

Preface

The analysis in this report was undertaken at the request of the Office of Policy, U.S. Department of Energy. In its request, the Office of Policy asked the Energy Information Administration (EIA) to update the 1992 EIA report on Federal energy subsidies, including any additions or deletions of Federal subsidies based on Administration and Congressional action since the 1992 report was written, and to provide an estimate of the size of each current subsidy. Subsidies to be included are those through which a government or public body provides a financial benefit. The subsidy must be specific; for example, depreciation schedules that can be used in non-energy sectors as well as energy sectors are not included in the definition of a subsidy for this study. This report is to focus on subsidies covering primary energy only; a subsequent report will be requested, covering end-use energy and electricity. The assumptions for the study were noted in a letter provided by the Office of Policy on May 20, 1999. A second letter from the Office of Policy clarified the assumptions further, focusing the analysis of subsidies on goods rather than services. Both letters are provided in Appendix E.

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