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NEWS RELEASE Washington Water Power Company

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Nine I also counties received a total of more than half a million dollars in property taxes this week, representing final payments on the Washington Water Power Company's 1955 property tax bill in Idaho.

WWP's total tax payments in Nez Perce county for 1955 amounted to \$166,020.06, according to Albert Gruber, Lewiston Division manager for the company.

Gruber said the tax is up about \$33,026 over the previous year. WWP's taxes for 1955 on properties in its Idaho service area are 132 per cent, or more than \$606,000 more than three years ago, largely due to construction of the company's Cabinet Gorge power plant in Bonner County and other new construction. In addition, WWP is paying approximately \$250,000 in other taxes directly to the St. te of Idaho.

By counties, WWP's \$1,006,269 total 1955 property tax payments in Idaho are:

Benewah, \$24,765.43; Bonner, \$448,103.64; Clearwater, \$35,039.33; Idaho, \$41,805.76; Kootanai, \$187,811.62; Latah, \$60,075.09; Lewis, \$28,623.38; Nez Perce, \$166,020.06; and Shoshone, \$70,081.51.

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