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Re: Request For Extension of Time to File Copy of a Form 3115 with the National Office

Taxpayer =
Date1 =
LMSB Official =

Dear :

This letter responds to a letter dated December 19, 2006, submitted by Taxpayer requesting an extension of time under § 301.9100-3 of the Procedure and Administration Regulations to file a copy of a Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting Method, with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) national office.

FACTS

Taxpayer, a corporation, timely filed its federal income tax return for the taxable year ending Date1, along with the original of a Form 3115 to change its method of accounting for depreciation under section 2.01 of the Appendix of Rev. Proc. 2002-9, 2002-1 C.B. 327. However, no copy of this Form 3115, with signature, was filed with the IRS national office.

A duly authorized officer of Taxpayer was responsible for the preparation and the filing of this Form 3115. However, such officer was unaware of the requirement to file a copy of the Form 3115 with the IRS national office.

RULING REQUESTED

Accordingly, Taxpayer requests an extension of time pursuant to § 301.9100-3 of the Procedure and Administration Regulations to file a copy of the signed Form 3115 for the taxable year ending Date1 with the IRS national office.

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 of Internal Revenue to change the taxpayer's method of accounting under § 446(e) and the Income Tax 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.

Under § 301.9100-1, the Commissioner has discretion to grant a reasonable extension of time under the rules set forth in §§ 301.9100-2 and 301.9100-3 to make a regulatory election.

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 § 301.9100-2.

Section 301.9100-3(a) provides that requests for relief under § 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.

CONCLUSIONS

Based solely on the facts and the representations submitted, we conclude that the requirements of §§ 301.9100-1 and 301.9100-3 have been met. Accordingly, Taxpayer is granted 60 calendar days from the date of this letter to file the necessary copy of the Form 3115 (with signature) with the IRS national office for the taxable year ended Date1.

Except as specifically ruled upon above, no opinion is expressed or implied concerning the federal income tax consequences of the facts described above. Specifically, no opinion is expressed or implied concerning (i) whether Taxpayer is

qualified to file the Form 3115 for the change in method of accounting for depreciation under Rev. Proc. 2002-9; (ii) whether each item of property that is the subject of such Form 3115 meets the requirements of section 2.01 of the Appendix of Rev. Proc. 2002-9, as modified by Rev. Proc. 2004-11, 2004-1 C.B. 311; or (iii) whether the change in method of accounting that is the subject of such Form 3115 qualifies under section 2.01 of the Appendix of Rev. Proc. 2002-9, as modified by Rev. Proc. 2004-11.

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

Pursuant to the power of attorney on file with this office, a copy of this letter is being sent to Taxpayer's authorized representatives. A copy of this letter is also being sent to the LMSB Official.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

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