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Washington	7/1/05	60 cents	\$2.025	
2004	Alabama	5/18/04	26 cents	42.5 cents
	Hawaii	7/1/04	10 cents	\$1.40
	Michigan	7/1/04	75 cents	\$2.00
	New Jersey	7/1/04	35 cents	\$2.40
	Oregon <sup>2</sup>	1/1/04	-10 cents	\$1.18
	Pennsylvania	1/7/04	35 cents	\$1.35
	Rhode Island	7/1/04	75 cents	\$2.46
	Virginia	9/1/04	17.5 cents	20 cents
2003	Arkansas	6/1/03	25 cents	59 cents
	Connecticut	3/15/03	40 cents	\$1.51
	Delaware	8/1/03	31 cents	55 cents
	District of Columbia	1/1/03	35 cents	\$1.00
	Georgia	7/1/03	25 cents	37 cents
	Hawaii	7/1/03	10 cents	\$1.30
	Idaho	6/1/03	29 cents	57 cents
	Kansas	1/1/03	9 cents	79 cents
	Montana	5/1/03	52 cents	70 cents
	Nevada	7/22/03	45 cents	80 cents
	New Jersey	7/1/03	55 cents	\$2.05
	New Mexico	7/1/03	70 cents	91 cents
	Rhode Island	7/1/03	39 cents	\$1.71
	South Dakota	3/24/03	20 cents	53 cents
	Vermont	7/1/03	26 cents	\$1.19
	West Virginia	5/1/03	38 cents	55 cents
	Wyoming	7/1/03	48 cents	60 cents
	Guam	5/1/03	93 cents	\$1.75
2002	Arizona	11/26/02	60 cents	\$1.18
	Connecticut	4/3/02	61 cents	\$1.11
	Hawaii	7/1/02	20 cents	\$1.20
	Illinois	7/1/02	40 cents	98 cents
	Indiana	7/1/02	40 cents	55.5 cents
	Kansas	7/1/02	46 cents	70 cents
	Louisiana	7/1/02	12 cents	36 cents
	Maryland	6/1/02	34 cents	\$1.00
	Massachusetts	7/24/02	75 cents	\$1.51
	Michigan	8/1/02	50 cents	\$1.25
	Nebraska	10/1/02	30 cents	64 cents
	New Jersey	7/1/02	70 cents	\$1.50
	New York	4/3/02	39 cents	\$1.50
	Ohio	7/1/02	31 cents	55 cents
	Oregon	11/1/02	60 cents	\$1.28
	Pennsylvania	7/15/02	69 cents	\$1.00
	Rhode Island	7/1/02	32 cents	\$1.32
	Tennessee	7/15/02	8 cents	20 cents
	Utah	5/6/02	18 cents	69.5 cents
	Vermont	7/1/02	49 cents	93 cents
Washington	1/1/02	60 cents	\$1.425	
Puerto Rico	5/16/02	40 cents	\$1.23	