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**Garrick R. Shear,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Renewable Electricity Production Credit, Publication of Inflation Adjustment Factor and Reference Prices for Calendar Year 2001

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Publication of inflation adjustment factor and reference prices for calendar year 2001 as required by section 45(d)(2)(A) (26 U.S.C. 45(d)(2)(A)).

**SUMMARY:** The 2001 inflation adjustment factor and reference prices are used in determining the availability of the renewable electricity production credit under section 45(a).

**DATES:** The 2001 inflation adjustment factor and reference prices apply to calendar year 2001 sales of kilowatt hours of electricity produced in the United States or a possession thereof from qualified energy resources.

*Inflation Adjustment Factor:* The inflation adjustment factor for calendar year 2001 is 1.1641.

*Reference Prices:* The reference prices for calendar year 2001 are 2.57¢ per kilowatt hour for facilities producing electricity from wind and 0¢ per kilowatt hour for facilities producing electricity from closed-loop biomass and poultry waste.

Because the 2001 reference prices for electricity produced from wind, closed-loop biomass, and poultry waste energy resources do not exceed 8¢ multiplied by the inflation adjustment factor, the phaseout of the credit provided in section 45(b)(1) does not apply to electricity sold during calendar year 2001.

*Credit Amount:* As required by section 45(b)(2), the 1.5¢ amount in section 45(a)(1) is adjusted by multiplying such amount by the inflation adjustment factor for the calendar year in which the sale occurs. If any amount is increased under the

preceding sentence is not a multiple of 0.1¢, such amount is rounded to the nearest multiple of 0.1¢. Under the calculation required by section 45(b)(2), the renewable electricity production credit for calendar year 2001 under section 45(a) is 1.7¢ per kilowatt hour on the sale of electricity produced from wind, closed-loop biomass, and poultry waste energy resources.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Pacific-Northwest Citizen Advocacy Panel; Meeting

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Pacific-Northwest Citizen Advocacy Panel will be held in Portland, Oregon.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Friday May 18, 2001 and Saturday May 19, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judi L. Nicholas at 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Citizen Advocacy Panel will be held Friday May 18, 2001, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm at the Edith Green/Wendall Wyatt Federal Building, located at 1220 SW Third Avenue, Room 611, Portland, OR 97204; and Saturday, May 19, 2001, 9:00 am to Noon at the World Forestry Center located at 433 SW Canyon RD., Portland, OR, 97221. The public is invited to make oral comments. Individual comments will be limited to 10 minutes. If you would like to have the CAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096, or write Judi L. Nicholas, CAP Office, 915 2nd Avenue, Room 442, Seattle, WA 98174. Due to limited conference space, notification of intent to attend the meeting must be made with Judi L. Nicholas. Ms. Nicholas can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096.

The Agenda will include the following: various IRS issue updates and reports by the CAP sub-groups.

**Note:** Last minute changes to the agenda are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

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**John J. Mannion,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Privacy Act of 1974; Report of Matching Program

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice of Computer Matching Program.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) intends to conduct a recurring computer matching program matching Social Security Administration (SSA) records with VA pension and parents' dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) records.

The purpose of the match is to compare income status as reported to VA with records maintained by SSA. VA plans to match records of beneficiaries who receive pension and DIC with the Master Beneficiary Record (MBR) and the Earnings Recording and Self-Employment Income System (MEF) maintained by SSA.

VA will use this information to update the master records of VA beneficiaries receiving income dependent benefits and to adjust VA benefit payments as prescribed by law. The matching program will enable VA to ensure accurate reporting of income.

#### Records To Be Matched

The VA records involved in the match are the VA system of records, Compensation, Pension, Education and Rehabilitation Records—VA (58 VA 21/22). The SSA records consist of the SSA Master beneficiary Record (MBR), SSA/OSR, 60-0090. In the absence of MBR data, SSA will attempt to verify the SSN in VA records using the SSA Earnings Recording and Self-Employment Income System (MEF), SSA/OSR, 60-0059.

This notice is provided in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 as amended by Public Law 100-503.

**DATES:** The match will start no sooner than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** and end not more than 18 months after the agreement is