SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Internal Revenue Service

(Revenue Procedure 2003-33) Section 9100 Relief for 338 Elections

OMB #1545-1820

1. CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATING COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

This revenue procedure provides qualifying taxpayers with an extension of time pursuant to   
§ 301.9100-3 of the Procedure and Administration Regulations to file an election described in § 338(a) or § 338(h)(10) of the Internal Revenue Code to treat the purchase of the stock of a corporation as an asset acquisition. The collection of information is necessary to determine if the taxpayer qualifies for the extension.

1. 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 extension granted to qualifying taxpayers by the revenue procedure, by, among other things, determining whether the taxpayer acted reasonably and in good faith and whether granting the extension will prejudice the interests of the government (in which case the taxpayer would not qualify for the extension).

1. 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. There are no plans to provide electronic filing for qualifying taxpayers because electronic filing is not appropriate for the collection of information in this submission due to the requirement to attach the document of record. However, taxpayers that do not qualify for the automatic extension described in the revenue procedure may file a private letter ruling request electronically in accordance with section 7.04(3) of Rev. Proc. 2021-1 (or any successor).

1. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION

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

1. METHODS TO MINIMIZE BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESSES OR OTHER SMALL ENTITIES

The collection of information requirement will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

1. CONSEQUENCES OF LESS FREQUENT COLLECTION ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS OR POLICY ACTIVITIES

A less frequent collection on federal programs or policy activities could result in a decreased amount of taxes collected by the Service, inaccurate and untimely filing of tax returns, and an increase in tax violations.

1. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING DATA COLLECTION TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES IN 5 CFR § 1320.5(d)(2)

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

1. CONSULTATION WITH INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF THE AGENCY ON AVAILABILITY OF DATA, FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION, CLARITY OF INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS, AND DATA ELEMENTS

In response to the Federal Register notice dated September 16, 2021 (86 FR 51725), we received no comments during the comment period regarding Rev. Proc. 2003-33.

1. EXPLANATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY PAYMENT OR GIFT TO RESPONDENTS

No payment or gift has been provided to any respondents.

1. ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF RESPONSES

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

1. JUSTIFICATION OF SENSITIVE QUESTIONS

A privacy impact assessment (PIA) has been conducted for information collected under this request as part of the “Individual Master File (IMF)” system and a Privacy Act System of Records notice (SORN) has been issued for this system under IRS 24.030-CADE Individual Master File and IRS 34.037 IRS Audit Trail and Security Records System.  The Department of Treasury 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.

1. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF INFORMATION COLLECTION

The collection of information is in sections 5 and 7 of the revenue procedure. Taxpayers that qualify for the automatic extension described in this revenue procedure obtain the extension of time by attaching a statement to Form 8023, which is the form on which the election (for which the due date was missed) is made. Taxpayers that do not qualify for the automatic extension may request an extension in the form of a private letter ruling. The information will be used to determine whether taxpayers qualify for the extension. The estimated total annual reporting burden is 300 hours. The estimated annual burden per respondent varies from 2 hours to 8 hours, depending on individual circumstances, with an estimated average of 5 hours. The estimated number of respondents is 60.

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| **Authority** | **Description** | **# of Respondents** | **#Responses per Respondent** | **Annual Responses** | **Hours per Response** | **Total Burden** |
| **IRC §§ 301.9100-3, 338(a) or 338(h)(10)** | **Rev. Proc.**  **2003-33** | **60** | **1** | **60** | **5** | **300** |
| **Totals** |  | **60** |  |  | **5** | **300** |

Estimates of the annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens shown are not available at this time.

1. 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.

1. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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1. REASONS FOR CHANGE IN BURDEN

There is no change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. IRS is making this submission to renew the OMB approval.

1. PLANS FOR TABULATION, STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND PUBLICATION

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

1. 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 this 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.

1. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

There are no exceptions to the certification statement.

Note: 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.