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IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

APPLICATION: Application for Temporary Resident Status under Section 245A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1255a

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT: SELF-PRESENTED

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the National Benefits Center. If your appeal was sustained, or if your case was remanded for further action, you will be contacted. If your appeal was dismissed, you no longer have a case pending before this office, and you are not entitled to file a motion to reopen or reconsider your case.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application for temporary resident status pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreements reached in *Catholic Social Services, Inc., et al., v. Ridge, et al.*, CIV. NO. S-86-1343-LKK (E.D. Cal) January 23, 2004, and *Felicity Mary Newman, et al., v. United States Immigration and Citizenship Services, et al.*, CIV. NO. 87-4757-WDK (C.D. Cal) February 17, 2004 (CSS/Newman Settlement Agreements), was denied by the District Director, Portland. The decision is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The applicant submitted a Form I-687, Application for Status as a Temporary Resident under Section 245A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act), and a Form I-687 Supplement, CSS/Newman Class Membership Worksheet. The director determined that the applicant had not established by a preponderance of the evidence that he had continuously resided in the United States in an unlawful status for the duration of the requisite period. The director denied the application, finding that the applicant had not met his burden of proof and was, therefore, not eligible to adjust to temporary resident status pursuant to the terms of the CSS/Newman Settlement Agreements.

An adverse decision on an application for temporary resident status may be appealed to the AAO. Any appeal with the required fee shall be filed with the Service Center within thirty (30) days after service of the notice of denial. Whenever a person has the right or is required to do some act within a prescribed period after the service of notice upon him and the notice is served by mail, three days shall be added to the prescribed period. Service by mail is complete upon mailing. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(b). An appeal received after the thirty-day period has tolled will not be accepted. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(p). Additionally, 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(7)(i) requires that Citizenship and Immigration Services reject any petition or application filed with the incorrect filing fee.

The director issued the notice of denial on September 27, 2006 and mailed it to the applicant's address of record. The appeal was initially received on October 30, 2006. However, the applicant either submitted an incorrect filing fee or did not submit a filing fee at all and the appeal was returned. Although the applicant resubmitted the appeal with the correct filing fee, the appeal was received on November 9, 2006, or 43 days after the notice of denial was issued. Therefore, the appeal was untimely filed, and must be rejected.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.