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We are responding to correspondence, submitted on your behalf by [REDACTED], requesting relief in order to establish January 1, 1999, as the effective date for your S corporation election. The information submitted explains you filed Form 2553 on March 9, 1999, but failed to send it via a means that would provide a receipt to prove timeliness. Although we are unable to respond to to your request as submitted, this letter provides useful information relating to your request.

Based on the *Instructions to Form 2553*, taxpayers are generally notified of acceptance or nonacceptance of their election within three months of date of filing (date mailed). If the IRS questions whether the election was filed, acceptable proof of filing is (a) certified or registered mail receipt; (b) Form 2553 with an accepted stamp; (c) Form 2553 with stamped IRS received date; or (e) an IRS letter stating the election has been accepted.

Announcement 97-4 (copy enclosed) provides guidance on seeking relief for late S corporation elections and inadvertent invalid S corporation elections. Generally, to request relief for a late or invalid S corporation election you must request a private letter ruling from the National Office. The procedures for requesting a private letter ruling are set out in Revenue Procedure 2000-1 (copy enclosed). In addition, Rev. Proc. 2000-1 requires taxpayers to submit a user fee along with their ruling request. The standard user fee for a private letter ruling is \$5,000. However, taxpayers with gross income of less than \$1 million on their tax return for the last 12-month taxable period qualify for a **reduced user fee** in the amount of \$500. If you are qualified to use the reduced fee provision you must include a statement certifying your gross income eligibility. Please review Appendix B for a sample format for requesting a private letter ruling.

If you decide to submit a formal request for a private letter ruling, please include the proper user fee and refer your request to our office by adding the following to the address:

Attn: CC:P&A
P.O. Box 7604
Ben Franklin Station
Washington, DC 20044

Direct to: CC:PSI:1
Room 5002

Please keep this letter with your tax records and feel free to provide a copy of it to your authorized representative. We hope that the above information proves helpful.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Dianna K. Miosi

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Enclosures:

Announcement 97-4
Rev. Proc. 2000-1