

**RULE 255.2. COMMENCEMENT OF PARTNERSHIP
ACTION¹**

(a) Commencement of Action: A partnership action under this Title shall be commenced by filing a petition with the Court. See Rule 20, relating to commencement of case; the taxpayer identification number to be provided under paragraph (b) of that Rule shall be the partnership's employer identification number. See also Rule 22, relating to the place and manner of filing the petition; Rule 32, relating to form of pleadings; and Rule 255.1(d), relating to the caption.

(b) Content of Petition: A petition filed pursuant to this Rule shall be entitled "Petition for Partnership Action Under BBA Section 1101" and shall contain the following:

(1) The partnership representative's name, State of legal residence (or in the case of a partnership representative other than an individual, the partnership representative's principal place of business or principal office or agency), and mailing address, each as of the date that the petition is filed, and a separate numbered paragraph stating that the partnership designated or that the Secretary selected the partnership representative as its partnership representative.

(2) The partnership's name and principal place of business as of the time the petition is filed.

(3) The city and State of the office of the Internal Revenue Service with which the partnership's return(s) for the year(s) in controversy was filed.

(4) The date of the notice of final partnership adjustment.

(5) The amount of the imputed underpayment, determined by the Commissioner, the nature of the tax, the year or years or other periods for which the determination was made; and, if different from the Commissioner's determination, the approximate amount of the imputed underpayment in controversy, including any proposed modification of the imputed underpayment that was not approved by the Commissioner.

(6) Clear and concise statements of each and every error that the petitioner alleges the Commissioner com-

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mitted in the notice of final partnership adjustment and each and every proposed modification of the imputed underpayment to which the Commissioner did not consent. The assignments of error shall include issues in respect of which the Commissioner has the burden of proof. Any issue not raised in the assignments of error, including any amendment thereto, shall be deemed to be conceded. Each assignment of error shall be set forth in a separately lettered subparagraph.

(7) Clear and concise lettered statements of the facts on which the petitioner bases the assignments of error and the proposed modifications, except with respect to the assignments of error as to which the Commissioner has the burden of proof.

(8) A prayer setting forth the relief that the petitioner seeks.

(9) The signature, mailing address, telephone number and Tax Court bar number of the partnership's counsel; or if the partnership is self-represented, the signature, mailing address, and telephone number of the individual who filed the petition on behalf of the partnership, with a statement of the individual's capacity to file the petition on behalf of the partnership.

(10) A copy of the notice of final partnership adjustment shall be appended to the petition, as shall any statement accompanying the notice as is material to the issues that the assignments of error raise. If the notice of final partnership adjustment or any accompanying statement incorporates by reference a prior notice or other material that the Internal Revenue Service furnished, the parts thereof that are material to the assignments of error shall also be appended to the petition.

A claim for reasonable litigation or administrative costs shall not be included in the petition in a partnership action under this Title XXIV.A. For the requirements as to claims for reasonable litigation or administrative costs, see Rule 231.

(c) Joinder of Parties: (1) *Permissive Joinder:* A separate petition shall be filed with respect to each notice of final partnership adjustment issued to separate partnerships. A single petition for readjustment, however, may be filed seeking readjustments of partnership items with respect to

more than one notice of final partnership adjustment if the notices pertain to the same partnership.

(2) *Severance or Other Orders:* With respect to a case based upon multiple notices of final partnership adjustment, the Court may order a severance and a separate case to be maintained with respect to one or more of the notices whenever it appears to the Court that proceeding separately furthers convenience, or avoids prejudice, or when separate trials will be conducive to expedition or economy.

(d) Filing Fee: The fee for filing a petition for a partnership action is \$60, payable at the time of filing. The payment of any fee under this paragraph may be waived if the petitioner establishes to the satisfaction of the Court by an affidavit or a declaration containing specific financial information the inability to make the payment.