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This report responds to a request from Senator Lamar Alexander of Tennessee that the EIA update its 1999 to 2000 work on Federal energy subsidies, including any additions or deletions of Federal subsidies based on Administration and Congressional action since the previous 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 with a Federal budget impact. Senator Alexander's letter of May 17, 2007, provided as Appendix H, asked EIA to focus particularly on subsidies directed to electricity production, including an estimate of electricity subsidies on a per unit basis.

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