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X =

A =

State =

Date =

Year =

Dear _____ :

This letter responds to a letter dated May 17, 2013, and subsequent correspondence, submitted on behalf of X by its authorized representative, requesting an extension of time under § 301.9100-3 of the Procedure and Administration Regulations to file an election under § 754 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Facts

Based on the materials submitted on behalf of X, we understand the relevant facts to be as follows. X was formed as a limited partnership under the laws of State. X is treated as a partnership for Federal tax purposes. A, a partner of X, died on Date. X inadvertently failed to timely make an election under § 754 for the year of A's death.

X represents that it has acted reasonably and in good faith, that granting relief will not prejudice the interests of the government, and that it is not using hindsight in making the election. X further represents that it has filed returns for Year and all subsequent years consistent with the election.

Law and Analysis

Section 754 provides that if a partnership files an election, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary, the basis of partnership property shall be adjusted, in the case of a transfer of a partnership interest, in the manner provided in § 743. Such an election shall apply with respect to all distributions of property by the partnership and to all transfers of interest in the partnership during the taxable year with respect to which the election was filed and all subsequent tax years.

Section 1.754-1(b) of the Income Tax Regulations provides that an election under § 754 to adjust the basis of partnership property under §§ 734(b) and 743(b), with respect to a distribution of property to a partner or a transfer of an interest in a partnership, shall be made in a written statement filed with the partnership return for the taxable year during which the distribution or transfer occurs. For the election to be valid, the return must be filed not later than the time prescribed by § 1.6031-1(e) (including extensions thereof) for filing the return for that taxable year.

Under § 301.9100-1(c), the Commissioner may grant a reasonable extension of time to make a regulatory election, or a statutory election (but no more than six months except in the case of a taxpayer who is abroad), under all subtitles of the Code, except subtitles E, G, H, and I. Section 301.9100-1(b) defines the term “regulatory election” as including an election whose deadline is prescribed by a regulation published in the Federal Register.

Section 301.9100-2 provides the rules governing automatic extensions of time for making certain elections. Section 301.9100-3 provides the standards the Commissioner will use to determine whether to grant an extension of time for regulatory elections that do not meet the requirements of § 301.9100-2.

Section 301.9100-3(a) provides that requests for relief subject to § 301.9100-3 will be granted when the taxpayer provides the evidence (including affidavits described in § 301.9100-3(e)) to establish to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the taxpayer acted reasonably and in good faith, and the grant of relief will not prejudice the interests of the Government.

Conclusion

Based solely upon the information submitted and the representations made, we conclude that the requirements of §§ 301.9100-1 and 301.9100-3 have been satisfied.

As a result, X is granted an extension of time of 120 days following the date of this letter to make an election under § 754 effective for its Year taxable year and thereafter. The election should be made in a written statement filed with the appropriate service center. A copy of this letter should be attached to the § 754 election. A copy is enclosed for that purpose.

Except as expressly set forth above, no opinion is expressed or implied concerning the federal tax consequences of the facts discussed above under any other provision of the Code. Specifically, we express no opinion as to whether or not X is a partnership for federal tax purposes.

This ruling is directed only to the taxpayers 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 representative.

Sincerely,

Laura C. Fields

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Enclosures (2):

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