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<u>Present law</u> exempts natural gas and electric power or energy from state sales and use tax. However, this exemption has been suspended for a period of time as follows:

From July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2009, natural gas and electric power or energy are taxed 2 cents. (R.S. 47:302(R)).

From July 1, 2004, natural gas and electric power or energy are taxed 1 cent. (R.S. 47:321(H)).

From July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2009, natural gas and electric power or energy are taxed .02 cent. (R.S. 47:331(P)(1) and (2)).

<u>Proposed law</u> lifts the suspension so that natural gas and electric power or energy are exempted from the state sales and use tax.

Effective January 1, 2006.

(Amends R.S. 47:331(P)(2); adds R.S. 47:302(T), 321(J), and 331(R))