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Reissuance of Announcement 2016-34; Announcement of the Results of the Phase III Allocation Round of the Qualifying Gasification Project Program. The Announcement corrects an error in the name of one of the credit recipients in Announcement 2016-34. The Announcement also confirms that no additional allocation rounds will be conducted under the qualifying gasification project program.

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Introduction

The Internal Revenue Bulletin is the authoritative instrument of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for announcing official rulings and procedures of the Internal Revenue Service and for publishing Treasury Decisions, Executive Orders, Tax Conventions, legislation, court decisions, and other items of general interest. It is published weekly.

It is the policy of the Service to publish in the Bulletin all substantive rulings necessary to promote a uniform application of the tax laws, including all rulings that supersede, revoke, modify, or amend any of those previously published in the Bulletin. All published rulings apply retroactively unless otherwise indicated. Procedures relating solely to matters of internal management are not published; however, statements of internal practices and procedures that affect the rights and duties of taxpayers are published.

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The Bulletin is divided into four parts as follows:

Part I.—1986 Code.

This part includes rulings and decisions based on provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Part II.—Treaties and Tax Legislation.

This part is divided into two subparts as follows: Subpart A, Tax Conventions and Other Related Items, and Subpart B, Legislation and Related Committee Reports.

Part III.—Administrative, Procedural, and Miscellaneous.

To the extent practicable, pertinent cross references to these subjects are contained in the other Parts and Subparts. Also included in this part are Bank Secrecy Act Administrative Rulings. Bank Secrecy Act Administrative Rulings are issued by the Department of the Treasury's Office of the Assistant Secretary (Enforcement).

Part IV.—Items of General Interest.

This part includes notices of proposed rulemakings, disbarment and suspension lists, and announcements.

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Part IV. Items of General Interest

Reissuance of Announcement 2016–34; Announcement of the Results of the Phase III Allocation Round of the Qualifying Gasification Project Program

Announcement 2017–06

On September 26, 2016, the Service published Announcement 2016–34, 2016–39 I.R.B. 422, which disclosed the results of the Phase III allocation round under the qualifying gasification project program of § 48B of the Internal Revenue Code and confirmed that no additional allocation rounds will be conducted under the § 48B

program. This announcement modifies and supersedes Announcement 2016–34.

SECTION 1. QUALIFYING GASIFICATION PROJECT PROGRAM

On December 29, 2014, the Internal Revenue Service (“Service”) published Notice 2014–81, 2014–53 I.R.B. 1001 (“the Notice”), to announce the beginning of the § 48B Phase III allocation round under the qualifying gasification project program (the “Phase III program”).

The Notice provides that the credit for a taxable year under the Phase III program is an amount equal to 20 percent of the qualified investment (as defined in § 48B(b)) for that taxable year in qualifying gasification projects (as defined in

§ 48B(c)(1)) for which the credit is allocated under § 48B(d)(1)(A).

Section 48A(d)(5) provides that the Secretary shall, upon making a certification under § 48B(d), publicly disclose the identity of the applicant and the amount of the credit certified with respect to such applicant. Section 9.01 of the Notice further provides that the Service intends to publish the results of Phase III allocation round, and disclose the following return information in the event the Phase III credit is allocated to the taxpayer’s project: (a) the name of the taxpayer and (b) the amount of the Phase III credit allocated to the project.

Accordingly, the results of the Phase III allocation round of the qualifying gasification program provided by § 48B are as follows:

<i>Program</i>	<i>Taxpayer</i>	<i>Credit Allocated</i>	<i>Total Credit Allocated</i>
Phase III	Clean Energy Resources, LLC	\$130,000,000	
	Lake Charles Holdings, LLC	\$130,000,000	
			\$260,000,000

Additionally, § 48B(d)(2) provides that certificates of eligibility for credit awardees may be issued under the § 48B program only during the 10-year period beginning on October 1, 2005. As a result, the Service may only reallocate as Phase III credits any available § 48B credits prior to October 1, 2015. Accordingly, the Service will not conduct additional allocations under Phase III of the qualifying gasification program.

SECTION 2. EFFECT ON OTHER DOCUMENTS

Announcement 2016–34, 2016–39 I.R.B. 422, is modified and superseded.

SECTION 3. DRAFTING INFORMATION

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Definition of Terms

Revenue rulings and revenue procedures (hereinafter referred to as “rulings”) that have an effect on previous rulings use the following defined terms to describe the effect:

Amplified describes a situation where no change is being made in a prior published position, but the prior position is being extended to apply to a variation of the fact situation set forth therein. Thus, if an earlier ruling held that a principle applied to A, and the new ruling holds that the same principle also applies to B, the earlier ruling is amplified. (Compare with *modified*, below).

Clarified is used in those instances where the language in a prior ruling is being made clear because the language has caused, or may cause, some confusion. It is not used where a position in a prior ruling is being changed.

Distinguished describes a situation where a ruling mentions a previously published ruling and points out an essential difference between them.

Modified is used where the substance of a previously published position is being changed. Thus, if a prior ruling held that a principle applied to A but not to B, and the new ruling holds that it applies to both A

and B, the prior ruling is modified because it corrects a published position. (Compare with *amplified* and *clarified*, above).

Obsoleted describes a previously published ruling that is not considered determinative with respect to future transactions. This term is most commonly used in a ruling that lists previously published rulings that are obsoleted because of changes in laws or regulations. A ruling may also be obsoleted because the substance has been included in regulations subsequently adopted.

Revoked describes situations where the position in the previously published ruling is not correct and the correct position is being stated in a new ruling.

Superseded describes a situation where the new ruling does nothing more than restate the substance and situation of a previously published ruling (or rulings). Thus, the term is used to republish under the 1986 Code and regulations the same position published under the 1939 Code and regulations. The term is also used when it is desired to republish in a single ruling a series of situations, names, etc., that were previously published over a period of time in separate rulings. If the new ruling does more than restate the sub-

stance of a prior ruling, a combination of terms is used. For example, *modified* and *superseded* describes a situation where the substance of a previously published ruling is being changed in part and is continued without change in part and it is desired to restate the valid portion of the previously published ruling in a new ruling that is self contained. In this case, the previously published ruling is first modified and then, as modified, is superseded.

Supplemented is used in situations in which a list, such as a list of the names of countries, is published in a ruling and that list is expanded by adding further names in subsequent rulings. After the original ruling has been supplemented several times, a new ruling may be published that includes the list in the original ruling and the additions, and supersedes all prior rulings in the series.

Suspended is used in rare situations to show that the previous published rulings will not be applied pending some future action such as the issuance of new or amended regulations, the outcome of cases in litigation, or the outcome of a Service study.

Abbreviations

The following abbreviations in current use and formerly used will appear in material published in the Bulletin.

A—Individual.
Acq.—Acquiescence.
B—Individual.
BE—Beneficiary.
BK—Bank.
B.T.A.—Board of Tax Appeals.
C—Individual.
C.B.—Cumulative Bulletin.
CFR—Code of Federal Regulations.
CI—City.
COOP—Cooperative.
Ct.D.—Court Decision.
CY—County.
D—Decedent.
DC—Dummy Corporation.
DE—Donee.
Del. Order—Delegation Order.
DISC—Domestic International Sales Corporation.
DR—Donor.
E—Estate.
EE—Employee.
E.O.—Executive Order.
ER—Employer.

ERISA—Employee Retirement Income Security Act.
EX—Executor.
F—Fiduciary.
FC—Foreign Country.
FICA—Federal Insurance Contributions Act.
FISC—Foreign International Sales Company.
FPH—Foreign Personal Holding Company.
F.R.—Federal Register.
FUTA—Federal Unemployment Tax Act.
FX—Foreign corporation.
G.C.M.—Chief Counsel’s Memorandum.
GE—Grantee.
GP—General Partner.
GR—Grantor.
IC—Insurance Company.
I.R.B.—Internal Revenue Bulletin.
LE—Lessee.
LP—Limited Partner.
LR—Lessor.
M—Minor.
Nonacq.—Nonacquiescence.
O—Organization.
P—Parent Corporation.
PHC—Personal Holding Company.
PO—Possession of the U.S.
PR—Partner.
PRS—Partnership.

PTE—Prohibited Transaction Exemption.
Pub. L.—Public Law.
REIT—Real Estate Investment Trust.
Rev. Proc.—Revenue Procedure.
Rev. Rul.—Revenue Ruling.
S—Subsidiary.
S.P.R.—Statement of Procedural Rules.
Stat.—Statutes at Large.
T—Target Corporation.
T.C.—Tax Court.
T.D.—Treasury Decision.
TFE—Transferee.
TFR—Transferor.
T.I.R.—Technical Information Release.
TP—Taxpayer.
TR—Trust.
TT—Trustee.
U.S.C.—United States Code.
X—Corporation.
Y—Corporation.
Z—Corporation.

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