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### LEGEND:

X =

Date =

Trust =

Dear :

This responds to a letter dated May 29, 2008, submitted on behalf of X by its authorized representative, requesting a ruling under § 1362(f) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code").

X made an election to be treated as an S corporation. X's election was inadvertently terminated effective Date because X's stock was held by Trust, and the trustee of Trust failed to make a valid electing small business trust ("ESBT") election. Trust is represented as being eligible to be an ESBT, effective Date. Also, X represents that the termination was not motivated by tax avoidance or retroactive tax planning. X and its shareholders have agreed to make any adjustments that the Commissioner may require, consistent with the treatment of X as an S corporation.

Section 1362(f) provides that if (1) an election under § 1362(a) by any corporation (A) was not effective for the taxable year for which made (determined without regard to § 1362(b)(2)) by reason of a failure to meet the requirements of § 1361(b) or to obtain shareholder consents or (B) was terminated under § 1362(d)(2) or (3), (2) the Secretary determines that the circumstances resulting in the ineffectiveness or termination were inadvertent, (3) no later than a reasonable period of time after discovery of the circumstances resulting in the ineffectiveness or termination, steps were taken (A) so that the corporation is a small business corporation or (B) to

acquire the shareholder consents, and (4) the corporation and each person who was a shareholder of the corporation at any time during the period specified pursuant to § 1362(f), agrees to make such adjustments (consistent with the treatment of the corporation as an S corporation) as may be required by the Secretary with respect to such period, then, notwithstanding the circumstances resulting in the ineffectiveness or termination, the corporation will be treated as an S corporation during the period specified by the Secretary.

Based solely on the facts submitted and the representations made, we conclude that the termination of X's S corporation election on Date was inadvertent within the meaning of § 1362(f). Pursuant to the provisions of § 1362(f), X will be treated as continuing to be an S corporation from Date and thereafter, provided X's S corporation election was valid and provided that the election was not otherwise terminated under § 1362(d). Trust will be treated as an ESBT from Date, provided that Trust is otherwise eligible to be an ESBT, until its ESBT status terminates.

This ruling is conditioned upon the trustee of Trust filing a properly completed ESBT election effective Date, with the appropriate service center within 60 days following the date of this letter and upon Trust filing any initial or amended returns that are necessary to comply with this ruling within 60 days following the date of this letter. A copy of this letter should be attached to the ESBT election and any relevant initial or amended return. If Trust does not comply with these conditions, this letter is null and void.

Except as specifically ruled above, we express no opinion concerning the Federal tax consequences of the transactions described above under any other provisions of the Code. This ruling is directed only to the taxpayer that requested it. Section 6110(j)(3) provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent. Pursuant to a power of attorney on file, a copy of this letter is being sent to X's authorized representative.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: 2

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