

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION MEETING

117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers November 19, 2024 at 9:00 AM

AGENDA

The public will be able to view the meeting on San Juan County's Facebook live and Youtube channel

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Presentation for the San Juan County Utah Tax Commission. Joseph Thomas, Oil and Gas Valuation Analyst

ADJOURNMENT

The Board of San Juan County Commissioners can call a closed meeting at any time during the Regular Session if necessary, for reasons permitted under UCA 52-4-205

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San Juan County

Centrally Assessed

2024













Central Assessment Overview

County Overview

Natural Resources

Utilities & Transportation

County Manager Overview

Contact Information





Locally Assessed Property

Valued by County Assessor



Residential



Business



Industrial

Centrally Assessed Property

Valued by Property Tax
Taxed by the County
(except railcar)



Mining



Oil & Gas



Utility & Transportation



Which Industries are Centrally Assessed?

"All property which operates as a unit across county lines"



Metals
Non-Metals
Coal
Sand and Gravel
Uranium
Mining Claims



Oil and Gas Gathering
Oil and Gas Production



Electric Utilities
Natural Gas
Pipelines
Ground Access
Airline
Air Charter
Air Contract Service
Railroads
Railcar



Purpose of the assessment is to determine the fair market value of the unit.



Fair Market Value

"the amount at which property would change hands between a willing buyer and a willing seller, neither being under any compulsion to buy or sell and both having reasonable knowledge of the relevant facts. Fair market value reflects the value of the property at its highest and best use, subject to regulatory constraints."



References – Administrative Rules

R884-24-7 "Rule 7" – Mining Property Valuation

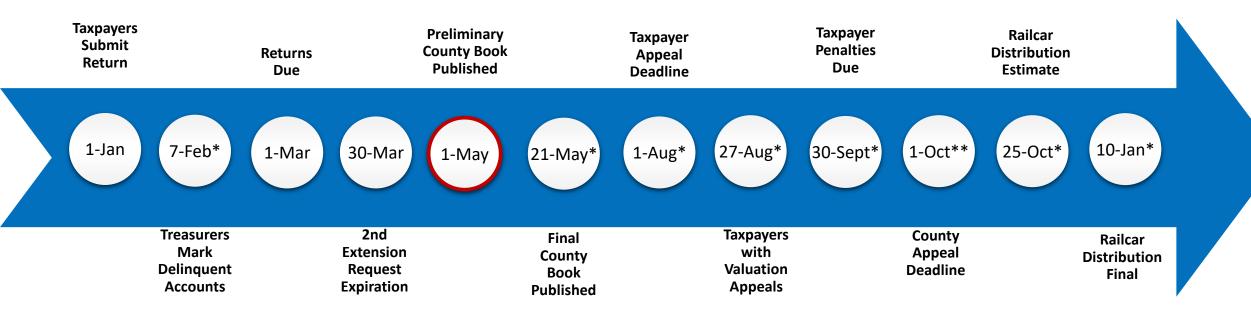
R884-24-10 "Rule 10" – Oil and Gas Valuation

R884-24-62 "Rule 62" – Unitary Property Valuation (Utilities and Transportation)

Utah Tax Code 59-2-201



Central Assessment Overview



^{*} Dates will vary slightly from year to year

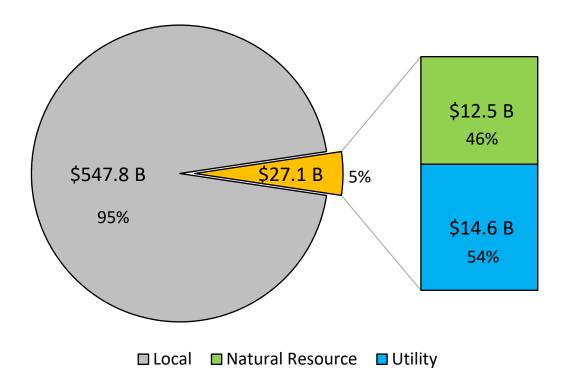
^{**} County appeal deadline is 60 days from when taxpayer files their appeal



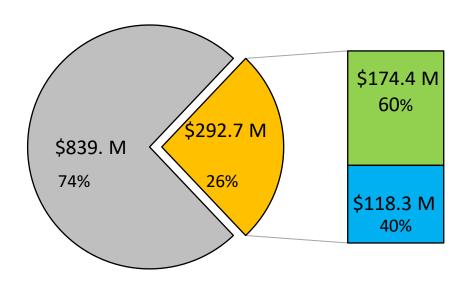


Locally vs Centrally Assessed

Statewide



County







Historical Locally vs Centrally Assessed





Why is Centrally Assessed % shrinking?

Differences in CA and LA Property

Local Markets vs International Markets

Differences in Valuation Methods

Supply and Demand Differences

Long Term Trends

Real Property Values
Rapidly Increasing

Legislation
Airlines
Telecoms
Intangibles

Litigation

2022 vs 2023

Increase in Interest Rates

Telecom Property
Moving to Local
Assessment

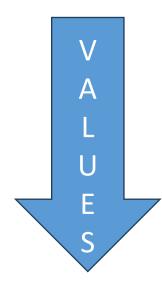
Sales Ratio
Equalization
Rates Increased



Centrally Assessed Decrease – Interest Rates

- Interest rates increased over 200 basis points.
- All else being equal, when interest rates rise, values decrease.
- The increase in interest rates and corresponding capitalization and discount rates, was the largest driver for the value decrease.

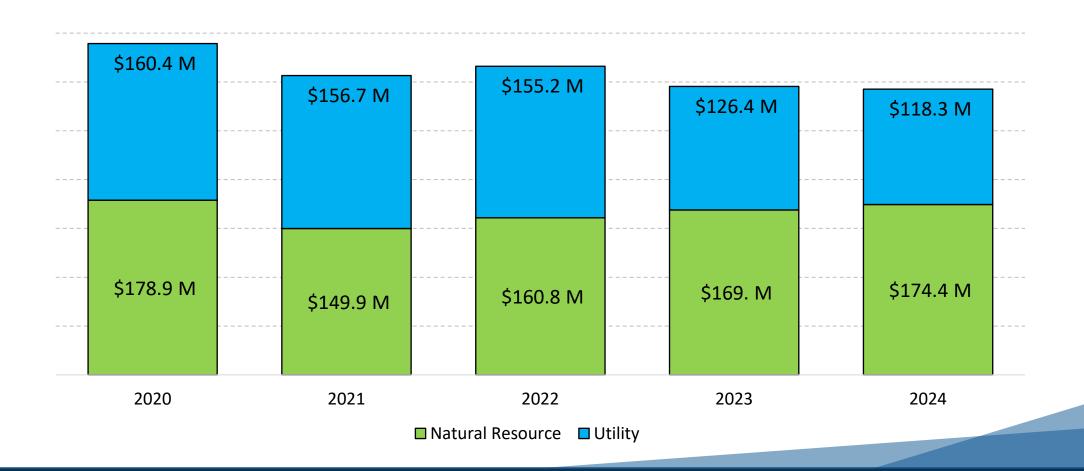




$$Value = \frac{Income}{Rate}$$

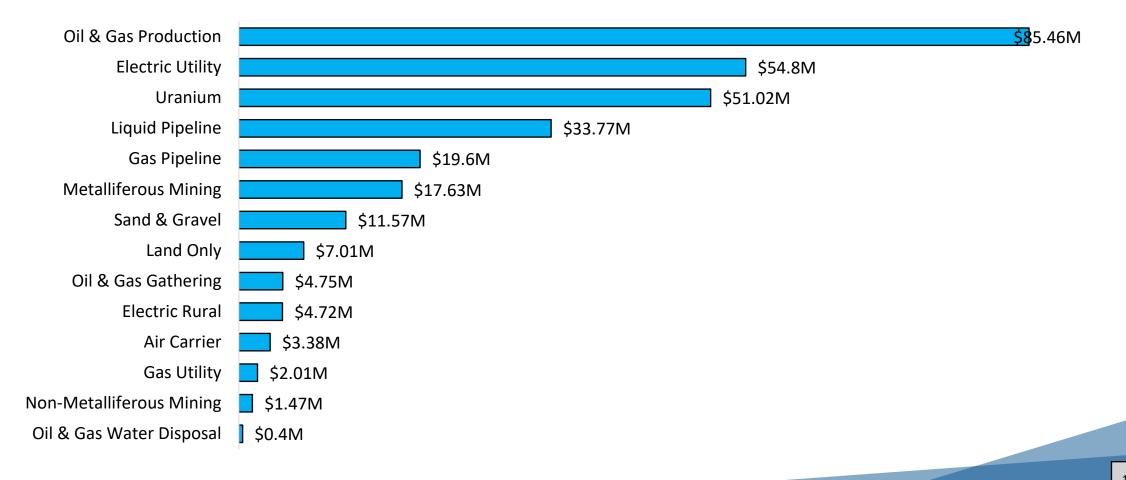


Utility & Natural Resource Historical Values



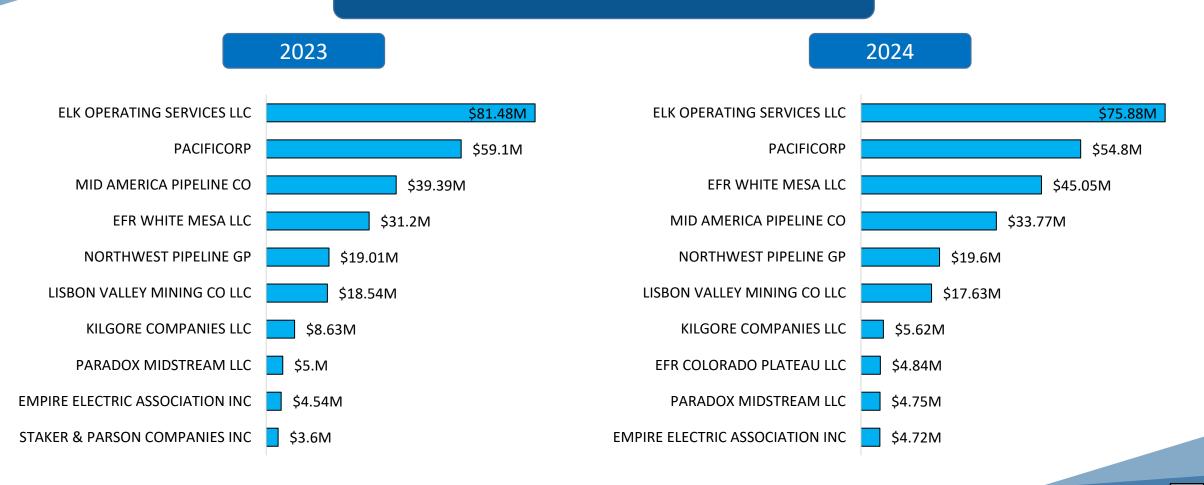


County Industry Values





10 Largest Centrally Assessed Taxpayers

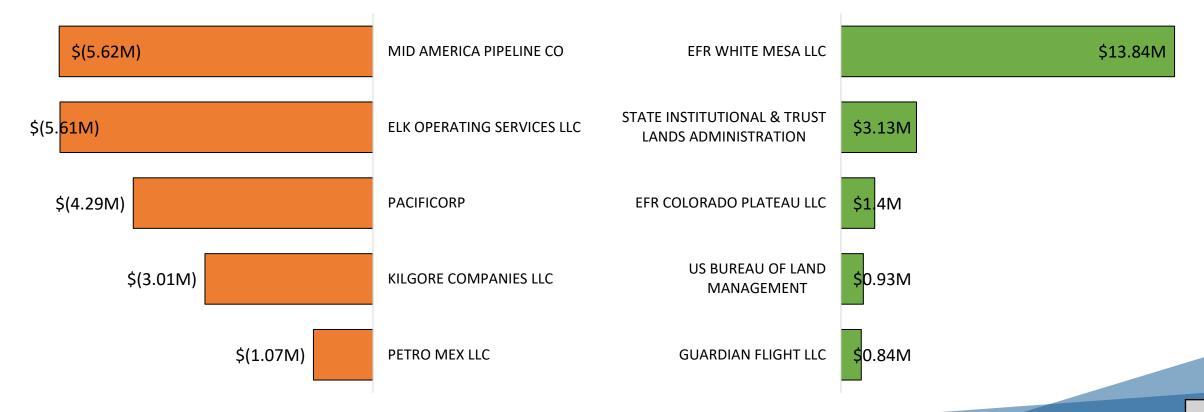




Largest Changes

Notable Decreases

Notable Increases





Central Assessment Overview

2024 Open Appeals – Natural Resources

Taxpayer	Status	Years	Original County Val	ue Potential Impact
Elk Operating Services LLC	New	2024	\$75,877,070	\$(44,525,035)
T E S Water Injection LLC	New	2024	\$130,000	\$(90,000)
Burmont LC Et Al	New	2024	\$206,595	\$(181,389)



Central Assessment Overview

2024 Open Appeals – Utilities/Transportation

Taxpayer	Status	Years Original County Value Potential Impact
Mid America Pipeline Co	District Court	2017-24 \$415,564,803 \$233,234,152



Natural Resources Mining Group + Oil & Gas Group





Market

Not enough sales data

Cost

RCNLD (Rule 33)

Marshall & Swift

Used for Components

Income

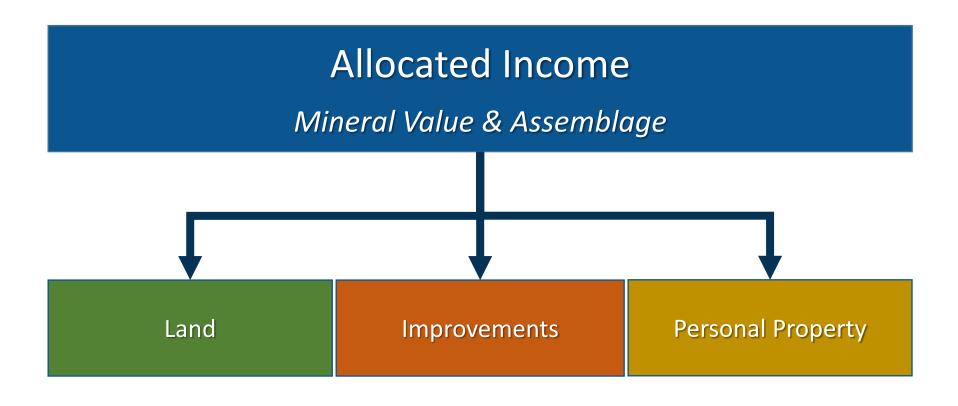
CNR – Long Life Properties DCF – Short Life Properties

R3 Program – Oil & Gas Prod.

Preferred Approach under Administrative Rule

Values all assets together as operating unit







Factors Influencing Value for Natural Resource Properties

Pricing

Production

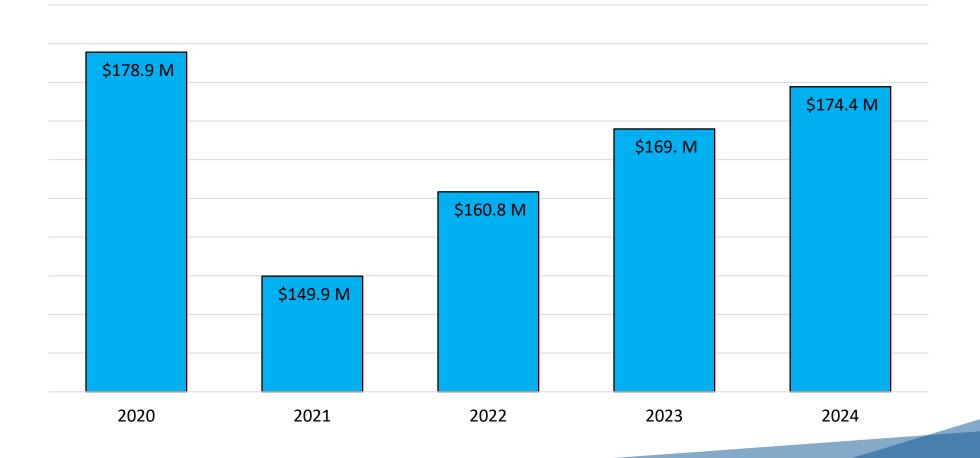
Company Expenses

Cap Rates

Assets – Improvements, Personal Property

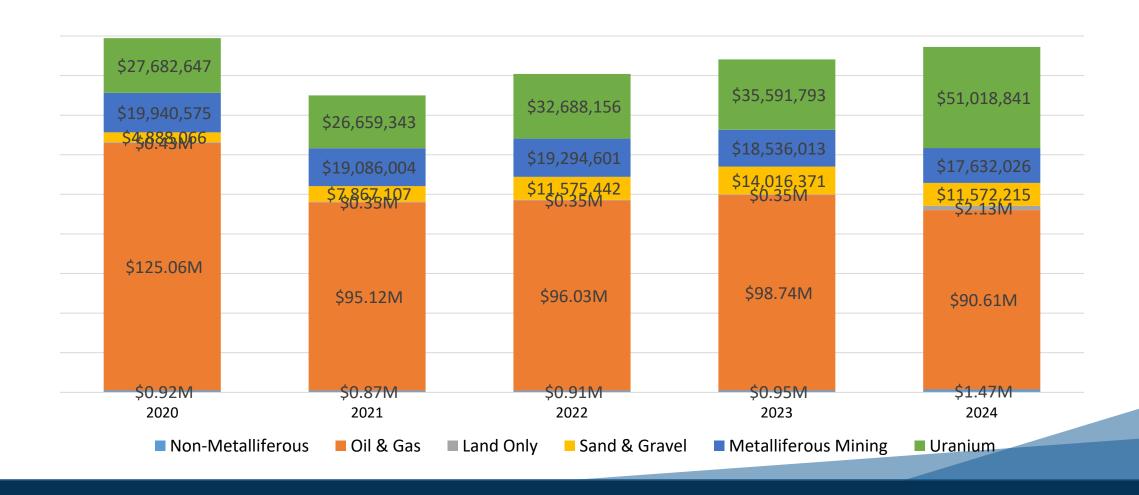


Total Historical Values



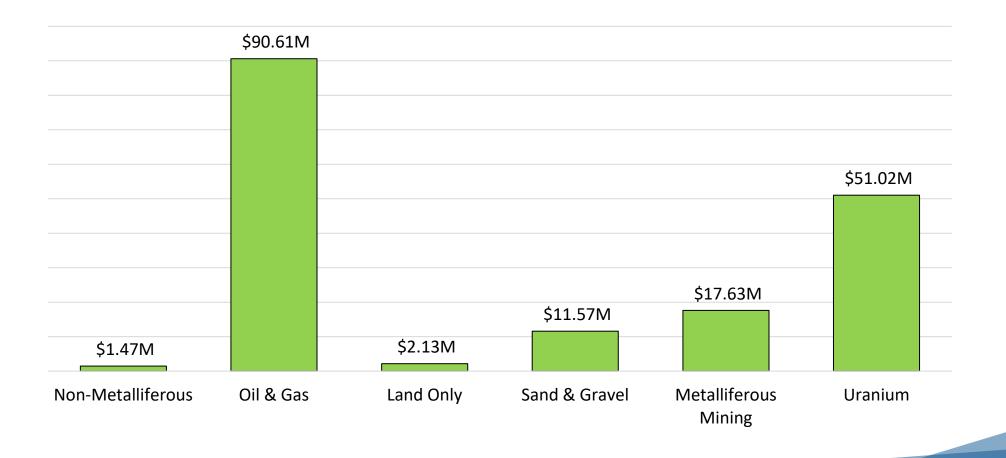


Industry Historical Values





2024 Industry Values





Natural Resources - Mining

Who Values Which Personal Property?

Centrally Assessed

Equipment at an active mine

Processing Mill

Mine that hasn't operated for several years*

Equipment used at a mine and on a construction site*

Locally Assessed

Asphalt Batch Plant

Cement Plant

Registered and Leased vehicles and equipment

Equipment on a new site that hasn't begun operation



Quick Overview

How is Personal Property assessed?

Same as Mining and Locally Assessed

What Personal Property is centrally assessed?

Most equipment on a well site with some exceptions

What Personal Property is locally assessed?

Drilling Rigs
Leased Equipment (propane tanks)

If you have any questions regarding a specific piece of equipment, please call or email.





2024 Tax Exemption Rule

Exempt if total market value of all personal property in a county is \$28,400 or less.

County Responsibilities

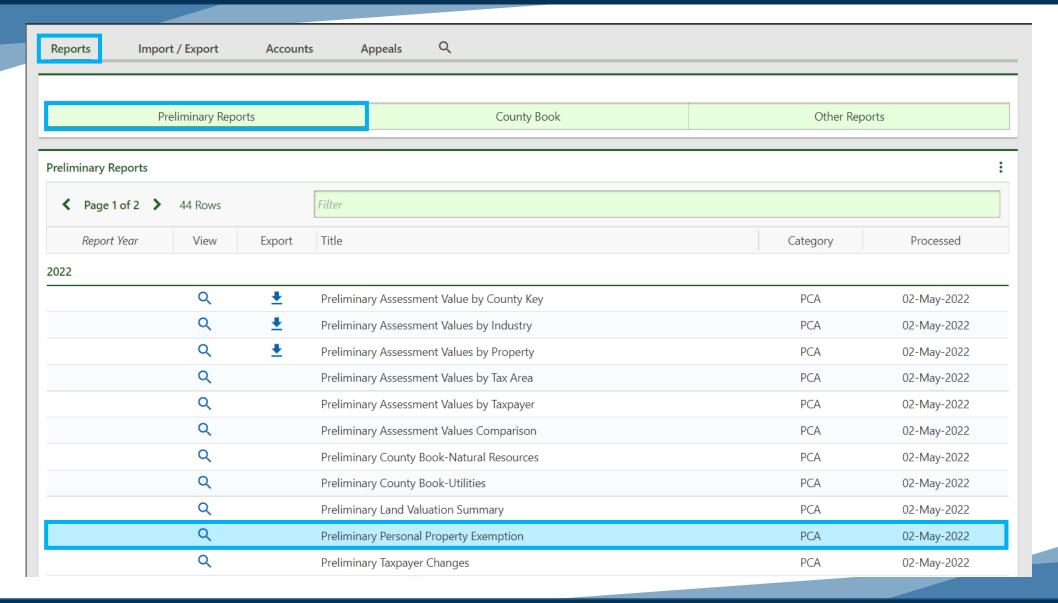
As soon as Preliminary Report is received, Check County Manager for exempt personal property

Check if exempt taxpayers have locally assessed personal property

If the total market value of both state and county assessed personal property exceeds \$28,400 then the county must notify the state by May 1 to un-exempt them.



Natural Resources - Mining

















Natural Resources – Oil & Gas



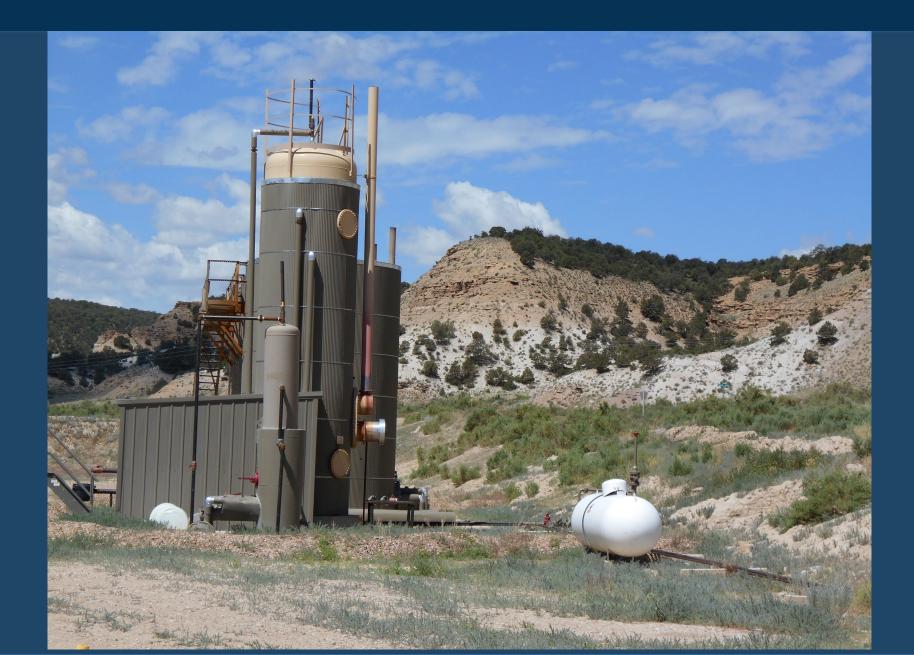


Natural Resources – Oil & Gas





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Unitary Valuation

Unit appraisal means valuing an integrated group of assets functioning as an economic unit as "one thing," without reference to the independent value of the component parts.

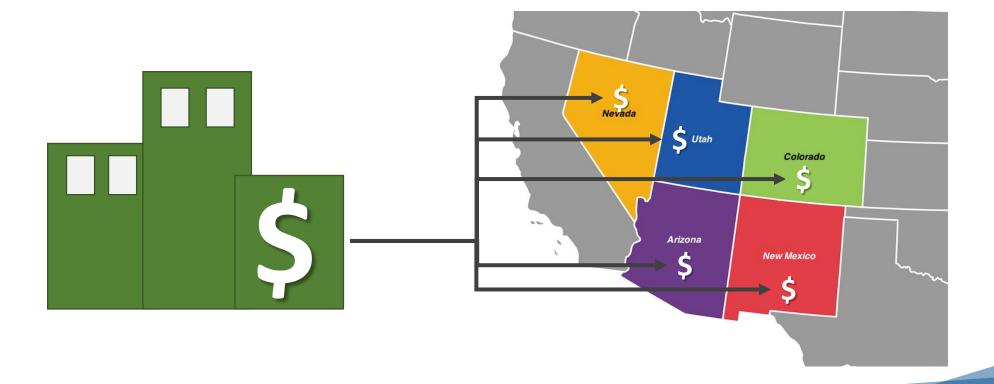
The value is then **ALLOCATED** to the State of Utah and **APPORTIONED** to the individual counties.





What is Allocation?

Taking the value of the unit and assigning a portion of that value to the State of Utah





Allocation Factors

Airlines Revenue ton miles, ground hours

Pipelines Barrel miles, orig. & term. barrels, cost of lines of pipe

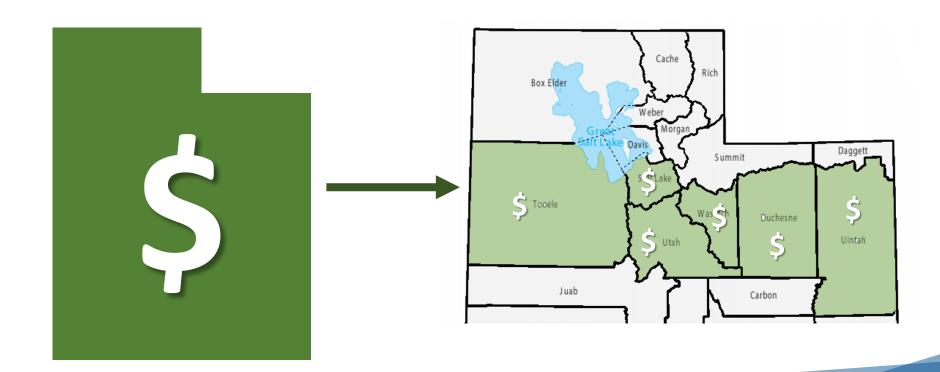
Electrical Historical cost, MWH production, capacity

Railroads Historical cost, revenue, NOI



What is Apportionment?

Breaking out value from the Utah value to each of the local tax areas





Apportionment Factors

Apportionment is generally based on actual un-depreciated gross costs by tax area as reported to the Division annually.

Railroad and railcars are the exception. Those are apportioned based on track miles.

Apportionment does not depend on value.

This is one reason why similar properties that are centrally assessed and locally assessed can have different values.



Why the State Assesses Unitary Properties

Utah Supreme Court

"....fair market value reflects the benefit stream created by unitary operation of tangible property. If the legislature had desired to limit assessed value to the materials and installation costs of tangible assets, it could have done so. Since it did not do so, we conclude that the statutory and constitutional fair market value requirements recognize some element of value that is not attributable to either intangibles or simple cost and that this enhanced value is taxable."

Beaver County v. Wiltel, Inc., supra at 611



Market

Rarely Used

Surrogate Stock and Debt Method

Cost

HCLD

Accounting Books & Records

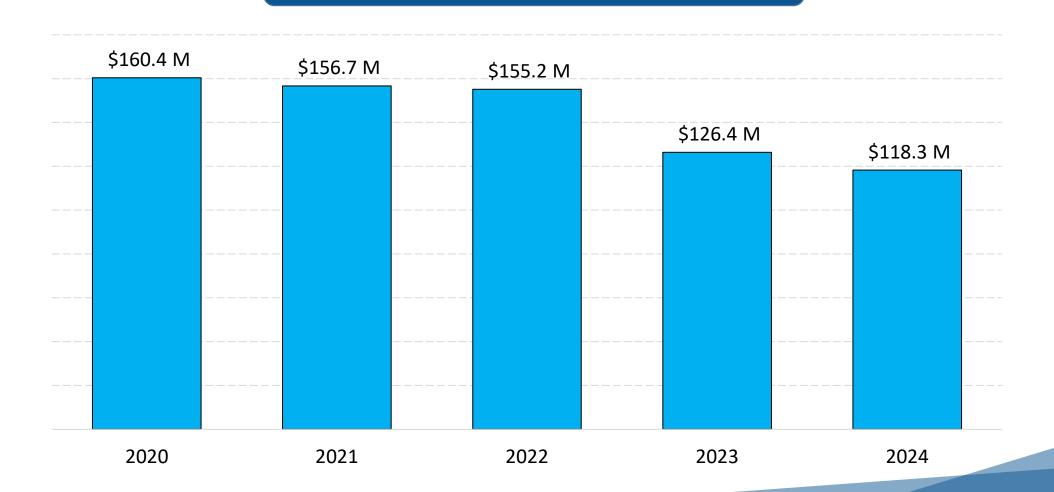
Income

Yield Capitalization

Discounted Cash Flow

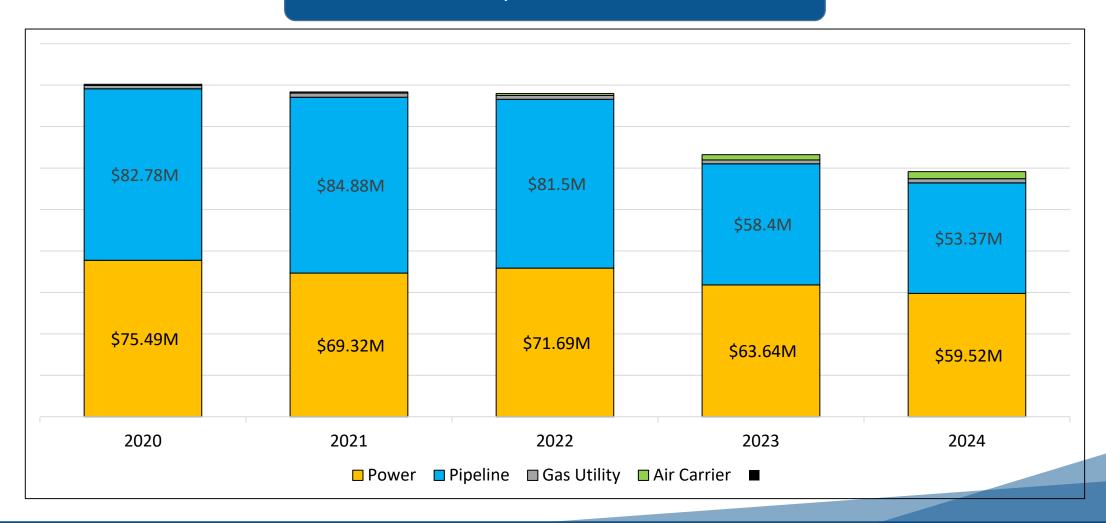


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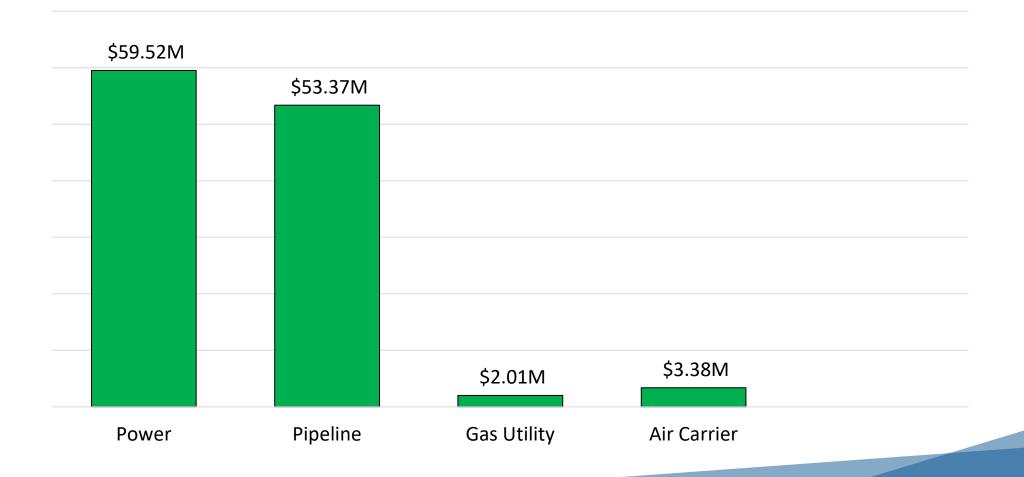


Industry Historical Values





2024 Industry Values





Significant Changes to Airline Assessments Starting 1/1/2025

SB 148

- Restricts central assessment of aircraft to aircraft that:
 - Operate under FCR Part 121 (scheduled air transportation),
 and
 - Have a maximum takeoff weight > 35,000 lbs.
- All other aircraft will be subject to registration requirements

SB 243

- Restricts central assessment of airlines, air charter, and air contract service property to "mobile flight equipment"
- Non-mobile flight equipment to be locally assessed starting 1/1/2025



Significant Changes to Airline Assessments Starting 1/1/2025

Assessment of Operating Property of Airlines, Air Charter, Air Contract Services 1/1/2024 1/1/2025 Mobile Flight Equipment Centrally Assessed UDOT Registration Non-Mobile Flight Personal Property Centrally Assessed Locally Assessed Real Property Centrally Assessed Locally Assessed



Significant Changes to Airline Assessments Starting 1/1/2025

Mobile Flight Equipment

- Airframes
- Aircraft engines (attached to plane and spares)
- Non-consumable Rotable Parts
- Leasehold Improvements to Aircraft





Non-Mobile Flight Personal Property

- Consumable Spare Parts
- Plant and Equipment owned by Air Carrier
- Non Licensed Vehicles
- Airport and office equipment



Real Property

- Terminal Property
- Buildings
- Private Land
- Hangars (exclusive use)





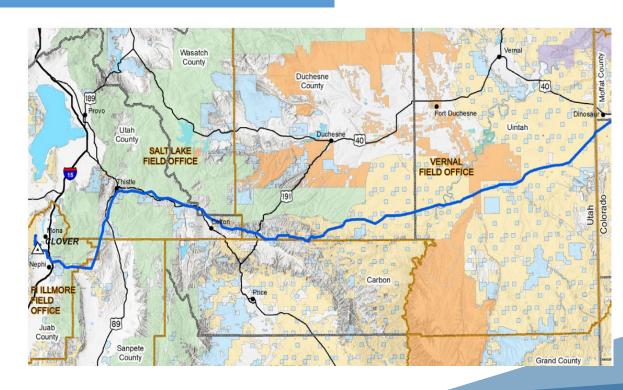
Why has PacifiCorp's value gone up/down in my county this year?

- PacifiCorp's value stayed relatively flat in 2024. Their system value rose 2.55% and their Utah value rose .33%.
- However, PacifiCorp added a lot of new property for their Gateway South Transmission Line.
- •Because of the way apportionment works, these tax areas with the new transmission line are receiving a larger portion of "the pie".
- •Since "the pie" did not grow significantly, the new value apportioned to this transmission line is taken from all other tax areas.



What is the Gateway South Transmission Line?

- •416-mile, 500 kilovolt overhead transmission line running from Medicine Bow, Wyoming to Mona, Utah.
- Expected to cost \$2.1 billion.
- •Estimated to be completed by December 2024.
- •It was 86% completed as of January 1, 2024.
- •34% in Wyoming, 22% in Colorado, and 44% in Utah.
- •30% in Uintah, 28% in Duchesne, 26% in Utah, 2% in Wasatch, 1% in Carbon, 4% in Sanpete, and 9% in Juab.





A company built a new 10 million dollar building in our county, but the value didn't increase by 10 million dollars.

Why?

- Although the company added 10 million dollars to your county, the overall value of the company could have decreased so the value in your county would be affected.
- If the company added 10 million dollars in your county but 100 million dollars of property outside of your county, the value would shift to other areas.
- The company could have retired other property (real or personal) in your area that would reduce the total value apportioned to your county.



How do I know if a piece of property is included in the state's unitary assessment?

- All personal and real property used as part of the operating unit being assessed should be included in the state's unitary assessment.
- Taxpayers are not required to report specific information for each piece of property to be included in the assessment.
- Questions regarding specific pieces of property generally need to be researched in conjunction with the taxpayer.
 Please contact the industry analyst for assistance.



The state valued a parcel at \$300 per acre but similar parcels nearby that are not state assessed are valued at \$500.

Why?

- The value that the Division comes to is a unitary value, not a summation value. Therefore, the company isn't valued by looking at the market value of the individual pieces of property or parcels.
- A parcel of land may be considered over assessed in one area and under assessed in another.
- The value is assigned to each piece of property on a contributory basis.
 (Gross Cost)





What is County Manager?

The County's portal to access all things Centrally Assessed

Reports

Preliminary Reports

County Book

Other Reports

Import/Export

County Keys
Deeds

Accounts

Current Account Information

Appeals

Current Appeal Information



How to Obtain Access to County Manager

Visit https://propertytax.utah.gov/forms/

In the drop down menu where the word "type" is shown, select "Centrally assessed County"

Form PT-301 is now selectable - Click on the PDF hyperlink

Fill out the form

Return the completed form to the property tax division, via email: propertytax@utah.gov









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Property Tax Bills and Payments

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GENERAL INFORMATION



CERTIFIED TAX RATES



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TRAINING & LICENSING



PROPERTY TAX RELIEF



PERSONAL PROPERTY



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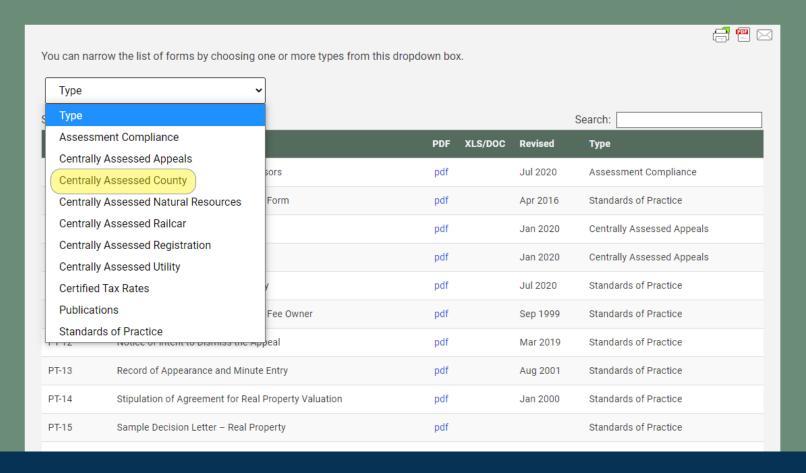
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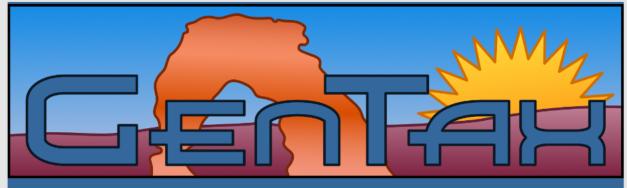
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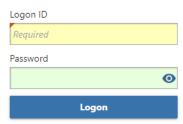
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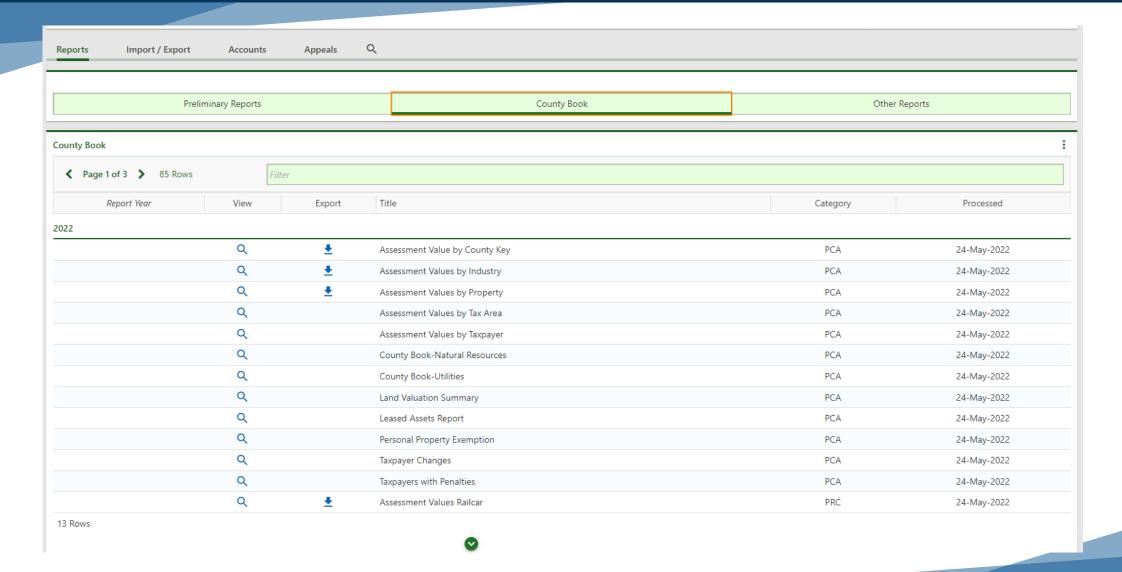
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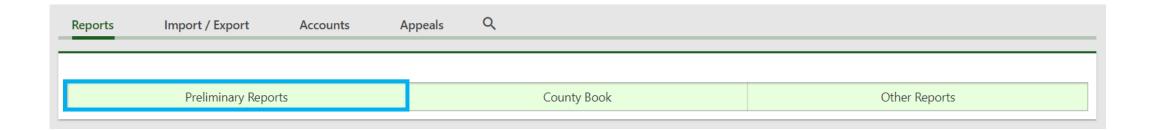


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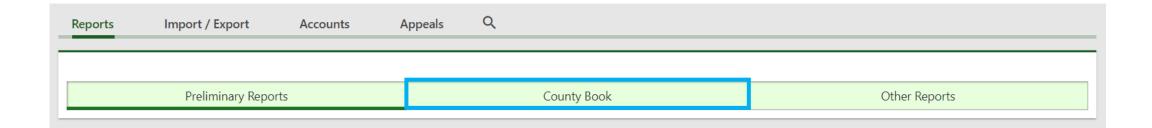


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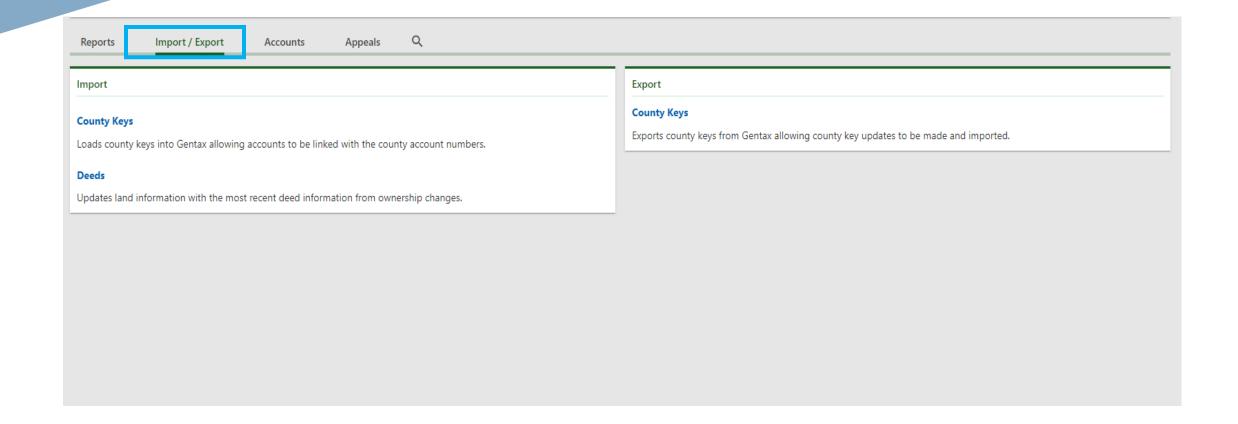


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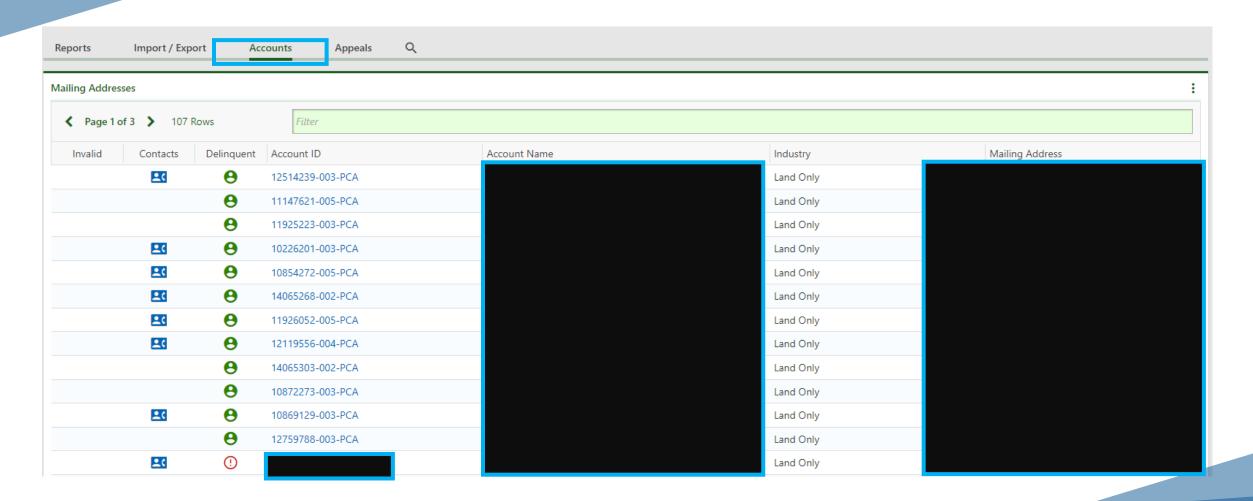
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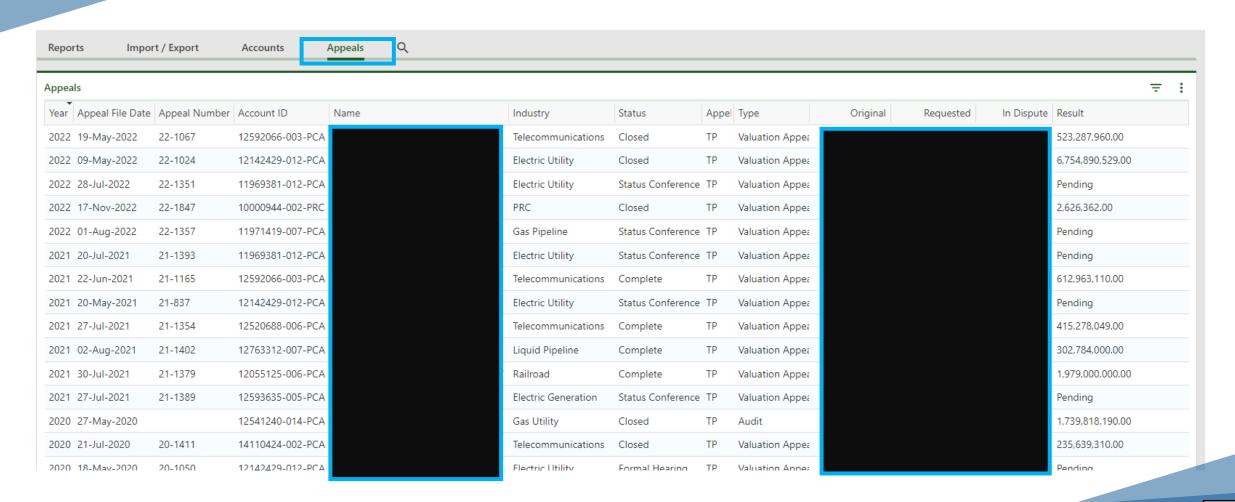














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