



# Wyoming Fuel Tax News

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## WYDOT Celebrates 100 Years

2017 marks an important milestone for WYDOT as we are celebrating 100 years of transportation in Wyoming.

A little of our history: The Wyoming Legislature created the Wyoming Highway Commission in 1917, at the same time the Wyoming Highway Department was formed. The original commission consisted of five members, representing each of the original five judicial districts in the state. When two more judicial districts were formed in 1950, two commissioners were added. Today, the commission membership remains at seven despite the addition of still more judicial districts. Commissioners are appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Wyoming State Senate.

Until state government reorganization in 1991, the commission controlled all of the Highway Department's budget and named the superintendent and chief engineer (as the top administrator was then known). Reorganization changed the agency's name to the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) and enlarged the scope of the agency's duties. Concurrently, the commission became the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, and the commission's duties were altered as well.

The administrative portion of the budget is now under legislative control, and the Governor appoints the WYDOT Director. The Wyoming Legislature retains control of the budgets for the agencies merged with the Department of Transportation. These entities include Aeronautics, the transportation portions of Revenue and Taxation and the Public Service Commission, the ports of entry, and the Highway Patrol. The Patrol has always been a part of the Department, but its budget was, and remains, legislatively

controlled.

To celebrate this 100 year milestone, Director Panos and WYDOT Executive Staff invited all WYDOT employees to "All-Hands State of the Agency" meetings across the state in August. Additionally, a regional stakeholder summit with public and private sector partners is being planned for December of this year.

This got us in FTA to thinking: What's the history of fuel tax in the state of Wyoming? Until the reorganization of state government that is referenced above, Fuel Tax Administration resided in the Department of Revenue. The presumed intention of moving FTA to WYDOT was the relation of fuel tax revenue to the Highway Fund and highway construction and maintenance in general. Somewhere in the neighborhood of 1998, Fuel Tax Administration became a standalone program within the agency. We are happy to be an integral part of WYDOT family, and we like being part of the agency that puts the collected fuel taxes to work on the roads.

Around the same time we were thinking about our history, we were asked to compile a history of fuel tax rates in the state of Wyoming. Ironically, we did not possess a history of fuel tax rates, and obviously if FTA didn't have the history, nobody else had it put together either. After a good amount of research, we did get the history of fuel taxation in Wyoming put together, and you can see the results of that research on the chart listed on page three of this newsletter.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WYDOT!! We're looking forward to the future while appreciating and learning from our past.

# Electronic Signature Update

The electronic signature project continues moving forward, and we are very excited about its pending implementation. It will definitely be beneficial to our customers as we are getting closer to a “one-stop shop” environment, and it will allow us to work more efficiently and effectively.

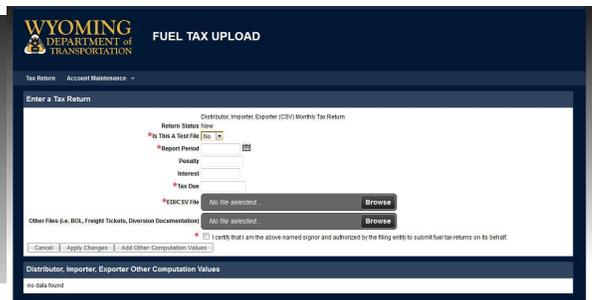
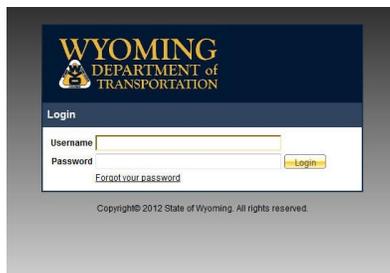
We just recently concluded testing with supplier customers, and we are now beginning the process of testing with distributor

customers. A huge *Thank You* to everyone that has agreed to help us with the testing process.

Once tested and refined, the new website will allow customers to drop their electronic files, complete the coversheet, attach other relevant documents, and electronically sign to submit their monthly fuel tax return. While this version will not have the option to “pay now,” that option is still on the drawing board for future

development. However, the option currently exists to set-up ACH payments, and we are encouraging all customers to take advantage of this option.

We will have additional information to share following the testing period, and the hope is to have the new site in place by the end of January 2018. As always, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



# New Team Member Joins FTA

Wyoming Fuel Tax Administration is happy to welcome Deana Albach to the FTA Team! Deana joined us on October 2nd as the newest Fuel Tax Examiner on the team.

Deana comes to FTA from Cheyenne Regional Medical Center where she worked as a Patient Financial Specialist. Prior to her work at CRMC, Deana worked as a Business Development

Manager at Tyrrell-Doyle Auto Centers and as a Office Manager at Sports Arena, Inc.

When she’s not working, Deana loves spending time with her daughter, Natosha and her grandsons, Donovan and Dominick. She also enjoys spending time with her furry friends (outstanding cat stories!), doing crafts with family, and bowling.

Deana has already started the training process at FTA, and she will begin working accounts in the very near future. We’re excited about what she brings to the team, and we’re hoping to tap into her well-rounded professional experience as we move into building our new Balanced Scorecard strategic plan.

**Welcome to the team, Deana!**



# History of Fuel Taxes in the State of Wyoming

Years	Gasoline Tax Rate (per gallon)	Years	Diesel Tax Rate (per gallon)	Years	Alternative Fuel Tax Rate
1923-1924	\$0.010	1923-1955	\$0.000		\$0.000
1925-1926	\$0.025	1956	\$0.040		\$0.000
1927-1928	\$0.030	1957-1966	\$0.070		\$0.000
1929-1950	\$0.040	1967-1985	*\$0.000		\$0.000
1951-1966	\$0.050	1986-1988	\$0.080		
1967-1975	\$0.070	1989-1997	\$0.090		
1976-1989	\$0.080	1988-2012	\$0.140		
1990-1997	\$0.090	2013-Present	\$0.240		
1998-2012	\$0.140				
2013-Present	\$0.240				

\*Diesel went to a 1 mill tax per ton mile (1969-1975) and a 1.1 mill tax per ton mile (1976-1985)

## Wyoming FTA Customer Profile



NAME: Bruce Heine  
 COMPANY NAME: Magellan Midstream Partners, LP

**How long have you been in business?**  
 16 years - Formerly a part of Williams Companies, Magellan began trading as Williams Energy Partners in February 2001. In September 2003, we changed our name to Magellan Midstream Partners and began trading under the stock ticker MMP.

**Where is your business located?**  
 Our headquarters is in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We own the longest refined petroleum products pipeline system in the US with operations in 26 states, including our Cheyenne, Wyoming terminal.

**How many people work for your company?**  
 We have over 1,700 employees.

**What is the biggest challenge your business is facing right now?**  
 It has become more difficult to construct new energy infrastructure due to the permit timeline in certain states and organized opposition.

**What changes would you like to see Fuel Tax Administration implement?**  
 We hear that a Wyoming terminal operator report may be on the horizon. If one is implemented, Magellan's tax department would like to request an electronic filing option.

**Any words of wisdom you would like to share?**  
 You can know the tax law, but if you don't know all the facts, you don't know the answer.

# We Share Your **PASSION**



**Vicki Klein:**  
**Tax Examiner**

My true passion is spending time with my husband, children, grandchildren and my Shih Tzu. However, I have many passions in my life; Reading, cooking, cars and trucks.

I enjoy spending as much time as possible with my family. I look forward to spending time in Texas with my girls. We always plan fun outdoor activities such as hanging out on the beach at San Padre Island, the river walk or hiking. I love spending time with my husband and we are always laughing and enjoy each other. We are happy just hanging out at home working

or on one of our many adventures. I enjoy my “at home” time as well because I love working in my yard, cooking and just relaxing. I love reading any kind of book as I read romance smuts to documentaries. It is very relaxing for me to get lost in a book.

It is very important for me to remember where I have been and where I will go through maintaining positive relationships with family and friends. It is important to content myself in my surroundings so I will always know where security lies within my life, and to build a reputation of being dedicated to every goal I choose to pursue while having successes in both my personal and professional life. I like to

enjoy every moment along this journey finding laughter, love, and happiness with each day that passes.

I have a couple of fun cars. (NO FORDS THOUGH!)



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