

BEFORE THE TAX COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

In the Matter of the Protest of)	
)	DOCKET NO. 19425
[REDACTED],)	
)	DECISION
Petitioner.)	
_____)	

On April 19, 2006, the Tax Discovery Bureau (Bureau) of the Idaho State Tax Commission issued a Notice of Deficiency Determination (NODD) to [Redacted] (taxpayer), proposing income tax, penalty, and interest for taxable years 1998 through 2004 in the total amount of \$28,128.

The taxpayer filed a timely appeal. She did not request a hearing and did not submit additional information. The Tax Commission has reviewed the file and hereby issues its decision based upon the information contained in the file.

Because Tax Commission records showed the taxpayer met the state income tax filing requirements and had not filed Idaho returns for the years at issue, the Bureau attempted to contact the taxpayer for clarification. The taxpayer did not respond.

[Redacted] Idaho Code § 63-3045 (1)(a) states:

63-3045. Notice of redetermination or deficiency -- Interest. (1) (a) If, in the case of any taxpayer, the state tax commission determines that there is a deficiency in respect of the tax imposed by this title, the state tax commission shall, immediately upon discovery thereof, send notice of such deficiency to the taxpayer by registered or certified mail or by other commercial delivery service providing proof of delivery, whichever is the most cost efficient. The notice shall be sent to the taxpayer's last address known to the state tax commission. The notice of deficiency shall be accompanied by an explanation of the specific reason for the determination and an explanation of the taxpayer's right to appeal. Within sixty-three (63) days after such notice is mailed, the taxpayer may, at his option, file a protest in writing with the state tax commission and obtain redetermination of the deficiency.

Determining the taxpayer had a requirement to file resident individual income tax returns, the Bureau prepared returns on her behalf and sent her a NODD. In response to the NODD, the taxpayer sent a letter of protest that she and her husband signed stating the NODD was inaccurate because “we had a substantial amount of deductions that are not reflected in these numbers.” They explained they must reconstruct a portion of their information [Redacted] They asked for a timeline for submitting the missing returns.

The Bureau sent the taxpayer a letter to acknowledge her protest and allow her the additional time she requested. After further delay, when the promised returns did not arrive, the taxpayer’s file was transferred to the Legal/Tax Policy Division for administrative review. The taxpayer did not respond to a letter from the Tax Appeals Specialist advising her of her appeal rights.

The taxpayer has not filed her 1998 through 2004 Idaho income tax returns and has submitted nothing that would cast doubt on the Bureau’s determination that was based on records retained by the IRS and the Tax Commission. The filing status of married filing separate was used because, by not filing state or federal income tax returns for 1998 through 2004, the taxpayer did not make the election to file joint returns. One-half of the community income was used to determine the tax amount, which was reduced by one-half of the community tentative payments.

The interest and penalty added by the Bureau pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 63-3045 and 63-3046 was reviewed and found to be proper and in accordance with Idaho Code.

A Notice of Deficiency Determination issued by the Idaho State Tax Commission is presumed to be accurate. Parsons v. Idaho State Tax Com'n, 110 Idaho 572 (Ct. App. 1986). Having presented no information in support of her argument, the taxpayer has failed to meet her burden of proving error on the part of the deficiency determination. Albertson's, Inc. v. State, Dept. of Revenue, 106 Idaho 810 (1984).

WHEREFORE, the Notice of Deficiency Determination dated April 19, 2006, is APPROVED, AFFIRMED, and MADE FINAL.

IT IS ORDERED and THIS DOES ORDER that the taxpayer pay the following tax, penalty, and interest:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TAX</u>	<u>PENALTY</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1998	\$1,570	\$ 393	\$ 796	\$ 2,759
1999	3,937	984	1,710	6,631
2000	1,645	411	583	2,639
2001	2,326	582	645	3,553
2002	1,923	481	410	2,814
2003	1,681	420	269	2,370
2004	5,839	1,460	584	<u>7,883</u>
			TOTAL	\$28,649

Interest is computed through April 1, 2006.

DEMAND for immediate payment of the foregoing amount is hereby made and given.

An explanation of the taxpayer's right to appeal this decision is included with this decision.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2006.

IDAHO STATE TAX COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this _____ day of _____, 2006, a copy of the within and foregoing DECISION was served by sending the same by United States mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to:

[REDACTED]

Receipt No.
