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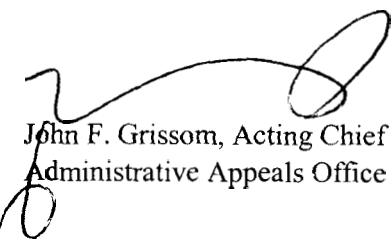
Beneficiaries:

PETITION: Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker Pursuant to Section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b)

ON 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.


John F. Grissom, Acting Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The nonimmigrant visa petition was approved by the Director, Vermont Service Center, and certified to the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) for review as required by 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(9)(iii)(B)(2)(ii). The decision of the director will be affirmed and the petition will be approved.

The petitioner wishes to continue to employ the beneficiaries as welders pursuant to section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(H)(ii)(b) for the period from December 1, 2008 until October 1, 2009. The Department of Labor (DOL) determined that the petitioner had submitted insufficient evidence for the issuance of a temporary labor certification by the Secretary of Labor.

The director determined that sufficient countervailing evidence has been submitted to show that qualified persons in the United States are not available, that the employment policies of the Department of Labor have been observed, and that the need for the services to be performed is a peakload need.¹

Upon review of the evidence contained in the record, the decision of the director is found to be correct. The Vermont Service Center will issue the appropriate approval notice.

ORDER: The decision of the director is affirmed.

¹ The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published the H-2B Nonagricultural Temporary Worker Final Rule in the Federal Register on December 19, 2008. The final rule became effective on January 18, 2009. See 73 FR 49109. This final rule amends DHS regulations regarding temporary nonagricultural workers, and their U.S. employers, within the H-2B nonimmigrant classification. The current Petition was filed with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services on January 6, 2009, prior to the date the new H-2B regulation came into effect. Under general rules of legal construction, a substantive, non-curative, adverse change in administrative rules is not to be applied retroactively unless the language of both the administrative rule and the statute authorizing the rule requires such a result. *Uzuegbu v. Caplinger*, 745 F.Supp. 1200, 1215 (E.D. La. 1990).