Form **8655**
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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Reporting Agent Authorization

OMB No. 1545-1058

Taxpayer

1a Name of taxpayer (as distinguished from trade name)	**2** Employer identification number (EIN)	
1b Trade name, if any	**4** If you are a seasonal employer, check here . . . . ☐	
3 Address (number, street, and room or suite no.)	**5** Other identification number	
City or town, state, and ZIP code		
6 Contact person	**7** Daytime telephone number	**8** Fax number

Reporting Agent

9 Name (enter company name or name of business)	**10** Employer identification number (EIN)	
11 Address (number, street, and room or suite no.)		
City or town, state, and ZIP code		
12 Contact person	**13** Daytime telephone number	**14** Fax number

Authorization of Reporting Agent To Sign and File Returns

15 Use the entry lines below to indicate the tax return(s) to be filed by the reporting agent. Enter the beginning year of annual tax returns or beginning quarter of quarterly tax returns. See the instructions for how to enter the quarter and year. Once this authority is granted, it is effective until revoked by the taxpayer or reporting agent.

940 _____	941 _____	940-PR _____	941-PR _____	941-SS _____	943 _____
943-PR _____	944 _____	944-PR _____	944-SS _____	945 _____	1042 _____
CT-1 _____					

Authorization of Reporting Agent To Make Deposits and Payments

16 Use the entry lines below to enter the starting date (the first month and year) of any tax return(s) for which the reporting agent is authorized to make deposits or payments. See the instructions for how to enter the month and year. Once this authority is granted, it is effective until revoked by the taxpayer or reporting agent.

940 _____	941 _____	943 _____	944 _____	945 _____	720 _____
1041 _____	1042 _____	1120 _____	CT-1 _____	990-PF _____	990-T _____

Disclosure of Information to Reporting Agents

17a Check here to authorize the reporting agent to receive or request copies of tax information and other communications from the IRS related to the authorization granted on lines 15, 16, and/or line 18 . . . . ☐

b Check here if the reporting agent also wants to receive copies of notices from the IRS . . . . ☐

Disclosure Authorization

18a The reporting agent is authorized to receive otherwise confidential taxpayer information from the IRS to assist in responding to certain IRS notices relating to the Form W-2 series information returns. This authority is effective for calendar year forms beginning _____ .

b The reporting agent is authorized to receive otherwise confidential taxpayer information from the IRS to assist in responding to certain IRS notices relating to the Form 1099 series information returns. This authority is effective for calendar year forms beginning _____ .

c The reporting agent is authorized to receive otherwise confidential taxpayer information from the IRS to assist in responding to certain IRS notices relating to the Forms 3921 and 3922. This authority is effective for calendar year forms beginning _____ .

State or Local Authorization

19 Check here to authorize the reporting agent to sign and file state or local returns related to the authorization granted on line 15 and/or line 16 ☐

Authorization Agreement

I understand that this agreement does not relieve me, as the taxpayer, of the responsibility to ensure that all tax returns are filed and that all deposits and payments are made. If line 15 is completed, the reporting agent named above is authorized to sign and file the return indicated, beginning with the quarter or year indicated. If any starting dates on line 16 are completed, the reporting agent named above is authorized to make deposits and payments beginning with the period indicated. Any authorization granted remains in effect until it is revoked by the taxpayer or reporting agent. I am authorizing the IRS to disclose otherwise confidential tax information to the reporting agent relating to the authority granted on line 15 and/or line 16, including disclosures required to process Form 8655. Disclosure authority is effective upon signature of taxpayer and IRS receipt of Form 8655. The authority granted on Form 8655 will not revoke any Power of Attorney (Form 2848) or Tax Information Authorization (Form 8821) in effect.

Sign Here

I certify I have the authority to execute this form and authorize disclosure of otherwise confidential information on behalf of the taxpayer.

▶ _____ Signature of taxpayer	▶ _____ Title	▶ _____ Date

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see page 2.

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General Instructions

Purpose of Form

Use Form 8655 to authorize a reporting agent to:

• Sign and file certain returns. Reporting agents must file returns electronically except as provided under Rev. Proc. 2007-38. You can find Rev. Proc. 2007-38 on page 1442 of Internal Revenue Bulletin 2007-25 at *www.irs.gov/pub/irs-irbs/irb07-25.pdf*;

• Make deposits and payments for certain returns;

• Receive duplicate copies of tax information, notices, and other written and/or electronic communication regarding any authority granted; and

• Provide IRS with information to aid in penalty relief determinations related to the authority granted on Form 8655.

Authority Granted

Once Form 8655 is signed, any authority granted is effective beginning with the period indicated on lines 15 or 16 and continues indefinitely unless revoked by the taxpayer or reporting agent. No authorization or authority is granted for periods prior to the period(s) indicated on Form 8655.

Where authority is granted for any form, it is also effective for related forms such as the corresponding non-English language form, amended return, (Form 941-X, 941-X(PR), 943-X, 944-X(PR), 945-X, or CT-1X), or payment voucher. In addition to the returns shown on lines 15 and 16, Form 8655 can be used to provide authorization for Form 944-SP using the entry spaces for Form 944. The form also can be used to authorize a reporting agent to make deposits and payments for other returns in the Form 1120 series, such as Form 1120-C, using the entry space for Form 1120 on line 16.

Disclosure authority granted on line 17a is effective on the date Form 8655 is signed by the taxpayer. Any authority granted on Form 8655 does not revoke and has no effect on any authority granted on Forms 2848 or 8821, or any third-party designee checkbox authority.

Where To File

Send Form 8655 to:

> Internal Revenue Service
> Accounts Management Service Center
> MS 6748 RAF Team
> 1973 North Rulon White Blvd.
> Ogden, UT 84404

You can fax Form 8655 to the IRS. The number is 801-620-4142.

Additional Information

Additional information concerning reporting agent authorizations may be found in:

• **Pub. 1474,** Technical Specifications Guide for Reporting Agent Authorizations and Federal Tax Depositors.

• **Rev. Proc. 2007-38.**

Substitute Form 8655

If you want to prepare and use a substitute Form 8655, see Pub. 1167, General Rules and Specifications for Substitute Forms and Schedules. If your substitute Form 8655 is approved, the form approval number must be printed in the lower left margin of each substitute Form 8655 you file with the IRS.

Revoking an Authorization

If you have a valid Form 8655 on file with the IRS, the filing of a new Form 8655 revokes the authority of the prior reporting agent beginning with the period indicated on the new Form 8655. However, the prior reporting agent is still an authorized reporting agent and retains any previously granted disclosure authority for the periods prior to the beginning period of the new reporting agent's authorization unless specifically revoked.

If the taxpayer wants to revoke an existing authorization, send a copy of the previously executed Form 8655 to the IRS at the address under *Where To File,* above. Re-sign the copy of the Form 8655 under the original signature. Write "REVOKE" across the top of the form. If you do not have a copy of the authorization you want to revoke, send a statement to the IRS. The statement of revocation must indicate that the authority of the reporting agent is revoked and must be signed by the taxpayer. Also, list the name and address of each reporting agent whose authority is revoked.

Withdrawing from reporting authority. A reporting agent can withdraw from authority by filing a statement with the IRS, either on paper or using a delete process. The statement must be signed by the reporting agent (if filed on paper) and identify the name and address of the taxpayer and authorization(s) from which the reporting agent is withdrawing. For information on the delete process, see Pub. 1474.

Specific Instructions

Line 15

Use the "YYYY" format for annual tax returns. Use the "MM/YYYY" format for quarterly tax returns, where "MM" is the ending month of the quarter the named reporting agent is authorized to sign and file tax returns for the taxpayer. For example, enter "09/2011" on the line for "941" to indicate you are authorizing the named reporting agent to sign and file Form 941 for the July–September quarter of 2011 and subsequent quarters.

Line 16

Use the "MM/YYYY" format to enter the starting date, where "MM" is the first month the named reporting agent is authorized to make deposits or payments for the taxpayer. For example, enter "08/2009" on the line for "720" to indicate you are authorizing the named reporting agent to make deposits or payments for Form 720 starting in August 2009 and all subsequent months.

Who Must Sign

Sole proprietorship. The individual owning the business.

Corporation (including a limited liability company (LLC) treated as a corporation). Generally, Form 8655 can be signed by: (a) an officer having legal authority to bind the corporation, (b) any person designated by the board of directors or other governing body, (c) any officer or employee on written request by any principal officer, and (d) any other person authorized to access information under section 6103(e).

Partnership (including an LLC treated as a partnership) or an unincorporated organization. Generally, Form 8655 can be signed by any person who was a member of the partnership during any part of the tax period covered by Form 8655.

Single member LLC treated as a disregarded entity. The owner of the LLC.

Trust or estate. The fiduciary.