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ANY CITY, ANY STATE
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Second B Notice
IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE ACTION IS REQUIRED

Second Backup Withholding Warning!

YOU MUST HAVE THE IRS OR SSA VALIDATE YOUR TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND RETURN IT TO US BY (12/5/2018).

Otherwise; backup withholding will begin.

Account No: XXXXXXXXXX
Current Name/TIN on Account
JOHN SMITH

Name/TIN on IRS B-Notice
JOHN
SMITH
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We have received notice from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) twice within 3 years stating that the combination of the name and taxpayer identification number (Name/TIN combination) on your account with us is incorrect. (Your account number, current name on the account, and current taxpayer identification number (TIN) on the account are shown above.) A Name/TIN combination is incorrect if it does not match a Name/TIN combination shown on the records of the Social Security Administration (SSA) or the IRS. You should follow the instructions below to correct this problem and send the corrected information to us before the date shown above. If we do not have the correct information before that date, the law requires us to backup withhold on interest, dividends, and certain other payments that we make to your account. The backup withholding rate is: 24%. Section 3406 of the Internal Revenue Code requires that we withhold a predetermined percent in tax, called backup withholding, when you do not give us your correct Name/TIN combination. Because of the notices we received from the IRS, we are now required to disregard any future Name/TIN combinations you furnish us for your account (whether or not you certify your TIN under penalties of perjury) unless SSA (or, in the case of an incorrect employer identification number, the IRS) validates your Name/TIN combination. Also, the IRS may charge you a \$50 penalty for failing to provide us with your correct Name/TIN combination.

What You Need To Do

Follow the instructions below to correct your account record to avoid backup withholding on your account (or to stop it once it has begun) and to avoid the penalty.

Individuals

Instructions for Incorrect Social Security Numbers

If the incorrect TIN you furnished us is a social security number, you must:

1. Provide us with a copy of your Social Security card. The social security card must show your correct name/SSN combination that differs from the name and SSN combination appearing on this notice or it must show a date of issuance that is no earlier than six months prior to the date on this notice. Send the copy directly to us with a copy of this notice attached.
2. If you do not have a card meeting the requirement in item 1, you must apply for a Social Security card by submitting SSA Form SS-5 to the SSA in person or by mail. That form and further information regarding application for a Social Security card is available at ssa.gov.
3. In addition to the required identifying information for obtaining a Social Security card, give a copy of this notice to the SSA.
4. Allow 7-10 business days for receipt of your Social Security card.
5. Once you receive your Social Security card, make a copy of the card and send the copy directly to us with a copy of this notice attached.

Non-individuals or Certain Sole Proprietors

Instructions for Incorrect Employer Identification Numbers

If the incorrect TIN you furnished is an employer identification number, you must:

1. Write the Internal Revenue Service Center where you file your income tax return, and ask the IRS to send you a Letter 147C;
2. Enclose a copy of this notice in your letter to the Internal Revenue Service Center; and
3. When the IRS sends you the Letter 147C, send it to us with a copy of this notice attached.

Note: Internal Revenue Service Center address information can be found at www.irs.gov