**§ 1963. Tax exemptions.** 1. It is hereby determined that the creation of the authority and the carrying out of its corporate purposes is in all respects for the benefit of the people of the city and its environs, and is a public purpose, and the authority shall be regarded as performing a governmental function in the exercise of the powers conferred upon it by this title and shall be required to pay no taxes or assessments upon any of the property acquired by it or under its jurisdiction or control or supervision or upon its activities. Provided, however, if the authority is located within a transportation district referenced in paragraph (a) of subdivision two of section two hundred fifty-three of the tax law, it shall not be exempt from the additional tax on each mortgage of real property situated within the state imposed by such paragraph.

2. Any bonds or notes issued pursuant to this title, together with the income therefrom, as well as the property of the authority, shall be exempt from taxation, except for transfer and estate taxes.

3. Agents of the authority and project operators shall annually file a statement with the department of taxation and finance, on a form and in such a manner as is prescribed by the commissioner of taxation and finance, of the value of all sales and use tax exemptions claimed by such agents or agents of such agents or project operators, including, but not limited to, consultants or subcontractors of such agents or project operators, under the authority granted pursuant to this section. The penalty for failure to file such statement shall be the removal of the authority to act as an agent of the authority or as a project operator.

4. (a) Within thirty days of the date that the authority designates a project operator or other person to act as agent of the authority for purposes of providing financial assistance consisting of any sales and compensating use tax exemption to such person, the agency shall file a statement with the department of taxation and finance relating thereto, on a form and in such manner as is prescribed by the commissioner of taxation and finance, identifying each such agent so named by the authority, setting forth the taxpayer identification number of each such

agent, giving a brief description of the property and/or services intended to be exempted from such taxes as a result of such appointment as agent, indicating the authority's rough estimate of the value of the property and/or services to which such appointment as agent relates, indicating the date when such designation as agent became effective and indicating the date upon which such designation as agent shall cease.

(b) Within thirty days of the date that the authority's designation described in paragraph (a) of this subdivision has been amended, terminated, been revoked, or become invalid or ineffective for any reason, the authority shall file a statement with the department of taxation and finance relating thereto, on a form and in such manner as is prescribed by the commissioner of taxation and finance, identifying each such agent so named by the authority in the original designation and setting forth the taxpayer identification number and other identifying information of each such agent, the date as of which the original designation was amended, terminated, revoked, or became invalid or ineffective and the reason therefor, together with a copy of the original designation.