

notice to be adopted, including any related matters or alternative proposals that commenters may wish to discuss. Comments are due February 1, 2002. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing.

36. For paper filings, the original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. RM96-1-020.

37. Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Website at www.ferc.gov and click on "Make An E-Filing," and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgment to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments. User assistance for electronic filing is available at 202-208-0258 or by e-mail to efiling@ferc.fed.us. Comments should not be submitted to the e-mail address.

38. All comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and will be available for inspection in the Commission's Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington D.C. 20426, during regular business hours. Additionally, all comments may be viewed, printed, or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's Homepage using the RIMS link. User assistance for RIMS is available at 202-208-2222, or by e-mail to rimsmaster@ferc.fed.us.

39. Document Availability

40. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the Internet through FERC's homepage (<http://www.ferc.gov>) and in FERC's Public Reference Room during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time) at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426.

41. From FERC's homepage on the Internet, this information is available in both the Commission Issuance Posting System (CIPS) and the Records and Information Management System (RIMS).

42. CIPS provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission since November 14, 1994.

43. CIPS can be accessed using the CIPS link or the Documents & Filing

link. The full text of this document is available on CIPS in ASCII and WordPerfect 8.0 format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading.

44. RIMS contains images of documents submitted to and issued by the Commission after November 16, 1981. Documents from November 1995 to the present can be viewed and printed from FERC's homepage using the RIMS link or the Documents & Filing link. Descriptions of documents back to November 16, 1981, are also available from RIMS-on-the-Web; requests for copies of these and other older documents should be submitted to the Public Reference Room.

45. User assistance is available for RIMS, CIPS, and the Web site during normal business hours from our Help line at (202) 208-2222 (e-mail to WebMaster@ferc.fed.us) or the Public Reference at (202) 208-1371 (e-mail to public.referenceroom@ferc.fed.us).

46. During normal business hours, documents can also be viewed and/or printed in FERC's Public Reference Room, where RIMS, CIPS, and the FERC Web site are available. User assistance is also available.

List of Subjects in 18 CFR Part 284

Continental shelf, Incorporation by reference, Natural gas, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

By direction of the Commission.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Commission proposes to amend part 284, Chapter I, Title 18, *Code of Federal Regulations*, as follows.

PART 284—CERTAIN SALES AND TRANSPORTATION OF NATURAL GAS UNDER THE NATURAL GAS POLICY ACT OF 1978 AND RELATED AUTHORITIES

1. The authority citation for part 284 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 717-717w, 3301-3432; 42 U.S.C. 7101-7532; 43 U.S.C. 1331-1356.

2. Section 284.12 is amended as follows:

§ 284.12 [Amended]

a. Paragraph (a) is removed and paragraphs (b) and (c) are redesignated as paragraphs (a) and (b), respectively.

b. In newly redesignated paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (ii), (iii), and (v), revise all references to "Version 1.4, August 31, 1999" to read "Version 1.5, August 18, 2001."

c. In newly redesignated paragraph (a)(1)(iv), revise all references to

"Version 1.4, November 15, 1999" to read "Version 1.5, August 18, 2001."

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 1

[REG-142299-01] [REG-209135-88]

RIN 1545-BA36 and 1545-AW92

Certain Transfers of Property to Regulated Investment Companies and Real Estate Investment Trusts

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking by cross-reference to temporary regulations.

SUMMARY: This document contains proposed regulations that apply to certain transactions or events that result in a Regulated Investment Company [RIC] or Real Estate Investment Trust [REIT] owning property that has a basis determined by reference to a C corporation's basis in the property. The text of the temporary regulations published in the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the **Federal Register** serves as the text of this proposed regulation.

DATES: Written or electronic comments must be received by April 2, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send submissions to: CC:ITA:RU [REG-142299-01], room 5226, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Submissions may be hand delivered Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to CC:ITA:RU [REG-142299-01], Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC or sent to the IRS Internet site at: <http://www.irs.gov/taxregs/reglist.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Concerning the proposed regulations, Lisa A. Fuller, (202) 622-7750; concerning submissions of comments, Donna Poindexter (202) 622-7180 (not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act

The collection of information contained in this notice of proposed rulemaking has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

U.S.C. 3507(d)). Comments on the collection of information should be sent to the Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for the Department of the Treasury, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503, with copies to the Internal Revenue Service, Attn: IRS Reports Clearance Officer, W:CAR:MP:FP:S:O, Washington, DC 20224. Comments on the collection of information should be received by March 4, 2002. Comments are specifically requested concerning: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the IRS, including whether the collection will have practical utility; The accuracy of the estimated burden associated with the proposed collection of information (see below); How the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected may be enhanced; How the burden of complying with the proposed collection of information may be minimized, including through the application of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and Estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

The collection of information in this proposed regulation is in §§ 1.337(d)-6T and 1.337(d)-7T. This information is necessary for the IRS to determine whether section 1374 treatment or deemed sale treatment is appropriate for the entity for which the regulation applies. The collection of information is required to obtain a benefit, i.e., to elect section 1374 treatment in lieu of deemed sale treatment in § 1.337(d)-6T, or to elect deemed sale treatment in lieu of section 1374 treatment in § 1.337(d)-7T. The likely respondents for deemed sale elections are C corporations. The likely respondents for section 1374 elections are RICs and REITs.

Section 1.337(d)-6T provides that a section 1374 election is made by filing a statement and attaching it to any Federal income tax return filed by the RIC or REIT on or before March 15, 2003, provided that the RIC or REIT has reported consistently with such election for all periods. Alternatively, a RIC or REIT can also make a section 1374 election by informing the IRS prior to January 2, 2002 of its intent to make a section 1374 election. Section 1.337(d)-7T provides that a deemed sale election is made by filing a statement and attaching it to the C corporation's Federal income tax return for the taxable year in which the deemed sale occurs.

Estimated total annual reporting burden: 70 hours.

Estimated average annual burden per respondent: 30 minutes.

Estimated number of respondents: 140.

Estimated annual frequency of responses: Once.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by the Office of Management and Budget.

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.

Background

Temporary regulations in the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the **Federal Register** revise and add the Income Tax Regulations (26 CFR part 1) relating to section 337(d). The temporary regulations generally provide that, if property owned by a C corporation or property subject to section 1374 owned by a RIC, a REIT, or an S corporation becomes the property of a RIC or REIT by (1) the qualification of the C corporation as a RIC or REIT, or (2) certain transfers of property to a RIC or REIT, then the RIC or REIT will be subject either to section 1374 treatment or the C corporation will be subject to deemed sale treatment. The text of those temporary regulations also serves as the text of these proposed regulations. The preamble to the temporary regulations explains the temporary regulations.

Special Analyses

It has been determined that this notice of proposed rulemaking is not a significant regulatory action as defined in Executive Order 12866. Therefore, a regulatory assessment is not required. It also has been determined that section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 5) does not apply to these regulations and, because the regulations do not impose a collection of information on small entities, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6) does not apply. Therefore, a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is not required. Pursuant to section 7805(f) of the Code, these proposed regulations will be submitted to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration for comment on their impact on small business.

Comments and Public Hearing

Before these proposed regulations are adopted as final regulations, consideration will be given to any written comments (a signed original and eight (8) copies) or electronic comments that are submitted timely to the IRS. The IRS and Treasury request comments on the clarity of the proposed rule and how it may be made easier to understand. All comments will be made available for public inspection and copying. A public hearing may be scheduled. When a public hearing is scheduled, notice of the date, time, and place for the public hearing will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Drafting Information

The principal author of these regulations is Lisa A. Fuller of the Office of Associate Chief Counsel (Corporate). Other personnel from Treasury and the IRS participated in their development.

List of Subjects in 26 CFR Part 1

Income taxes, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Proposed Amendments to the Regulations

Accordingly, 26 CFR part 1 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 1—INCOME TAXES

Par. 1. The authority citation for part 1 is amended by adding entries in numerical order to read in part as follows:

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 7805 * * *

Section 1.337(d)-6 also issued under 26 U.S.C. 337.

Section 1.337(d)-7 also issued under 26 U.S.C. 337. * * *

Par. 2. Sections 1.337(d)-6 and 1.337(d)-7 are added to read as follows:

§ 1.337(d)-6 New transitional rules imposing tax on property owned by a C corporation that becomes property of a RIC or REIT.

[The text of proposed § 1.337(d)-6 is the same as the text of § 1.337(d)-6T published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.]

§ 1.337(d)-7 Tax on property owned by a C corporation that becomes property of a RIC or REIT.

[The text of proposed § 1.337(d)-7 is the same as the text of § 1.337(d)-7T published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.]

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Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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