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# More alcohol licenses, fuel tax changes

The Nitijela greatly reduced the tax on gasoline while doubling the number of licenses that can be issued by the Ministry of Finance to businesses to import alcohol and tobacco.

Bill 82, introduced by Finance Minister Brenson Wase, was passed last Friday with these and other tax changes.

It increases the number of licenses to be issued from 15 for alcohol and 15 for tobacco to 30 for each.

It also eliminated references to number of licenses for Majuro and Ebeye, with the 30 for Marshall Islands.

In another amendment to the import duties law, the Nitijela agreed to:

- Eliminate all import exemptions for

RMI government purchases (which were previously tax-exempt).

- Exempt fuel purchases for producing electricity, as well as "lubricating oil" used by the two power companies, MEC and KAJUR.

- Charge import duties on MEC imports of fuel for sales to fishing vessels.

- Change the percentage tax on fuel to a fixed amount, so that gasoline will now be taxed at 25 cents per gallon instead of 20 percent of land price per gallon (this will amount to a reduction in the cost per gallon of gas of 15-20 cents); jet fuel and diesel will now be taxed at the flat rate of 10 cents per gallon instead of eight percent of landed costs).

## Kathleen's a powerful gal

MEC has named the first woman to manage one of its outer island power operations.

Long-time MEC accounting manager Kathleen Anidreb was named manager of MEC Jaluit on October 1.

She supervises the power plant operation, distribution, billing and administration for Jaluit Atoll.

She replaces Thompson Hertin who retired at the end of last month. Marshalls Energy Company general manager Billy Roberts said she is the first Marshall Islands woman to manage a power plant.

Anidreb started working with MEC's Majuro office in 1993.

"We needed a good administrative manager knowledgeable about MEC," Roberts said. "Kathleen started from the bottom in the accounting department and is fully conversant with MEC and the goals of the company. She is the ideal candidate for the job."

As a result of Anidreb's move to Jaluit, Tracy Kattil is now accounting manager in MEC's Majuro office, while Jade Amram has been moved up to deputy accounting manager.

In other MEC staff developments affecting the outer islands, the recent death of Warner Jacob who was managing MEC power operations on Wotje has resulted in Glenn Lakjohn taking over as MEC Wotje manager. Jacob was the son of long-time MEC Majuro distribution chief Jackie Jacob.

## Big debt to Mobil

The Marshalls Energy Company owes Mobil about \$4 million for fuel purchased in recent months, according to general manager Billy Roberts.

He dismissed rumors circulating around Majuro that the amount owed to Mobil was \$13 million. Roberts indicated that the main reason for MEC's debt to Mobil is because without fuel deliveries from Mobil earlier this year, MEC had to halt sales of fuel to fishing vessels in the June-August period, resulting in a huge decrease in MEC revenues.

MEC and Mobil have had contracts for fuel supply for about 13 years, but since 2004 have been unable to reach agreement on a new contract. The two companies are currently discussing a long-term fuel contract.

MEC has historically used revenues from sales of fuel to fishing boats to subsidize the price of providing below-cost electricity to Majuro businesses, government offices and private homes. There is no money in the new fiscal year budget to cover the \$4 million debt to Mobil.

### Nuclear Claims Tribunal

#### Kōjjelā Kin Joñan Kōllā eo an Iiō in 2005

Ilo juon ennaan eo ear walok ilo September 30, 2005, Nuclear Claims Tribunal eo ear kōjjelā kin karok kein:

- 1) Ñan claim ko im emōj aer bōk kōllā kin joñan in 90%, 83%, 81% ak 62% in total in kōllā ko aer, joñan kōllā eo ilo 2005 enaaj juon percent (1%). [Claim kein raar weppān jen Tribunal mokta jen October 2003.]
- 2) Ñan claim ko im emōj aer bōk kōllā kin joñan in 30% in total in kōllā ko aer, joñan kōllā eo ilo 2005 enaaj ruo percent (2%). [Claim kein raar weppān im jino kōllā ilo tōreo jen October 2003 lok ñan September 2004.]
- 3) Ñan claim ko im emōj aer bōk kōllā kin joñan in 20% in total in kōllā ko aer, joñan kōllā eo ilo 2005 enaaj emen percent (4%). [Claim kein raar weppān ilo tōreo jen October in 2004 tok ñan September 2005.]
- 4) Ñan claim ko rekāāl im rej kab naaj weppān jen October 2005 im etal, joñan kōllā eo jinoin enaj 15%.

Ajej in kōllā ko an iiō in enaj ijino ilo office ko an Tribunal ilo Majuro ilo 9:00 awa jibbōñ ilo raan in Tuesday, October 25 im enaaj wōnmanlok ilo Ebeye im aelōñ in Kwajalein ilo wiik eo juon jino jen November 1.

Tribunal ekōnaan bar karoñ ro tellokier ke enaaj lelok kōllā ko an iiō in ñan ro wōt me etaer rej walok ilo check ko ak ro im rej nukin rikōllā im ewor peba in kōmelim ejjet im mool. Kajjitōk jibañ jen kajojo bwe komin jouj im bōktok ippāmi ID ko ami ak peba in kamol kin etami.

### Nuclear Claims Tribunal

#### Notice of 2005 Annual Pro-Rata Payment

Nuclear Claims Tribunal announced the following determinations:

- 1) For awards which have previously been paid 90%, 83%, 81% or 62% of the total, the 2005 annual pro rata payment will be one percent (1%) of the total net award. [NOTE: These awards were initially approved by the Tribunal prior to October 2003.]
- 2) For awards which have previously received 30%, the 2005 annual pro rata payment will be two percent (2%) of the total net award. [NOTE: These awards were approved between October 2003 and September 2004.]
- 3) For awards which have previously received 20%, the 2005 annual pro rata payment will be four percent (4%) of the total net award. [NOTE: These awards were approved between October 2004 and September 2005.]
- 4) The initial payment rate for awards made after October 1, 2005, will be 15%.

Distribution of this year's annual payments will begin at the Tribunal offices in Majuro at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday October 25, 2005, and will continue at Ebeye and Kwajalein atoll during the week of November 1. Tribunal policy provides that annual payment checks will be released only to the award recipient or to a family member with a properly executed power of attorney. All awardees are requested to bring proper identification with them.