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LEGEND

Company =

X =

D1 =

D2 =

State =

Dear

This responds to a letter dated August 24, 1998, submitted by your authorized representative on behalf of Company, requesting a ruling under § 1362(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code.

FACTS

According to the information submitted, Company was incorporated in State on D1, with X as its sole shareholder. Company subsequently decided to elect to be treated as an S corporation effective D2. Company's Form 2553, Election by a Small Business Corporation, however, was not timely filed.

Company requests a ruling under § 1362(b)(5) that it will be classified as an S corporation effective for the taxable year beginning D2.

LAW

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 election under § 1362(a) will be effective. If an election is made within the

first two and one-half months of a corporation's taxable year, then the corporation will be treated as an S corporation for the year in which the election is made. If an election under § 1362(a) is made after the first two and one-half months of a corporation's taxable year, then the corporation will not be treated as an S corporation until the taxable year after the year in which the election is made.

Section 1362(b)(5) provides that if (1) no election is made under § 1362(a) 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 election as timely made for such taxable year and effective as of the first day of the tax year.

CONCLUSIONS

After applying the relevant law to the facts submitted and representations made, we conclude that Company has established reasonable cause for not making a timely election and is eligible for relief under § 1362(b)(5). This ruling is contingent on Company filing a completed Form 2553, containing an effective date of D2 for the election, with the appropriate service center within 60 days of the date of this letter. A copy of this letter should be attached to the Form 2553. A copy is enclosed for that purpose.

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 Company is an S corporation for federal tax purposes.

Under a power of attorney on file in this office, a copy of this letter will be sent to your authorized representative.

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.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures (2)
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