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LEGEND:

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Dear :

This ruling replies to the letter and enclosures requesting an extension of time under section 301.9100-1(c) of the Procedure and Administration Regulations for Taxpayer to file two copies of Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting Method, with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) national office. This request was made in accordance with section 301.9100-3.

FACTS

On Date 1, Taxpayer timely filed its consolidated federal income tax return for the tax year ending Date 2 (year of change), along with the originals of the relevant two Form 3115s filed pursuant to section 6.02 of Rev. Proc. 2002-9, 2002-1 C.B. 327, to change its method of accounting for advance payments under Rev. Proc. 2004-34, 2004-1 C. B.

991, and to change its method of accounting for prepaid expenses for its first taxable year ending on or after Date 3, pursuant to Rev. Proc. 2005-9, 2005-2 I.R.B. 303. However, Taxpayer inadvertently failed to file signed duplicate copies of the Form 3115s with the IRS national office on or before the date the original Form 3115s were filed with its return, as required by section 6.02(3)(a) of Rev. Proc. 2002-9. After the timely filing of the original copies of the Form 3115s, the Taxpayer discovered that the individual who was instructed to and was responsible for timely filing the separate copies of the Form 3115s neglected to do so.

LAW AND ANALYSIS

Rev. Proc. 2002-9 provides the procedures by which a taxpayer may obtain automatic consent to change certain methods of accounting. A taxpayer complying with all the applicable provisions of this revenue procedure has obtained the consent of the Commissioner to change the taxpayer's method of accounting under section 446(e) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder. Section 6.02(3)(a) of Rev. Proc. 2002-9 provides that a taxpayer changing a method of accounting pursuant to Rev. Proc. 2002-9 must complete and file a Form 3115 in duplicate. The original must be attached to the taxpayer's timely filed (including extensions) original federal income tax return for the year of change, and a copy (with signature) of the Form 3115 must be filed with the IRS national office no earlier than the first day of the year of change and no later than when the original is filed with the federal income tax return for the year of change.

Section 301.9100-1(c) provides that the Commissioner has discretion to grant a reasonable extension of time under the rules set forth in sections 301.9100-2 and 301.9100-3 to make certain regulatory elections. Section 301.9100-1(b) defines a regulatory election as an election whose due date is prescribed by a regulation published in the Federal Register, or a revenue ruling, revenue procedure, notice, or announcement published in the Internal Revenue Bulletin.

Sections 301.9100-1 through 301.9100-3 provide the standards the Commissioner will use to determine whether to grant an extension of time to make an election. Section 301.9100-2 provides automatic extensions of time for making certain elections. Section 301.9100-3 provides extensions of time for making elections that do not meet the requirements of section 301.9100-2.

Requests for relief under section 301.9100-3 will be granted when the taxpayer provides evidence to establish 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 the government. See section 301.9100-3(a).

CONCLUSION

Based solely on the facts and representations submitted, including affidavits, we conclude that the requirements of sections 301.9100-1 and 301.9100-3 have been satisfied. Accordingly, an extension of time is hereby granted for Taxpayer to file the necessary copies of the Form 3115s with the IRS national office. This extension shall be for a period of 30 days from the date of this ruling. Please attach a copy of this ruling to the Form 3115s when they are filed.

Except as specifically ruled upon above, no opinion is expressed or implied concerning the federal income tax consequences arising from Taxpayer's or its subsidiaries' activities. Furthermore, we express no opinion on whether Taxpayer is qualified to file the Form 3115s under Rev. Proc. 2002-9, Rev. Proc. 2004-34 and Rev. Proc. 2005-9 or whether the requested changes in accounting methods described above meet the requirements of those revenue procedures.

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

In accordance with the Power of Attorney on file with this office, a copy of this letter is being sent to your authorized representatives.

Sincerely,

Christopher F. Kane
Chief, Branch 3
(Income Tax & Accounting)

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