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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Publication of Inflation Adjustment Factor and Applicable Amounts for Clean Electricity Production Credit for Calendar Year 2026

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of publication.

SUMMARY: The 2026 inflation adjustment factor and applicable amounts are used in calculating the amount of the clean electricity production credit allowable under section 45Y (section 45Y credit) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code), which are required by law to be published in the ***Federal Register***.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice sets forth the 2026 inflation adjustment factor and applicable amounts used to determine the amount of the section 45Y credit that apply to calendar year 2026 sales, consumption, or storage of electricity produced in the United States or a possession thereof at a qualified facility. The contents of this notice will be republished in the Internal Revenue Bulletin (see 26 CFR 601.601(d)(2)).

Inflation Adjustment Factor: The inflation adjustment factor for calendar year 2025 for purposes of the section 45Y credit is 2.0570.

Section 45Y Credit: Section 45Y was added to the Code by section 13701(a) of Public Law 117-169, 136 Stat. 1818, 1982 (August 16, 2022), commonly known

as the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, to provide an income tax credit for producing electricity at a qualified facility.

Section 45Y(a)(1) provides that, for purposes of section 38 of the Code, the section 45Y credit for any taxable year is an amount equal to the product of (1) the kilowatt hours of electricity produced by the taxpayer during such taxable year at a qualified facility (described in section 45Y(b)), and either (i) sold by the taxpayer to an unrelated person during the taxable year, or (ii) in the case of a qualified facility which is equipped with a metering device which is owned and operated by an unrelated person, sold, consumed, or stored by the taxpayer during the taxable year, multiplied by (2) the applicable amount with respect to such qualified facility.

For purposes of the applicable amount used in calculating the section 45Y credit, section 45Y(a)(2) provides a base amount and a higher alternative amount. Section 45Y(a)(2)(A) provides that, subject to section 45Y(g)(7) (providing an increase in credit for qualified facilities located in an energy community), the applicable amount will be the base amount of 0.3 cents in the case of a qualified facility that does not satisfy the requirements for the alternative amount. Section 45Y(a)(2)(B) provides that, subject to section 45Y(g)(7), the applicable amount will be the alternative amount of 1.5 cents in the case of any qualified facility (1) with a maximum net output of less than 1 megawatt (as measured in alternating current), (2) the construction of which begins prior to the date that is 60 days after the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary's delegate (Secretary) publishes guidance on the requirements of section 45Y(g)(9) (wage requirements) and section 45Y(g)(10) (apprenticeship requirements),¹ or (3) that satisfies section 45Y(g)(9) and,

¹ To meet this requirement, the construction of the qualified facility must begin prior to January 29, 2023. On November 30, 2022, the Department of the Treasury and the IRS published Notice

with respect to the construction of such facility, satisfies section 45Y(g)(10).

Section 45Y(c)(1) provides for an inflation adjustment for both the base and alternative amounts. Section 45Y(c)(1) provides that, in the case of a calendar year beginning after 2024, the 0.3 cent amount in section 45Y(a)(2)(A) and the 1.5 cent amount in section 45Y(a)(2)(B) will each be adjusted by multiplying such amount by the inflation adjustment factor for the calendar year in which the sale, consumption, or storage of the electricity occurs. If the 0.3 cent amount as adjusted for inflation is not a multiple of 0.05 cent, such amount is rounded to the nearest multiple of 0.05 cent. If the 1.5 cent amount as adjusted for inflation is not a multiple of 0.1 cent, such amount is rounded to the nearest multiple of 0.1 cent.

Section 45Y(c)(2) requires the Secretary to determine and publish in the Federal Register each calendar year the inflation adjustment factor for such calendar year.

Section 45Y(c)(3) defines the term *inflation adjustment factor* as, with respect to a calendar year, a fraction, the numerator of which is the GDP implicit price deflator for the preceding calendar year and the denominator of which is the GDP implicit price deflator for the calendar year 1992. The term *GDP implicit price deflator* means the most recent revision of the implicit price deflator for the gross domestic product as computed and published by the Department of Commerce before March 15 of the calendar year.

Inflation Adjustment Factor for Calendar Year 2026: For purposes of section 45Y(c)(1), for sales, consumption, or storage of electricity occurring in calendar year

2022-61 in the *Federal Register* (87 FR 73580, corrected in 87 FR 75141 (Dec. 7, 2022)), providing initial guidance with respect to the prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements and starting the 60-day period described in section 45Y(a)(2)(B).

2026, the inflation adjustment factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the GDP implicit price deflator for 2025 (128.986) and the denominator of which is the GDP implicit price deflator for 1992 (62.707), which yields an inflation adjustment factor of 2.0570. Accordingly, the inflation adjustment factor for calendar year 2026 for purposes of the section 45Y credit is 2.0570.

Applicable Amounts for Calendar Year 2026: Under the calculation required by section 45Y(c)(1), for sales, consumption, or storage of electricity occurring in calendar year 2026, the applicable amount provided in section 45Y(a)(2)(A) is 0.6 cents (or \$0.006). For sales, consumption, or storage of electricity occurring in calendar year 2026, the applicable amount provided in section 45Y(a)(2)(B) is 3.1 cents (or \$0.031).

(Authority: Section 45Y(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 45Y(c)(2)).)

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