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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO 2011 SENATE BILL 31**

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1     **AN ACT to amend** 71.05 (6) (a) 15., 71.21 (4), 71.26 (2) (a) 4., 71.34 (1k) (g), 71.45  
2           (2) (a) 10. and 77.92 (4); and **to create** 71.07 (6n), 71.10 (4) (cs), 71.28 (6n), 71.30  
3           (3) (dp), 71.47 (6n), 71.49 (1) (dp) and 238.21 of the statutes; **relating to:**  
4           creating an income and franchise tax credit for constructing and operating a  
5           data center that is designed for maximum energy efficiency and minimum  
6           environmental impact.

***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

7           **SECTION 1.** 71.05 (6) (a) 15. of the statutes, as affected by 2011 Wisconsin Act  
8           32, is amended to read:

9           71.05 (6) (a) 15. The amount of the credits computed under s. 71.07 (2dd), (2de),  
10           (2di), (2dj), (2dL), (2dm), (2dr), (2ds), (2dx), (2dy), (3g), (3h), (3n), (3p), (3q), (3r),  
11           (3rm), (3rn), (3s), (3t), (3w), (5e), (5f), (5h), (5i), (5j), (5k), (5n), (5r), (5rm), (6n), and

1 (8r) and not passed through by a partnership, limited liability company, or  
2 tax-option corporation that has added that amount to the partnership's, company's,  
3 or tax-option corporation's income under s. 71.21 (4) or 71.34 (1k) (g).

4 **SECTION 2.** 71.07 (6n) of the statutes is created to read:

5 71.07 **(6n)** GREEN DATA CENTER CREDIT. (a) *Definitions.* In this subsection:

6 1. "Claimant" means a person who files a claim under this subsection and who  
7 is certified under s. 238.21.

8 2. "Green data center" has the meaning given in s. 238.21 (1).

9 (b) *Filing claims.* Subject to the limitations provided in this subsection and s.  
10 238.21, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2011, and before January 1,  
11 2014, a claimant may claim as a credit against the taxes imposed under s. 71.02, up  
12 to the amount of the taxes, the amount that the claimant paid in the taxable year for  
13 any of the items listed under s. 238.21 (1) (a) 1. to 3., (b) 1. to 4., and (c) that are used  
14 to construct a green data center or to retrofit a data center to become a green data  
15 center.

16 (c) *Limitations.* 1. The maximum amount of all credits that may be claimed  
17 under this subsection and ss. 71.28 (6n) and 71.47 (6n) is \$2,000,000. No claimant  
18 may claim a credit under this subsection unless the claimant submits with the  
19 claimant's return a copy of the claimant's certification for credits under s. 238.21.

20 2. Partnerships, limited liability companies, and tax-option corporations may  
21 not claim the credit under this subsection, but the eligibility for, and the amount of,  
22 the credit are based on their payment of amounts under par. (b). A partnership,  
23 limited liability company, or tax-option corporation shall compute the amount of  
24 credit that each of its partners, members, or shareholders may claim and shall  
25 provide that information to each of them. Partners, members of limited liability

1 companies, and shareholders of tax-option corporations may claim the credit in  
2 proportion to their ownership interests.

3 (d) *Administration.* Section 71.28 (4) (e) to (h), as it applies to the credit under  
4 s. 71.28 (4), applies to the credit under this subsection.

5 **SECTION 3.** 71.10 (4) (cs) of the statutes is created to read:

6 71.10 (4) (cs) Green data center credit under s. 71.07 (6n).

7 **SECTION 4.** 71.21 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, is  
8 amended to read:

9 71.21 (4) Credits computed by a partnership under s. 71.07 (2dd), (2de), (2di),  
10 (2dj), (2dL), (2dm), (2ds), (2dx), (2dy), (3g), (3h), (3n), (3p), (3q), (3r), (3rm), (3rn), (3s),  
11 (3t), (3w), (5e), (5f), (5g), (5h), (5i), (5j), (5k), (5n), (5r), (5rm), (6n), and (8r) and passed  
12 through to partners shall be added to the partnership's income.

13 **SECTION 5.** 71.26 (2) (a) 4. of the statutes, as affected by 2011 Wisconsin Act 32,  
14 is amended to read:

15 71.26 (2) (a) 4. Plus the amount of the credit computed under s. 71.28 (1dd),  
16 (1de), (1di), (1dj), (1dL), (1dm), (1ds), (1dx), (1dy), (3g), (3h), (3n), (3p), (3q), (3r),  
17 (3rm), (3rn), (3t), (3w), (5e), (5f), (5g), (5h), (5i), (5j), (5k), (5n), (5r), (5rm), (6n), (8r),  
18 and (9s) and not passed through by a partnership, limited liability company, or  
19 tax-option corporation that has added that amount to the partnership's, limited  
20 liability company's, or tax-option corporation's income under s. 71.21 (4) or 71.34 (1k)  
21 (g).

22 **SECTION 6.** 71.28 (6n) of the statutes is created to read:

23 71.28 (6n) GREEN DATA CENTER CREDIT. (a) *Definitions.* In this subsection:

24 1. "Claimant" means a person who files a claim under this subsection and who  
25 is certified under s. 238.21.

1           2. “Green data center” has the meaning given in s. 238.21 (1).

2           (b) *Filing claims.* Subject to the limitations provided in this subsection and s.  
3           238.21, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2011, and before January 1,  
4           2014, a claimant may claim as a credit against the taxes imposed under s. 71.23, up  
5           to the amount of the taxes, the amount that the claimant paid in the taxable year for  
6           any of the items listed under s. 238.21 (1) (a) 1. to 3., (b) 1. to 4., and (c) that are used  
7           to construct a green data center or to retrofit a data center to become a green data  
8           center.

9           (c) *Limitations.* 1. The maximum amount of all credits that may be claimed  
10           under this subsection and ss. 71.07 (6n) and 71.47 (6n) is \$2,000,000. No claimant  
11           may claim a credit under this subsection unless the claimant submits with the  
12           claimant’s return a copy of the claimant’s certification for credits under s. 238.21.

13           2. Partnerships, limited liability companies, and tax-option corporations may  
14           not claim the credit under this subsection, but the eligibility for, and the amount of,  
15           the credit are based on their payment of amounts under par. (b). A partnership,  
16           limited liability company, or tax-option corporation shall compute the amount of  
17           credit that each of its partners, members, or shareholders may claim and shall  
18           provide that information to each of them. Partners, members of limited liability  
19           companies, and shareholders of tax-option corporations may claim the credit in  
20           proportion to their ownership interests.

21           (d) *Administration.* Subsection (4) (e) to (h), as it applies to the credit under  
22           sub. (4), applies to the credit under this subsection.

23           **SECTION 7.** 71.30 (3) (dp) of the statutes is created to read:

24           71.30 (3) (dp) Green data center credit under s. 71.28 (6n).

1           **SECTION 8.** 71.34 (1k) (g) of the statutes, as affected by 2011 Wisconsin Act 32,  
2 is amended to read:

3           71.34 **(1k)** (g) An addition shall be made for credits computed by a tax-option  
4 corporation under s. 71.28 (1dd), (1de), (1di), (1dj), (1dL), (1dm), (1ds), (1dx), (1dy),  
5 (3), (3g), (3h), (3n), (3p), (3q), (3r), (3rm), (3rn), (3t), (3w), (5e), (5f), (5g), (5h), (5i), (5j),  
6 (5k), (5n), (5r), (5rm), (6n), and (8r) and passed through to shareholders.

7           **SECTION 9.** 71.45 (2) (a) 10. of the statutes, as affected by 2011 Wisconsin Act  
8 32, is amended to read:

9           71.45 **(2)** (a) 10. By adding to federal taxable income the amount of credit  
10 computed under s. 71.47 (1dd) to (1dy), (3g), (3h), (3n), (3p), (3q), (3r), (3rm), (3rn),  
11 (3w), (5e), (5f), (5g), (5h), (5i), (5j), (5k), (5n), (5r), (5rm), (6n), (8r), and (9s) and not  
12 passed through by a partnership, limited liability company, or tax-option  
13 corporation that has added that amount to the partnership's, limited liability  
14 company's, or tax-option corporation's income under s. 71.21 (4) or 71.34 (1k) (g) and  
15 the amount of credit computed under s. 71.47 (1), (3), (3t), (4), (4m), and (5).

16           **SECTION 10.** 71.47 (6n) of the statutes is created to read:

17           71.47 **(6n)** GREEN DATA CENTER CREDIT. (a) *Definitions.* In this subsection:

18           1. "Claimant" means a person who files a claim under this subsection and who  
19 is certified under s. 238.21.

20           2. "Green data center" has the meaning given in s. 238.21 (1).

21           (b) *Filing claims.* Subject to the limitations provided in this subsection and s.  
22 238.21, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2011, and before January 1,  
23 2014, a claimant may claim as a credit against the taxes imposed under s. 71.43, up  
24 to the amount of the taxes, the amount that the claimant paid in the taxable year for  
25 any of the items listed under s. 238.21 (1) (a) 1. to 3., (b) 1. to 4., and (c) that are used

1 to construct a green data center or to retrofit a data center to become a green data  
2 center.

3 (c) *Limitations.* 1. The maximum amount of all credits that may be claimed  
4 under this subsection and ss. 71.07 (6n) and 71.28 (6n) is \$2,000,000. No claimant  
5 may claim a credit under this subsection unless the claimant submits with the  
6 claimant's return a copy of the claimant's certification for credits under s. 238.21.

7 2. Partnerships, limited liability companies, and tax-option corporations may  
8 not claim the credit under this subsection, but the eligibility for, and the amount of,  
9 the credit are based on their payment of amounts under par. (b). A partnership,  
10 limited liability company, or tax-option corporation shall compute the amount of  
11 credit that each of its partners, members, or shareholders may claim and shall  
12 provide that information to each of them. Partners, members of limited liability  
13 companies, and shareholders of tax-option corporations may claim the credit in  
14 proportion to their ownership interests.

15 (d) *Administration.* Section 71.28 (4) (e) to (h), as it applies to the credit under  
16 s. 71.28 (4), applies to the credit under this subsection.

17 **SECTION 11.** 71.49 (1) (dp) of the statutes is created to read:

18 71.49 (1) (dp) Green data center credit under s. 71.47 (6n).

19 **SECTION 12.** 77.92 (4) of the statutes, as affected by 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, is  
20 amended to read:

21 77.92 (4) "Net business income," with respect to a partnership, means taxable  
22 income as calculated under section 703 of the Internal Revenue Code; plus the items  
23 of income and gain under section 702 of the Internal Revenue Code, including taxable  
24 state and municipal bond interest and excluding nontaxable interest income or  
25 dividend income from federal government obligations; minus the items of loss and

1 deduction under section 702 of the Internal Revenue Code, except items that are not  
2 deductible under s. 71.21; plus guaranteed payments to partners under section 707  
3 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code; plus the credits claimed under s. 71.07 (2dd), (2de),  
4 (2di), (2dj), (2dL), (2dm), (2dr), (2ds), (2dx), (2dy), (3g), (3h), (3n), (3p), (3q), (3r),  
5 (3rm), (3rn), (3s), (3t), (3w), (5e), (5f), (5g), (5h), (5i), (5j), (5k), (5n), (5r), (5rm), (6n),  
6 and (8r); and plus or minus, as appropriate, transitional adjustments, depreciation  
7 differences, and basis differences under s. 71.05 (13), (15), (16), (17), and (19); but  
8 excluding income, gain, loss, and deductions from farming. “Net business income,”  
9 with respect to a natural person, estate, or trust, means profit from a trade or  
10 business for federal income tax purposes and includes net income derived as an  
11 employee as defined in section 3121 (d) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

12 **SECTION 13.** 238.21 of the statutes is created to read:

13 **238.21 Green data center tax credit. (1)** In this section, “green data center”  
14 means a repository for the storage, management, and dissemination of data, if the  
15 mechanical, lighting, electrical, and computer systems of the real property in which  
16 the repository is located are designed for maximum energy efficiency and minimum  
17 environmental impact and if the repository uses all of the following:

18 (a) At least 2 of the following:

- 19 1. Low-emission building materials, including carpets and paints.
- 20 2. Sustainable landscaping.
- 21 3. An electronic waste recycling program, as defined by the corporation.

22 (b) At least 2 of the following:

- 23 1. Catalytic converters on back-up generators.
- 24 2. Photovoltaics.
- 25 3. Heat pumps.

1           4. Evaporative cooling.

2           (c) Equipment or equipment components that have at least 25 percent less than  
3 the maximum amount allowed under federal law, or none, of at least 4 of the  
4 following:

5           1. Mercury.

6           2. Cadmium.

7           3. Lead.

8           4. Chromium VI.

9           5. Polybrominated biphenyls.

10          6. Polybrominated diphenyl ether.

11          **(2)** The corporation shall implement a program to certify businesses for the  
12 purposes of ss. 71.07 (6n), 71.28 (6n), and 71.47 (6n). A business shall submit an  
13 application to the corporation in each calendar year for which the business desires  
14 certification.

15          **(3)** The corporation may certify a business under this section if, in the  
16 business's taxable year ending immediately before the date of the business's  
17 application, the business paid for an item listed in sub. (1) (a) 1. to 3., (b) 1. to 4., or  
18 (c) and the item was used to construct a green data center or to retrofit a data center  
19 to become a green data center.

20          **(4)** If the corporation certifies a business under sub. (3), the corporation shall  
21 determine the maximum amount of tax credits the business may claim under ss.  
22 71.07 (6n), 71.28 (6n), and 71.47 (6n). The total amount of tax credits allocated to all  
23 certified businesses under this section may not exceed \$2,000,000.

24          **(5)** The corporation shall notify the department of revenue of every certification  
25 under this section, the maximum amount of tax credits a certified business may



1 claim under ss. 71.07 (6n), 71.28 (6n), and 71.47 (6n), and of the date on which a  
2 certification is revoked or expires.

3 **(6)** The corporation shall compile a list of businesses certified under this section  
4 and the taxable years for which the businesses are certified and shall make the list  
5 available to the public at the corporation's Internet Web site.

6 **(END)**