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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny accelerated depreciation for electric generating facilities having excess profits in order to prevent taxpayers operating such facilities from having both excess profits and tax incentives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McDERMOTT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DENIAL OF ACCELERATED DEPRECIATION FOR**
4 **ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES HAVING**
5 **EXCESS PROFITS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 168 of the Internal Rev-
7 enue Code of 1986 (relating to accelerated cost recovery

1 system) is amended by adding at the end the following
2 new subsection:

3 “(k) DENIAL OF ACCELERATED DEPRECIATION FOR
4 CERTAIN ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If there are excess profits
6 with respect to an electric generating facility for any
7 taxable year—

8 “(A) the depreciation deduction provided
9 by section 167(a) for such taxable year with re-
10 spect to any property which is part of such fa-
11 cility shall be determined under the alternative
12 depreciation system of subsection (g) (as if such
13 system applied to such property for all previous
14 taxable years), and

15 “(B) any previously allowed accelerated
16 benefits with respect to any such property shall
17 be recaptured by including the amount of such
18 benefits in the gross income of the taxpayer for
19 such taxable year.

20 “(2) EXCESS PROFITS.—There are excess prof-
21 its with respect to an electric generating facility for
22 any taxable year if the facility has a pretax rate of
23 return for such taxable year in excess of 15 percent.

24 “(3) PRETAX RATE OF RETURN.—The pretax
25 rate of return for any taxable year with respect to

1 any electric generating facility is the percentage ob-
2 tained by dividing—

3 “(A) the taxpayer’s net income from such
4 facility for such taxable year, by

5 “(B) the average of the taxpayer’s net in-
6 vestment in the facility as of the beginning of
7 each month in the taxable year.

8 “(4) NET INVESTMENT.—The net investment in
9 any facility is the excess of the aggregate adjusted
10 bases of the property which is part of such facility
11 over the taxpayer’s indebtedness allocable to such fa-
12 cility. For purposes of the preceding sentence, in-
13 debtedness that is incurred to construct, improve, or
14 acquire property, and that is secured by an interest
15 in such property shall be allocated to such property.
16 All other indebtedness of the taxpayer shall be allo-
17 cated among the items of property held by the tax-
18 payer based on their respective adjusted bases.

19 “(5) NET INCOME.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The net income of the
21 taxpayer from the operation of an electric gen-
22 erating facility is the excess of—

23 “(i) gross income from the sale of
24 electricity produced at such facility, over

1 “(ii) the deductions allowable by this
2 subtitle which are directly allocable to the
3 operations of such facility.

4 “(B) SALES TO RELATED PERSONS.—If a
5 sale of electricity is to a related person (within
6 the meaning of section 482), the sale shall be
7 treated for purposes of this paragraph as being
8 made at the price at which the electricity is
9 first sold to a person who is not a related per-
10 son (as so defined), minus transmission costs.

11 “(C) DETERMINATION ADJUSTED BASIS,
12 ETC.—For purposes of this paragraph and
13 paragraph (4), adjusted bases and depreciation
14 deductions shall be determined as if the alter-
15 native system of subsection (g) applied to the
16 facility for all taxable years and only interest on
17 indebtedness allocable to the facility shall be
18 taken into account.

19 “(6) PREVIOUSLY ALLOWED ACCELERATED
20 BENEFITS.—The previously allowed accelerated ben-
21 efits with respect to property are the excess of—

22 “(A) depreciation deduction allowable
23 under section 167(a) with respect to such prop-
24 erty for all prior taxable years, over

1 “(B) the amount that would have been so
2 allowable if such deductions had been deter-
3 mined under the alternative depreciation system
4 of subsection (g) for all prior taxable years.

5 “(7) TREATMENT OF RECAPTURED AMOUNT.—
6 The adjusted basis of any property with respect to
7 which there is an amount included in gross income
8 under paragraph (1)(B) shall be increased by the
9 amount so included.

10 “(8) EXEMPTIONS FOR FACILITIES USING RE-
11 NEWABLE ENERGY.—This subsection shall not apply
12 to any facility producing electricity from renewable
13 sources. For purposes of the preceding sentence, re-
14 newable sources are wind, sun, or water power.”

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
16 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
17 December 31, 2000.

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