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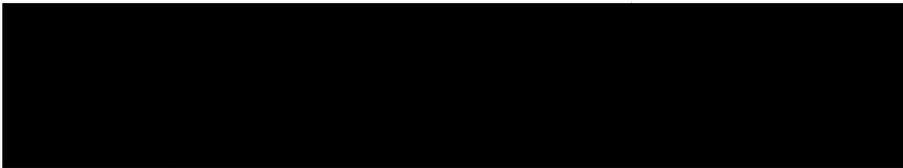
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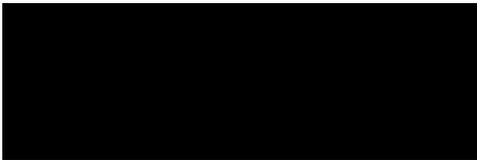
Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER

Date: APR 14 2005

In re: Petitioner: [Redacted]  
Beneficiary: [Redacted]

Petition: Immigrant petition for Alien Worker as a Skilled Worker or Professional pursuant to section 203(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(3)

IN BEHALF OF PETITIONER:



INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Robert P. Wiemann, Director  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The Director, Vermont Service Center, denied the immigrant visa petition, and the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) dismissed a subsequent appeal. The matter is again before the AAO on a motion to reopen and reconsider. The motion to reopen and reconsider will be rejected as untimely filed.

An affected party has 30 days from the date of an adverse decision to file a motion to reopen or reconsider a proceeding before Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS). 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i). If the adverse decision was served by mail, an additional three days is added to the proscribed period. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(b). Any motion that does not meet applicable requirements shall be dismissed. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(4).

The petitioner's motion does not meet applicable requirements because it was not timely filed. The record indicates that the director of the AAO issued the decision on June 18, 2003. It is noted that the director properly gave notice to the petitioner that it had 30 days to file any motions. Although counsel dated the motion July 17, 2003, it was received by CIS on July 22, 2003, or 34 days after the decision was issued. Accordingly, the motion was untimely filed. Neither counsel nor the petitioner presents any evidence for CIS to consider regarding the delay in timely filing the motion. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i). Accordingly, the motion will be dismissed.

As always, the burden of proving eligibility for the benefit sought remains entirely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361. The petitioner has not met that burden.

**ORDER:** The motion is dismissed.