TABLE 40. PIPED NATURAL GAS EXCISE TAX COLLECTIONS	
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				Distributions and Transfers				
							Year-ov	/er-year
			Net			Collections	% change	
	Gross		collections		Special	to		Amount
	tax		before	Municipal	Reserve	General		to
Fiscal	collections	Refunds	transfers	share	Fund	Fund	Gross	General
year	[\$]	[\$]	[\$]	[\$]	[\$]	[\$]	collections	Fund
1999-00	48,965,167	4,063	48,961,104	21,245,968		27,715,136		
2000-01	65,165,433		65,165,433	27,952,436		37,212,997	33.09%	34.27%
2001-02	65,324,778	257,719	65,067,059	7,953,531	16,163,604	40,949,924	0.24%	10.04%
2002-03	65,875,332	2,568,268	63,307,065	26,453,663		36,853,402	0.84%	-10.00%

Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.

Effective July 1, 1999, gross receipts from the sale of piped natural gas were exempted from the 3.22% franchise tax rate and the 3% sales and use tax rate and were made subject to the piped natural gas excise tax.

Piped natural gas excise tax rates and bases:

An excise tax is imposed on piped natural gas received for consumption in this State and is imposed in lieu of a sales and use tax and a percentage gross receipts tax on piped natural gas.

The tax rate is based on monthly therm volumes of piped natural gas received by the end-user of the gas.

Monthly Volume of Therms Received	Rate Per Therm
First 200	\$.047
201 to 15,000	.035
15,001 to 60,000	.024
60,001 to 500,000	.015
Over 500,000	.003

<u>2001-02</u>

The State retained \$16,163,604 of allocable municipal share funds due to the budgetary shortfall.