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FILE: [REDACTED]  
MSC-05-348-13367

Office: NEW YORK, NY

Date: DEC 26 2007

IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

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

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. The file has been returned to the office that originally decided your case. 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, New York. 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. Specifically, in her Notice of Intent to Deny (NOID), the director stated that at the time of the applicant's interview with a Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) officer, the applicant stated that he first entered the United States in 1996. The director noted that applicants for adjustment of status to that of a Temporary Resident must establish that they first entered the United States before January 1, 1982 to be eligible to adjust to such status pursuant to the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(b)(1). As the applicant stated that he did not enter before that date, the director found that the applicant was ineligible to adjust to Temporary Resident Status. The director granted the applicant thirty (30) days within which to submit additional evidence in support of his application. As the applicant failed to submit additional evidence in support of his application, he did not overcome the director's reasons for denial. 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 regarding Temporary Resident Status may be appealed to the Administrative Appeals Office. Any appeal with the required fee shall be filed with the Service Center within thirty (30) days after service of the notice of denial. An appeal received after the thirty-day period has tolled will not be accepted. See 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(p). Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(b), 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. If the last day of the period so computed falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, the period shall run until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, nor a legal holiday. 8 C.F.R. § 1.1(h).

The regulations further provide that every application, petition, appeal, motion, request, or other document submitted on the form prescribed by the Department of Homeland Security regulations shall be executed and filed in accordance with the instructions on the form; and the instructions are incorporated into the particular section of the regulations requiring its submission. 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(1). Form I-694 includes the following instruction:

Any Form I-694 that is not signed or accompanied by the correct fee will be rejected with a notice that the Form I-694 is deficient. [An applicant] may correct the deficiency and resubmit the Form I-694.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Note, however, that a rejected application or petition will not retain a filing date. 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(7). As Form I-694 must be filed within 30 days of the notice of decision, it would not be possible to timely resubmit the Form I-694 in this case.

The director issued her decision on June 29, 2006 and mailed it to the applicant at his address of record. The record shows the applicant's appeal was initially received on July 25, 2006, but it was rejected as improperly filed. The applicant resubmitted his appeal, which was accepted by the Service on August 8, 2006, forty (40) days after the director issued her decision. Therefore, the appeal was untimely filed, and must be rejected.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.