

Taxes

**If my tax bill was 0.05 percent
falling to 0.005 per cent,
I would think I need to
take a second look at my tax bill.**

**Margrethe Vestager,
European Union competition commissioner,
ordering the Irish government to recover
€13 billion (\$14.5 billion), plus interest,
from Apple, Inc., for allowing it to
pay virtually no tax on profits from
sales in Europe and other markets
for 25 years by allocating them to a
"stateless"-for-tax-purposes "head office"
located in Ireland that had no employees,
no premises and existed only on paper**