

- (9) Total chapter 4 withholding for the population;
- (10) Total chapter 3 withholding for the sample;
- (11) Total backup withholding for the sample; and
- (12) Total chapter 4 withholding for the sample.

Additionally, the reviewer should note a reconciliation of amounts included in the sample population to payments and withholdings of reportable amounts as detailed in Part IV sections E (Reconciliations of Reporting on Payments of Reportable Amounts) and F (Reconciliation of Withholding on Reportable Amounts) of Appendix I to the QI Agreement.

2015 Section 45K(d)(2)(C) Reference Price

Notice 2016-43

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

This notice publishes the reference price under § 45K(d)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code for calendar year 2015. The credit period for the nonconventional source production credit under § 45K ended on December 31, 2013, for facilities producing coke or coke gas (other than from petroleum based products). However, the reference price continues to apply in determining the amount of the enhanced oil recovery credit under § 43, the marginal well production credit under § 45I, and the percentage depletion in case of oil and natural gas produced from marginal properties under § 613A.

SECTION 2. BACKGROUND

Section 45K(d)(2)(C) provides that the term “reference price” means, with respect to a calendar year, the Secretary’s estimate of the annual average wellhead price per barrel for all domestic crude oil the price of which is not subject to regulation by the United States.

Section 43(a) provides that, for purposes of § 38, the enhanced oil recovery credit for any taxable year is an amount equal to 15 percent of the taxpayer’s qualified enhanced oil recovery costs for such taxable year.

Section 43(b)(1) provides that the amount of enhanced oil recovery credit for any taxable year shall be reduced by an amount which bears the same ratio to the amount of such credit (determined without regard to this paragraph) as - (A) the amount by which the reference price for the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which the taxable year begins exceeds \$28, bears to (B) \$6. Section

43(b)(2) provides that the term “reference price” means, with respect to any calendar year, the reference price determined for such calendar year under § 45K(d)(2)(C).

Section 45I(a) provides that, for purposes of § 38, the marginal well production credit for any taxable year is an amount equal to the product of the credit amount and the qualified crude oil production and the qualified natural gas production which is attributable to the taxpayer.

Section 45I(b)(1) provides that the amount of the marginal well production credit is \$3 per barrel of qualified crude oil production, and 50 cents per 1,000 cubic feet of qualified natural gas production.

Section 45I(b)(2) provides that the \$3 and 50 cents amounts under § 45I(b)(1) shall each be reduced (but not below zero) by an amount which bears the same ratio to such amount (determined without regard to this paragraph) as - (i) the excess (if any) of the applicable reference price over \$15 (\$1.67 for qualified natural gas production), bears to (ii) \$3 (\$0.33 for qualified natural gas production). The applicable reference price for a taxable year is the reference price of the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which the taxable year begins.

Section 45I(c) provides that the term reference price means, with respect to any calendar year - (i) in the case of qualified crude oil production, the reference price determined under § 45K(d)(2)(C).

Section 613A(c)(6)(A) provides, in general, the allowance for depletion under § 611 shall be computed in accordance with § 613 with respect to - (i) so much of the taxpayer’s average daily marginal production of domestic crude oil as does not exceed the taxpayer’s depletable oil quantity (determined without regard to paragraph (3)(A)(ii)), and (ii) so much of the taxpayer’s average daily marginal production of domestic natural gas as does not

exceed the taxpayer’s depletable natural gas quantity (determined without regard to paragraph (3)(A)(ii)), and the applicable percentage shall be deemed to be specified in subsection (b) of § 613 for purposes of subsection (a) of that section.

Section 613A(c)(6)(C) provides that the term “applicable percentage” means the percentage (not greater than 25 percent) equal to the sum of - (i) 15 percent, plus (ii) 1 percentage point for each whole dollar by which \$20 exceeds the reference price for crude oil for the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which the taxable year begins. For purposes of this paragraph, the term “reference price” means, with respect to any calendar year, the reference price determined for such calendar year under § 45K(d)(2)(C).

SECTION 3. REFERENCE PRICE

The reference price under § 45K(d)(2)(C) for calendar year 2015 is \$44.39.

SECTION 4. DRAFTING INFORMATION

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2016 Section 43 Inflation Adjustment

Notice 2016-44

Section 43(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code requires the Secretary to publish an inflation adjustment factor. The enhanced oil recovery credit under § 43 for any taxable year is reduced if the “reference price,” determined under § 45K(d)(2)(C), for the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which the tax-

able year begins is greater than \$28 multiplied by the inflation adjustment factor for that year.

The term “inflation adjustment factor” means, with respect to any calendar year, a fraction the numerator of which is the GNP implicit price deflator for the preceding calendar year and the denominator of

which is the GNP implicit price deflator for 1990.

Because the reference price for the 2015 calendar year (\$44.39) does not exceed \$28 multiplied by the inflation adjustment factor for the 2015 calendar year (\$28 multiplied by 1.6464 = \$46.01), the enhanced oil recovery credit for qualified

costs paid or incurred in 2016 is determined without regard to the phase-out for crude oil price increases.

Table 1 contains the GNP implicit price deflator used for the 2016 calendar year, as well as the previously published GNP implicit price deflators used for the 1991 through 2015 calendar years.

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GNP IMPLICIT PRICE DEFLATORS

<i>Calendar Year</i>	<i>GNP Implicit Price Deflator</i>
1990	112.9 (used for 1991)
1991	117.0 (used for 1992)
1992	120.9 (used for 1993)
1993	124.1 (used for 1994)
1994	126.0 (used for 1995)*
1995	107.5 (used for 1996)
1996	109.7 (used for 1997)**
1997	112.35 (used for 1998)
1998	112.64 (used for 1999)***
1999	104.59 (used for 2000)
2000	106.89 (used for 2001)
2001	109.31 (used for 2002)
2002	110.63 (used for 2003)
2003	105.67 (used for 2004)****
2004	108.23 (used for 2005)
2005	112.129 (used for 2006)
2006	116.036 (used for 2007)
2007	119.656 (used for 2008)
2008	122.407 (used for 2009)
2009	109.764 (used for 2010)*****
2010	110.654 (used for 2011)
2011	113.347 (used for 2012)*****
2012	115.387 (used for 2013)
2013	106.710 (used for 2014)*****
2014	108.407 (used for 2015)*****
2015	109.868 (used for 2016)

* Beginning in 1995, the GNP implicit price deflator was rebased relative to 1992. The 1990 GNP implicit price deflator used to compute the 1996 § 43 inflation adjustment factor is 93.6.

** Beginning in 1997, two digits follow the decimal point in the GNP implicit price deflator. The 1990 GNP price deflator used to compute the 1998 § 43 inflation adjustment factor is 93.63.

*** Beginning in 1999, the GNP implicit price deflator was rebased relative to 1996. The 1990 GNP implicit price deflator used to compute the 2000 § 43 inflation adjustment factor is 86.53.

**** Beginning in 2003, the GNP implicit price deflator was rebased, and the 1990 GNP implicit price deflator used to compute the 2004 § 43 inflation adjustment factor is 81.589.

***** Beginning in 2009, the GNP implicit price deflator was rebased, and the 1990 GNP implicit price deflator used to compute the 2010 § 43 inflation adjustment factor is 72.199.

***** Beginning in 2011, the 1990 GNP implicit price deflator used to compute the 2012 § 43 inflation adjustment factor is 72.260.

***** Beginning in 2013, the GNP implicit price deflator was rebased, and the 1990 GNP implicit price deflator used to compute the 2014 § 43 inflation adjustment factor is 66.803.

***** Beginning in 2014, the 1990 GNP implicit price deflator used to compute the 2015 § 43 inflation adjustment factor is 66.732.

Table 2 contains the inflation adjustment factor and the phase-out amount for taxable years beginning in the 2016 calendar year as well as the previously published inflation adjustment factors and phase-out amounts for taxable years beginning in the 1991 through 2015 calendar years.

Notice 2016-44 TABLE 2 INFLATION ADJUSTMENT FACTORS AND PHASE-OUT AMOUNTS		
<i>Calendar Year</i>	<i>Inflation Adjustment Factor</i>	<i>Phase-out Amount</i>
1991	1.0000	0
1992	1.0363	0
1993	1.0708	0
1994	1.0992	0
1995	1.1160	0
1996	1.1485	0
1997	1.1720	0
1998	1.1999	0
1999	1.2030	0
2000	1.2087	0
2001	1.2353	0
2002	1.2633	0
2003	1.2785	0
2004	1.2952	0
2005	1.3266	0
2006	1.3743	100 percent
2007	1.4222	100 percent
2008	1.4666	100 percent
2009	1.5003	100 percent
2010	1.5203	100 percent
2011	1.5326	100 percent
2012	1.5686	100 percent
2013	1.5968	100 percent
2014	1.5974	100 percent
2015	1.6245	100 percent
2016	1.6464	0

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