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D1 =

This responds to your letter dated November 18, 1998, and prior correspondence submitted on behalf of X, requesting a ruling that X's S corporation status will be effective as of D1.

FACTS

X was incorporated under State law and began business operations on D1. X's shareholders intended that X be a subchapter S corporation from D1; however, the S corporation election under § 1362 of the Internal Revenue Code was not timely filed.

LAW AND ANALYSIS

Section 1362(a) provides that a small business corporation may elect to be an S corporation.

Section 1362(b) provides the rule on when an S election will be effective. If an S election is made within the first two and one-half months of a corporation's taxable year, then that corporation will be treated as an S corporation for the year in which the election is made. If an S election is made after the first two and one-half months of a corporation's taxable year, then that corporation will not be treated as an S corporation until the taxable year after the year in which the S election is made.

Section 1362(b)(5) provides that if: (1) no § 1362(a) election is made for any taxable year, and (2) the Secretary determines that there was reasonable cause for the failure to timely make such election, then the Secretary may treat such an election as timely made for such taxable year and effective as of the first day of its tax year.

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X's S corporation election was not filed timely for the election to be effective as of its tax year beginning on D1. Nevertheless, X has established reasonable cause for not making a timely election and is entitled to relief under § 1362(b)(5).

CONCLUSION

Based solely on the facts submitted and representations made and assuming that X otherwise qualifies as a subchapter S corporation as of D1, we conclude that X will be recognized as an S corporation effective D1. Please file a completed Form 2553 (along with a copy of this ruling) reflecting X's election of subchapter S corporation status as of D1 with the applicable service center within 60 days of the date of this ruling.

Except as specifically set forth above, no opinion is expressed concerning the federal tax consequences of the facts described above under any other provision of the Code. Specifically, no opinion is expressed concerning whether X otherwise satisfies the S corporation eligibility requirements.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer who requested it. Section 6110(k)(3) provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent.

Pursuant to the power of attorney on file with this office, a copy of this letter is being sent to your authorized representative.

Sincerely,

Signed/Daniel J. Coburn
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