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Legend:

X =

D1 =

This responds to your letter dated November 2, 1998, written on behalf of X, requesting relief under § 1362(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code.

FACTS

X was incorporated on D1 and is a calendar year taxpayer. X's sole shareholder desired that X elect to be treated as an S corporation, effective as of D1, but the election to be treated as an S corporation 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 the corporation will be treated as an S corporation for the year in which the election is made. If the election 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 S election is made.

Section 1362(b)(5) provides that if no election is made pursuant to Section 1362(a), or, if made, the election is made after the date prescribed for making such an election, and the Secretary determines there was reasonable cause for the failure to timely make the election, then the Secretary may treat such an election as timely made for such taxable year and effective as of the first day of that tax year.

X did not file a timely election to be treated as an S corporation under § 1362(a) effective on D1. X has, however, established reasonable cause for not making a timely S election and is entitled to relief under § 1362(b)(5).

CONCLUSION

Based solely on the facts submitted and representations made, and provided that X otherwise qualifies as a subchapter S corporation, we conclude that X will be recognized as an S corporation effective for the tax year beginning on D1. Within 60 days from the date of this letter, X should submit a properly completed Form 2553, with a copy of this letter attached, to the relevant service center.

Except as specifically set forth above, no opinion is expressed as to the federal tax consequences of the transaction described above under any other provision of the Internal Revenue Code.

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

Pursuant to the power of attorney on file with this office, the original of this letter is being sent to the taxpayer's representative and a copy will be sent to the taxpayer.

Sincerely yours,

signed/David R. Haglund
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