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2021 Taxable Value for Refinery Gas

Louisiana Revised Statutes 47:301(3)(f) and (13)(d) provide that the taxable value of refinery gas shall be computed annually by multiplying 52 cents per thousand cubic feet by a fraction the numerator of which is the posted price for a barrel of West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil on December 1 of the preceding calendar year and the denominator of which is \$29. The posted price for a barrel of West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil on December 1, 2020 as reported by the United States Energy Information Administration was \$44.54.

The taxable value for refinery gas for 2021 is computed as follows:

$$\boxed{\$0.52 \times \frac{\$44.54}{\$29} = \$0.799 \text{ per MCF}}$$

Accordingly, the taxable value for refinery gas for sales and use tax purposes for calendar year 2021 has been set at \$0.799 per thousand cubic feet (MCF). This price is the maximum value that can be set for refinery gas by state and local authorities.

Refinery gas valuation for previous years are as follows:

Year	Valuation
2020	\$1.023
2019	\$0.930
2018	\$1.046
2017	\$0.916
2016	\$0.728
2015	\$1.237
2014	\$1.669
2013	\$1.596
2012	\$1.797

Questions concerning the taxable value of refinery gas for state sales and use tax purposes should be directed by email to sales.inquiries@la.gov. Questions about the valuation adopted by local authorities should be directed to the appropriate local authority.

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