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Re: Valero Energy Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan

Dear Sir or Madam:

In accordance with the Department of Labor Regulation §2520.104-23, this letter will serve as the alternative method of compliance with the reporting and disclosure requirements of Part I of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, for a pension plan for a select group of management or highly compensated employees.

1. The name and address of the employer is Valero Energy Corporation, P. O. Box 500, San Antonio, Texas 78292-0500.
2. The employer identification number assigned by the Internal Revenue Service to the employer is 74-1828067.
3. The employer declares that it maintains this Plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees.
4. The number of employees in this Plan is 23.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Taylor".

Bob Taylor



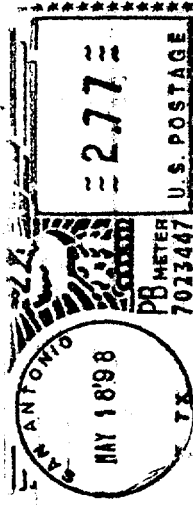
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