Part I

Section 6621. -- Determination of Interest Rate

26 CFR 301.6621-1: Interest rate.

Rev. Rul. 98-61

Section 6621 of the Internal Revenue Code establishes the rates for interest on tax overpayments and tax underpayments.

Under § 6621(a)(1), the overpayment rate beginning January 1,

1999, is the sum of the federal short-term rate plus 3 percentage points (2 percentage points in the case of a corporation), except the rate for the portion of a corporate overpayment of tax exceeding \$10,000 for a taxable period is the sum of the federal short-term rate plus 0.5 of a percentage point for interest computations made after December 31, 1994. Under § 6621(a)(2), the underpayment rate is the sum of the federal short-term rate plus 3 percentage points.

Section 6621(c) provides that for purposes of interest payable under § 6601 on any large corporate underpayment, the underpayment rate under § 6621(a)(2) is determined by substituting "5 percentage points" for "3 percentage points."

See § 6621(c) and § 301.6621-3 of the Regulations on Procedure and Administration for the definition of a large corporate underpayment and for the rules for determining the applicable date. Section 6621(c) and § 301.6621-3 are generally effective for periods after December 31, 1990.

Section 6621(b)(1) provides that the Secretary will determine the federal short-term rate for the first month in each calendar quarter.

Section 6621(b)(2)(A) provides that the federal short-term rate determined under § 6621(b)(1) for any month applies during the first calendar quarter beginning after such month.

Section 6621(b)(2)(B) provides that in determining the addition to tax under § 6654 for failure to pay estimated tax for any taxable year, the federal short-term rate that applies during the third month following such taxable year also applies during the first 15 days of the fourth month following such taxable year.

Section 6621(b)(3) provides that the federal short-term rate for any month is the federal short-term rate determined during such month by the Secretary in accordance with § 1274(d), rounded to the nearest full percent (or, if a multiple of 1/2 of 1 percent, the rate is increased to the next highest full percent).

Notice 88-59, 1988-1 C.B. 546, announced that, in determining the quarterly interest rates to be used for overpayments and underpayments of tax under § 6621, the Internal Revenue Service will use the federal short-term rate based on daily compounding because that rate is most consistent with § 6621 which, pursuant to § 6622, is subject to daily compounding.

Rounded to the nearest full percent, the federal shortterm rate based on daily compounding determined during the month of October 1998 is 4 percent. Accordingly, an overpayment rate of 7 percent (6 percent in the case of a corporation) and an underpayment rate of 7 percent are established for the calendar quarter beginning January 1, 1999. The overpayment rate for the portion of a corporate overpayment exceeding \$10,000 for the calendar quarter beginning January 1, 1999, is 4.5 percent. The underpayment rate for large corporate underpayments for the calendar quarter beginning January 1, 1999, is 9 percent. These rates apply to amounts bearing interest during that calendar quarter.

The 7 percent rate also applies to estimated tax underpayments for the first calendar quarter in 1999 and for the first 15 days in April 1999.

Interest factors for daily compound interest for annual rates of 7 percent, 6 percent, 4.5 percent, and 9 percent are published in Tables 19, 17, 14, and 23 of Rev. Proc. 95-17, 1995-1 C.B. 556, 573, 571, 568, and 577.

Annual interest rates to be compounded daily pursuant to § 6622 that apply for prior periods are set forth in the tables accompanying this revenue ruling.

DRAFTING INFORMATION

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TABLE OF INTEREST RATES

PERIODS BEFORE JUL. 1, 1975 - PERIODS ENDING DEC. 31, 1986

OVERPAYMENTS AND UNDERPAYMENTS

PERIO	D				RATE	19 DAILY		C.B. TABI	
Before	e J	Tul. 1, 1975	5		6%	Table	2,	pg.	557
Jul.	1,	1975Jan.	31,	1976	9%	Table	4,	pg.	559
Feb.	1,	1976Jan.	31,	1978	7%	Table	3,	pg.	558
Feb.	1,	1978Jan.	31,	1980	6%	Table	2,	pg.	557
Feb.	1,	1980Jan.	31,	1982	12%	Table	5,	pg.	560
Feb.	1,	1982Dec.	31,	1982	20%	Table	6,	pg.	560
Jan.	1,	1983Jun.	30,	1983	16%	Table	37,	pg.	591
Jul. 3	1,	1983Dec.	31,	1983	11%	Table	27,	pg.	581
Jan.	1,	1984Jun.	30,	1984	11%	Table	75,	pg.	629
Jul. 3	1,	1984Dec.	31,	1984	11%	Table	75,	pg.	629
Jan.	1,	1985Jun.	30,	1985	13%	Table	31,	pg.	585
Jul. 1	1,	1985Dec.	31,	1985	11%	Table	27,	pg.	581
Jan. 1	1,	1986Jun.	30,	1986	10%	Table	25	pg.	579
Jul.	1,	1986Dec.	31,	1986	9%	Table	23,	pg.	577

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FROM JAN. 1, 1987 - Dec. 31, 1998

		OVERPAYMENTS			UNDERPAYMENTS		
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		10%	73	627	11%	75	629
		10%	25	579	11%	27	581
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	991	9%	23	577	10%	25	579
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TABLE OF INTEREST RATES

FROM JANUARY 1, 1999 - PRESENT

NONCORPORATE OVERPAYMENTS AND UNDERPAYMENTS

Jan. 1, 1999--Mar. 31, 1999 7% 19 573

TABLE OF INTEREST RATES

FROM JANUARY 1, 1999 - PRESENT

CORPORATE OVERPAYMENTS AND UNDERPAYMENTS

OVERPAYMENTS | UNDERPAYMENTS | 1995-1 C.B. |

TABLE OF INTEREST RATES FOR LARGE CORPORATE UNDERPAYMENTS FROM JANUARY 1, 1991 - PRESENT

				1995-1 C.B.		
				RATE	TABLE	PG
Jan 1	1991Mar.	31	1991	13%	31	585
	1991Jun.			12%		583
	1991Sep.			12%	29	583
	1991Dec.			12%	29	583
	1992Mar.			11%	75	629
	1992Jun.			10%	73	627
_	1992Sep.	-		10%	73	627
	1992Dec.	-		9%	71	625
	1993Mar.	-		9%	23	577
	1993Jun.	-		9%	23	577
-	1993Sep.	-		9%	23	577
	1993Dec.			9%	23	577
Jan. 1,	1994Mar.	31,	1994	9%	23	577
Apr. 1,	1994Jun.	30,	1994	9%	23	577
Jul. 1,	1994Sep.	30,	1994	10%	25	579
	1994Dec.			11%	27	581
	1995Mar.			11%	27	581
	1995Jun.			12%	29	583
	1995Sep.			11%	27	581
	1995Dec.			11%	27	581
•	1996Mar.			11%	75	629
	1996Jun.			10%	73	627
	1996Sep.	-		11%	75	629
	1996Dec.	-		11%	75	629
	1997Mar.			11%	27	581
_	1997Jun.	-		11%	27	581
	1997Sep.	-		11%	27	581
	1997Dec.			11%	27	581
	1998Mar.			11%	27	581
_	1998Jun.	-		10%	25	579
	1998Sep.	-		10%		
	1998Dec.	-		10%		
Jan. 1,	1999Mar.	31,	1999	9%	23	577

TABLE OF INTEREST RATES FOR CORPORATE OVERPAYMENTS EXCEEDING \$10,000

FROM JANUARY 1, 1995 - PRESENT

	1995	-1 C.E	C.B.	
	RATE	TABLE	PG	
Jan. 1, 1995Mar. 31, 1995	6.5%	18	572	
Apr. 1, 1995Jun. 30, 1995	7.5%	20	574	
Jul. 1, 1995Sep. 30, 1995	6.5%	18	572	
Oct. 1, 1995Dec. 31, 1995	6.5%	18	572	
Jan. 1, 1996Mar. 31, 1996	6.5%	66	620	
Apr. 1, 1996Jun. 30, 1996	5.5%	64	618	
Jul. 1, 1996Sep. 30, 1996	6.5%	66	620	
Oct. 1, 1996Dec. 31, 1996	6.5%	66	620	
Jan. 1, 1997Mar. 31, 1997	6.5%	18	572	
Apr. 1, 1997Jun. 30, 1997	6.5%	18	572	
Jul. 1, 1997Sep. 30, 1997	6.5%	18	572	
Oct. 1, 1997Dec. 31, 1997	6.5%	18	572	
Jan. 1, 1998Mar. 31, 1998	6.5%	18	572	
Apr. 1, 1998Jun. 30, 1998	5.5%	16	570	
Jul. 1. 1998Sep. 30, 1998	5.5%	16	570	
Oct. 1, 1998Dec. 31, 1998	5.5%	16	570	
Jan. 1, 1999Mar. 31, 1999	4.5%	14	568	