal trust property. Therefore, the bonus distribution will be taxable income to each individual Tribal member.

The bonus distribution may also impact tribal members' eligibility for various public benefits that use income as a determinative factor for eligibility, including benefits for welfare, food, housing, and healthcare insurance. The Per Capita Act provides that per capita distributions of all funds held in a trust account with the Secretary of Interior are excluded from income and resources. However, because the Ute Energy L.L.C. revenue is not held in a trust account pursuant to the Per Capita, any per capita payments made to individual Tribal members derived from Ute Energy L.L.C. will be counted as income and may result in Tribal members being denied or cut off benefits.

Thank you for your attention to this notice.

DATED THIS 18th DAY OF June 2024.

On Behalf of the Ute Indian Tribe Business
Committee:


Julius T. Murray III
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