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Dear :

This letter responds to your letter dated March 27, 2004, submitted on behalf of X requesting an extension of time under section 301.9100-3 of the Procedure and Administration Regulations for X to elect to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation for federal tax purposes and relief to file a late S corporation election under section 1362(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code.

FACTS

According to the information submitted, X was formed on Date 1 under State law. X intended to elect to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation and then to elect to be treated as an S corporation, with both elections effective Date 2. However, Form 8832, Entity Classification Election, and the election to be treated as an S corporation inadvertently were not timely filed.

LAW AND ANALYSIS

Section 301.7701-3(a) provides that a business entity that is not classified as a corporation under section 301.7701-2(b)(1), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), or (8) (an “eligible entity”) can elect its classification for federal tax purposes. An eligible entity with a single owner can elect to be classified as an association.

Section 301.7701-3(b)(1) provides that an eligible entity with a single owner will be a disregarded as an entity separate from its owner unless it elects otherwise.

Section 301.7701-3(c)(1)(i) allows an eligible entity to elect to change its classification by filing Form 8832, Entity Classification Election, with the service center designated on that Form. Section 301.7701-3(c)(1)(iii) provides that all such elections become effective on the date specified by the entity on Form 8832 or on the date filed if no effective date is specified. The specified effective date must not be earlier than 75 days prior to the filing date of Form 8832, nor later than twelve months after the filing date.

Section 301.9100-1(c) gives the Commissioner discretion to grant reasonable extensions of time to make regulatory elections under the rules of sections 301.9100-2 and 301.9100-3. Under section 301.9100-1(b), a regulatory election includes an election whose due date is prescribed by a regulation published in the Federal Register.

Section 301.9100-3 sets forth the standards which the Commissioner uses to determine whether to grant a discretionary extension of time. These standards indicate that the Commissioner will grant relief when the taxpayer provides evidence proving to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the taxpayer acted reasonably and in good faith, and that granting relief will not prejudice the interests of Government.

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

Section 1362(b) provides when an S election becomes 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 was made. If an election is made after the first two and one-half months of a corporation’s taxable year, then the corporation will generally not be treated as an S corporation until the following taxable year.

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

CONCLUSION

Based solely on the information submitted and the representations made, we conclude that X has satisfied the requirements of sections 301.9100-1 and 301.9100-3. As a result, X is granted an extension of time of 60 days following the date of this letter for making the election to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation for federal tax purposes, effective Date 2. X should make the election by filing Form 8832 with the appropriate Service Center. A copy of this letter should be attached to that Form.

In addition, 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 Date 2. An original Form 2553 along with a copy of this letter must be forwarded to the relevant Service Center within 60 days from the date of this letter.

Except as expressly provided herein, no opinion is expressed or implied concerning the tax consequences of any aspect of any transaction or item discussed or referenced in this letter.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Heather C. Maloy

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