## Form **970**

**Application To Use LIFO Inventory Method** 

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of filer (name of parent corporation if a consolidated group) (see instructions)

► Attach to your tax return.

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Attachment

Filer's identification number (see instructions)

attachment

Sequence No. 122

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Name of applicant(s) (if different from filer) and identification number(s)

Part I Statement of Election under Section 472

Yes No

1 The applicant elects to use the LIFO inventory method for the tax year ending (enter month, day, year)
for the following goods (enter here):

See instructions and attach a statement if necessary. In an attached statement, identify and describe the inventory method(s) used by the applicant in the prior tax year for the goods covered by this election. If "Yes" to line 3a, attach a statement identifying and describing the goods and the LIFO methods used. If "Yes" to line 4a, attach a statement listing the tax years for which the LIFO inventory method was used and explaining why the LIFO inventory method was discontinued. The applicant will not use the LIFO inventory method to account for the following goods (enter here): Attach a statement if necessary. Part II **LIFO Inventory Requirements** Yes No Did the applicant value the closing inventories of goods covered by this election at cost for the tax year b If "No" to line 6a, did the applicant value the beginning inventories of goods covered by this election at cost for the tax year specified on line 1 as required by section 472(d)? If "No" to line 6b, attach an explanation. c If "Yes" to line 6b, will the applicant account for the adjustment required by section 472(d) over a 3-year period? If "No" to line 6c, attach an explanation. 7a When determining the beginning inventories of goods covered by this election, did the applicant treat those goods as being acquired for a unit cost that is equal to the total cost of those goods divided by the total number of units **b** If "No" to line 7a, attach an explanation. 8a Did the applicant (or any member of the same group of financially related corporations as defined in section 472(g)) issue credit statements or reports to shareholders, partners, other proprietors, or beneficiaries covering the tax year specified on line 1? b If "Yes" to line 8a, attach a statement describing the recipient(s), the date(s) of issuance, and the inventory method(s) used to determine income, profit, or loss in those statements. **9a** Will the applicant determine beginning and ending inventories at cost regardless of market value? If "No" to line 9a, attach an explanation. 10a As a condition of adopting the LIFO inventory method, Regulations section 1.472-4 requires a taxpayer to agree to make any adjustments incident to the change to, the change from, or the use of, the LIFO inventory method that, upon the examination of the taxpayer's income tax return, the IRS determines are necessary to clearly reflect income. Does the applicant agree to this condition? 

## Part III Specific Goods (Unit) Method

1 Under Regulations section 1.472-1, the types of goods in the opening inventory must be compared with similar types of goods in the closing inventories. Attach a list of the types or categories of goods that will be compared, describe the goods that will be included in each type or category, and identify the unit of measure (pounds, barrels, feet, etc.) used for each type or category.

b If "No" to line 10a, the applicant is not eligible to use the LIFO inventory method and does not need to file Form 970.