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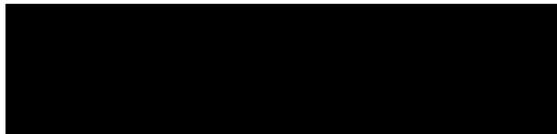
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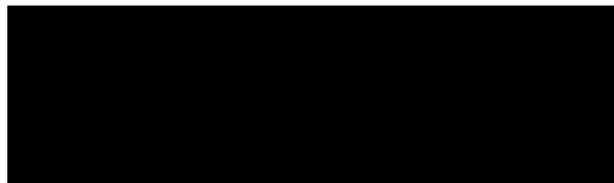
Office: NEBRASKA SERVICE CENTER

Date FEB 22 2010

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)

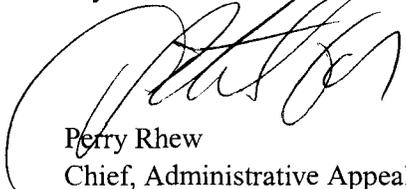
ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:



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.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen. Please refer to 8 C.F.R. § 103.5 for the specific requirements. All motions must be submitted to the office that originally decided your case by filing a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, with a fee of \$585. Any motion must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen, as required by 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i).

  
Perry Rhew  
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The Director, Nebraska Service Center, denied the immigrant visa petition. The matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected as untimely filed.

In order to properly file an appeal, the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(i) provides that the affected party must file the appeal within 30 days after service of the unfavorable decision. If the decision was mailed, the appeal must be filed within 33 days. *See* 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).

The record indicates that the director issued the decision on December 8, 2007. The director denied the petition as the petitioner failed to establish either the petitioner's ability to pay the proffered wage, or that the beneficiary had the required two years of experience by the time of the priority date. It is noted that the director properly gave notice to the petitioner that it had 33 days to file the appeal. Counsel dated the appeal January 7, 2008, it was postmarked January 4, 2008, and received by the director on January 14, 2008, 37 days after the decision was issued. Accordingly, the appeal was untimely filed.

Neither the Act nor the pertinent regulations grant the AAO authority to extend the 33-day time limit for filing an appeal. The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(2) states that, if an untimely appeal meets the requirements of a motion to reopen or a motion to reconsider, the appeal must be treated as a motion, and a decision must be made on the merits of the case.

A motion to reopen must state the new facts to be proved in the reopened proceeding and be supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(2). A motion to reconsider must state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions to establish that the decision was based on an incorrect application of law or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services policy. A motion to reconsider a decision on an application or petition must, when filed, also establish that the decision was incorrect based on the evidence of record at the time of the initial decision. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(3). A motion that does not meet applicable requirements shall be dismissed. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(4).

Counsel submitted no evidence on appeal. On the Form I-290B, counsel indicated that he would submit a brief or other evidence within 30 days of filing the appeal.<sup>1</sup> On the Form I-290B, he merely

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<sup>1</sup> The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(vii) states in pertinent part:

*Additional time to submit a brief.* The affected party may make a written request to the AAO for additional time to submit a brief. The AAO may, for good cause shown, allow the affected party additional time to submit one.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(viii) states in pertinent part:

stated, “the taxes for years 2002, 2003, and 2005 are incorporated in the tax figures given before arriving at Net Taxable Income. The taxes were received and misconstrued.” Counsel offers no brief or evidence to elaborate on this statement, or any evidence related to the issue of the beneficiary’s required experience. The appeal was submitted on January 14, 2008. To date, the AAO has not received any further evidence or a brief from counsel concerning this appeal.

Therefore, the untimely appeal does not meet the requirements of a motion to reopen or a motion to reconsider as the petitioner failed to submit any documentation on appeal to overcome either basis for the petition’s denial. Therefore, there is no requirement to treat the appeal as a motion under 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(2).

As the appeal was untimely filed and does not qualify as a motion, the appeal must be rejected.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.

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*Where to submit supporting brief if additional time is granted.* If the AAO grants additional time, the affected party shall submit the brief directly to the AAO.

Counsel, here, did not request any additional time beyond the 30 days listed on Form I-290B nor did counsel specifically identify any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact and has not provided any additional evidence on appeal to demonstrate that the position requires an advanced degree or that the beneficiary holds such a degree. The appeal alternatively could be summarily dismissed.