# Internal Revenue Service SUPPORTING STATEMENT Revenue Procedure 2002-32 as Modified by Revenue Procedure 2006-21 Waiver of 60-month Bar on Reconsolidation after Disaffiliation 1545-1784

### 1. <u>CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION</u>

These revenue procedures provide qualifying taxpayers with a waiver of the general rule of § 1504(a)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code barring corporations from filing consolidated returns as a member of a group of which it had been a member for 60 months following the year of disaffiliation. The collection of information is necessary to determine if the taxpayer qualifies for the waiver.

## 2. USE OF DATA

The information is to be used by revenue agents and by employees of the Office of Chief Counsel to determine if the taxpayer qualifies for the waiver granted to qualifying taxpayers by the revenue procedure, by, among other things, determining whether the taxpayer obtained a tax benefit by means of the disaffiliation and reconsolidation (in which case the taxpayer would not qualify for the waiver).

#### 3. USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE BURDEN

IRS Publications, Regulations, Notices and Letters are to be electronically enabled on an as practicable basis in accordance with the IRS Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998. IRS intends to offer electronic filing to the extent it is practicable however in this case it isn't practicable because of the evaluative nature of the determination.

## 4. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION

The information obtained through this collection is unique and is not already available for use or adaptation from another source.

## 5. METHODS TO MINIMIZE BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHER SMALL ENTITIES

There is no burden on small businesses or entities by this collection due to the inapplicability of the authorizing statute to this type of entity.

## 6. <u>CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS OR POLICY</u> <u>ACTIVITIES</u>

Less frequent collection would prevent the IRS from timely determining if the taxpayer qualifies

for the waiver granted to qualifying taxpayers by the revenue procedure, by, among other things, determining whether the taxpayer obtained a tax benefit by means of the disaffiliation and reconsolidation (in which case the taxpayer would not qualify for the waiver) thereby hindering the IRS from meeting its mission.

## 7. <u>SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING DATA COLLECTION TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH</u> <u>GUIDELINES IN 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2)</u>

There are no special circumstances requiring data collection to be inconsistent with guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

## 8. <u>CONSULTATION WITH INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THE AGENCY ON AVAILABILITY OF DATA,</u> <u>FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION, CLARITY OF INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS, AND DATA ELEMENTS</u>

Revenue Procedure 2002-32 was published in the **Internal Revenue Bulletin** on May 20, 2002 (2002-20 IRB 959).

Revenue Procedure 2006-21 was published in the **Internal Revenue Bulletin** on June 12, 2006, (2006-24 IRB 1050).

We received no comments during the comment period in response to the **Federal Register notice** dated October 17, 2017 (82 FR 48314).

## 9. EXPLANATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY PAYMENT OR GIFT TO RESPONDENTS

No gifts or payments are being provided to any respondents.

#### 10. ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSES

Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential as required by 26 USC 6103.

#### 11. JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS

A privacy impact assessment (PIA) has been conducted for information collected under this request as part of the "Business Master File (BMF)" system and a Privacy Act System of Records notice (SORN) has been issued for this system under IRS 24.046-Customer Account Data Engine Business Master File. The Internal Revenue Service PIAs can be found at http://www.irs.gov/uac/Privacy-Impact-Assessments-PIA\_\_\_\_\_

Title 26 USC 6109 requires inclusion of identifying numbers in returns, statements, or other documents for securing proper identification of persons required to make such returns, statements, or documents and is the authority for social security numbers (SSNs) in IRS systems.

This is an attachment to the Federal tax return. The Privacy Act statement associated with this attachment is listed in the Federal tax return instructions.

## 12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION

Taxpayers that qualify for the automatic waiver described in this revenue procedure obtain the waiver by attaching a statement to their tax return. Taxpayers that do not qualify for the automatic waiver may request a waiver in the form of a private letter ruling. The information will be used to determine whether taxpayers qualify for the waiver. The estimated total annual reporting and/or recordkeeping burden is 100 hours. The estimated annual burden per respondent/recordkeeper varies from 2 hours to 8 hours, depending on individual circumstances, with an estimated average of 5 hours. The estimated number of respondents is 20.

Authority	Description	# of Respondents	# Responses per Respondent	Annual Responses	Hours per Response	Total Burden
IRC 1504(a)(3) (A)	Automatic Waiver	20	1	20	5	100
Totals				20		100

## 13. ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS

To ensure more accuracy and consistency across its information collections, IRS is currently in the process of revising the methodology it uses to estimate burden and costs. Once this methodology is complete, IRS will update this information collection to reflect a more precise estimate of burden and costs.

# 14. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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## 15. <u>REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN</u>

There is no change to total taxpayer burden. We are making this submission to renew the OMB approval.

## 16. PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION

There are no plans for tabulation, statistical analysis and publication.

## REASONS WHY DISPLAYING THE OMB EXPIRATION DATE IS INAPPROPRIATE

IRS believes that displaying the OMB expiration date is inappropriate because it could cause confusion by leading taxpayers to believe that the revenue procedure sunsets as of the expiration date. Taxpayers are not likely to be aware that the Service intends to request renewal of the OMB approval and obtain a new expiration date before the old one expires.

### 17. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

There are no exceptions.

<u>Note:</u> The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information in this submission:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.