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MSC-05-279-13525

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Applicant:



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:



INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. If your appeal was dismissed or rejected, 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 or rejected, 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.

John F. Grissom
Acting 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 Director, New York. The decision is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The director denied the application because the applicant was found to have abandoned the application. Specifically, the applicant failed to appear for an interview with a United States Citizenship and Immigration (USCIS) officer on March 23, 2006.

As stated in 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(15), a denial due to abandonment may not be appealed. Since the denial in this case was based on the abandonment of the application, it may not be appealed. Therefore, the appeal will be rejected.

Additionally, the appeal will be rejected as untimely filed. An adverse decision on an application for temporary resident status may be appealed to the AAO; the appeal with the required fee must be filed within 30 days after service of the notice of denial. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(p). Three days are added if the notice of denial is served by mail. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(b). The date of filing is not the date of mailing, but the date of actual receipt. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(7)(i). An appeal that is not timely filed will not be accepted. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(p).

In this case, the director issued the notice of denial on January 18, 2007 and mailed it to the applicant's address of record. The appeal was received on February 23, 2007, 36 days later. Therefore, the appeal was untimely filed and must be rejected for this additional reason.

The AAO additionally notes that the applicant is inadmissible, and thus ineligible for the benefit sought since he was ordered removed from the United States on May 1, 2008. Section 212(a)(9)(A)(ii) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(9)(A)(ii); Section 245A(a)(4) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1255a(a)(4).

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.