



# Instructions for Form CT-186-P/M

## Utility Services MTA Surcharge Return

Tax Law — Article 9, Section 186-c

# CT-186-P/M-1

### Form CT-1, Supplement to Corporation Tax Instructions

See Form CT-1 for the following topics:

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### Who must file

**Note:** If you are a telephone or telegraph company or other provider of telecommunication services, even if those services are not your primary business, do not file this form. Instead, file Form CT-186-E, *Telecommunications Tax Return and Utility Services Tax Return*.

A taxpayer filing Form CT-186-P, *Utility Services Tax Return — Gross Income*, who does business in the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District (MCTD), must also file Form CT-186-P/M and pay a metropolitan transportation business tax (MTA surcharge) on business done in the Metropolitan Transportation Authority region. The MCTD includes the counties of New York, Bronx, Queens, Kings, Richmond, Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester.

### When and where to file

This return is due on March 15, following the close of the calendar year. If March 15 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the return is due on the next business day.

Mail your return to: **NYS CORPORATION TAX  
PROCESSING UNIT  
PO BOX 22038  
ALBANY NY 12201-2038**

**Private delivery services** — If you choose, you may use a private delivery service, instead of the U.S. Postal Service, to mail in your form and tax payment. However, if, at a later date, you need to establish the date you filed or paid your tax, you cannot use the date recorded by a private delivery service **unless** you used a delivery service that has been designated by the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury or the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance.

(Currently designated delivery services are listed in Publication 55, *Designated Private Delivery Services*. See *Need help?* for information on obtaining forms and publications.) If you have used a designated private delivery service and need to establish the date you filed your form, contact that private delivery service for instructions on how to obtain written proof of the date your form was given to the delivery service for delivery. If you use **any** private delivery service, whether it is a designated service or not, send the forms covered by these instructions to: State Processing Center, 431C Broadway, Albany NY 12204-4836.

**Extension of time for filing MTA surcharge return** — If you cannot meet the filing deadline, you may request an extension of time by filing Form CT-5.9, *Request for Three-Month Extension to File*, on or before the due date of the return for which you are requesting the extension, and paying any amount you estimate to be due. An extension of time granted by the IRS to file a federal tax return does not extend the due date for filing Form CT-186-P/M.

### Amended return

If you are filing an amended return, mark an **X** in the *Amended return* box on page 1 of the return.

An amended New York State return requesting a credit or refund must be filed within three years of the time the original return was filed or within two years of the time the tax was paid, whichever is later; or, if no return was filed, within two years of the time the tax was paid. For additional limitations on credits or refunds, see Tax Law, Article 27, section 1087.

### Employer identification number, file number, and other identifying information

Enter your employer identification number and file number. If you use a paid preparer or accounting firm, make sure they use your complete and accurate identifying information when completing all forms.

### Line instructions

**Line A** — Make your check or money order payable in United States funds. We will accept a foreign check or foreign money order only if payable through a United States bank or if marked **Payable in U.S. funds**.

### Computation of MTA surcharge

**Line 1** — Enter the amount of receipts shown on Form CT-186-P, line 3, that are derived from sources within the MCTD. Use the same method of accounting to compute MCTD gross income (that is, the **accounting** rule allocation method or the **formula** rule allocation method) as was used to compute New York State gross income. Make no deduction for the Power for Jobs tax credit.

### First installment of estimated MTA surcharge for next period

If on Form CT-186-P you are required to make a first installment of estimated tax for the next period, you must also make a first installment of the MTA surcharge for the next period.

**Line 7b** — If you did not file Form CT-5.9, and the tax on Form CT-186-P, line 8, is more than \$1,000, but not more than \$100,000, enter 25% (.25) of the amount on line 6.

If you did not file Form CT-5.9 and the tax on Form CT-186-P, line 8, exceeds \$100,000, enter 40% (.40) of the amount on line 6.

If you did not file Form CT-5.9, and the tax on Form CT-186-P, line 8, is \$1,000 or less, enter **0**.

**Line 11** — Form CT-222, *Underpayment of Estimated Tax by a Corporation*, is filed by a corporation to inform the Tax Department that the corporation meets one of the exceptions to reduce or eliminate the underpayment of estimated tax penalty pursuant to Tax Law, Article 27, section 1085(d).

**Line 12** — If you do not pay the MTA surcharge on or before the original due date (**without** regard to any extension of time for filing), you must pay interest on the amount of the underpayment from the original due date to the date paid. Exclude from the interest computation any amount shown on line 7a or 7b.

**Line 13** — Compute late filing and late payment penalties on the amount of MTA surcharge minus any payment made on or before the due date (**with** regard to any extension of time for filing). Exclude from the penalty computation any amount shown on line 7a or 7b.

**Note:** You may compute your penalty and interest by accessing our Web site, or you may call and we will compute the penalty and interest for you (see *Need help?*).

**Line 15** — If line 8 is less than line 9, subtract line 8 from line 9. This is the amount of overpayment. You may divide the amount of overpayment on lines 16, 17, and 18 in any way you choose.

#### **Composition of prepayments claimed on line 9**

If you need more space, write **see attached** in this section and attach a separate sheet showing all relevant prepayment information. Transfer the total shown on the sheet to line 25, *Total prepayments*.

#### **Signature**

The return must be certified by the president, vice president, treasurer, assistant treasurer, chief accounting officer, or other officer authorized by the taxpayer corporation.

The return of an association, publicly traded partnership, or business conducted by a trustee or trustees must be signed by a person authorized to act for the association, publicly traded partnership, or business.

If an outside individual or firm prepared the return, all applicable entries in the paid preparer section must be completed, including identification numbers (see *Paid preparer identification numbers* in Form CT-1). Failure to sign the return will delay the processing of any refunds and may result in penalties.

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