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4	FO	LLOW	VS			
5	SEC. 671.	TREATME	NT OF NONG	UALIFIE	D DEFERRE	ED COM-
6		PENSA	ATION PLAN	S.		
7	(a) I	n Gener	AL.—Subpa	rt A of p	art I of sub	chapter
8	D of chap	pter 1 is	amended by	adding	at the end	the fol-
9	lowing ne	w section:				
10	"SEC. 409	A. INCLUS	SION IN GRO	SS INCO	ME OF DE	FERRED
11		COMP	ENSATION U	UNDER N	ONQUALIF	IED DE-
12		FERR!	ED COMPEN	SATION P	LANS.	
13	"(a)	Rules	RELATING	то Сс	ONSTRUCTIV	Æ RE-
14	CEIPT.—					
15		"(1) In 6	ENERAL.—			
16		"(A)	Gross in	NCOME I	NCLUSION.	—If at
17		any time	during a t	axable y	ear a nong	pualified
18		deferred	compensatio	n plan—	-	
19			"(i) fails to	meet th	ne requiren	nents of
20		para	graphs (2),	(3), (4),	and (5), or	•
21			"(ii) is no	t operat	ted in acc	ordance
22		with	such requir	rements,		
23		all comp	ensation de	ferred u	nder the p	olan for
24		the taxab	ble year and	all prece	eding taxab	le years
25		shall be i	includible in	gross in	ncome for 1	the tax-

1	able year to the extent not subject to a substan-
2	tial risk of forfeiture and not previously in-
3	cluded in gross income.
4	"(B) Interest and additional tax
5	PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO PREVIOUSLY DE-
6	FERRED COMPENSATION.—
7	"(i) In general.—If compensation is
8	required to be included in gross income
9	under subparagraph (A) for a taxable year,
10	the tax imposed by this chapter for the
11	taxable year of inclusion shall be increased
12	by the sum of—
13	"(I) the amount of interest deter-
14	mined under clause (ii), and
15	$"(\Pi)$ an amount equal to 10 per-
16	cent of the compensation which is re-
17	quired to be included in gross income.
18	"(ii) Interest.—For purposes of
19	clause (i), the interest determined under
20	this clause for any taxable year is the
21	amount of interest at the underpayment
22	rate on the underpayments that would
23	have occurred had the deferred compensa-
24	tion been includible in gross income for the
25	taxable year in which first deferred or, if

1	later, the first taxable year in which such
2	deferred compensation is not subject to a
3	substantial risk of forfeiture.
4	"(2) Distributions.—
5	"(A) In general.—The requirements of
6	this paragraph are met if the plan provides that
7	compensation deferred under the plan may not
8	be distributed earlier than—
9	"(i) except as provided in subpara-
10	graph (B)(i), separation from service (as
11	determined by the Secretary),
12	"(ii) the date the participant becomes
13	disabled (within the meaning of subpara-
14	graph (C)),
15	"(iii) death,
16	"(iv) a specified time (or pursuant to
17	a fixed schedule) specified under the plan
18	as of the date of the deferral of such com-
19	pensation,
20	"(v) to the extent provided by the
21	Secretary, a change in the ownership or ef-
22	fective control of the corporation, or in the
23	ownership of a substantial portion of the
24	assets of the corporation, or

1	"(vi) the occurrence of an unforesee-
2	able emergency.
3	"(B) Special rules.—
4	"(i) Separation from service of
5	SPECIFIED EMPLOYEES.—In the case of
6	specified employees, the requirement of
7	subparagraph (A)(i) is met only if, except
8	in the case of death, distributions may not
9	be made earlier than 6 months after the
10	date of separation from service. For pur-
11	poses of the preceding sentence, a specified
12	employee is a key employee (as defined in
13	section 416(i) without regard to paragraph
14	(5) thereof) of a corporation the stock in
15	which is publicly traded on an established
16	securities market or otherwise.
17	"(ii) Changes in ownership or
18	CONTROL.—In the case of a participant
19	who is subject to the requirements of sec-
20	tion 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act
21	of 1934, the requirement of subparagraph
22	(A)(v) is met only if, except in the case of
23	death, distributions may not be made ear-
24	lier than 1 year after the date of the
25	change in ownership or effective control.

1	"(iii) Unforeseeable emer-
2	GENCY.—For purposes of subparagraph
3	(A)(vi)—
4	"(I) IN GENERAL.—The term
5	'unforeseeable emergency' means a se-
6	vere financial hardship to the partici-
7	pant or beneficiary resulting from an
8	illness or accident of the participant
9	or beneficiary, the participant's or
10	beneficiary's spouse, or the partici-
11	pant's or beneficiary's dependent (as
12	defined in section 152(a)), loss of the
13	participant's or beneficiary's property
14	due to casualty, or other similar ex-
15	traordinary and unforeseeable cir-
16	cumstances arising as a result of
17	events beyond the control of the par-
18	ticipant or beneficiary.
19	"(II) Limitation on distribu-
20	TIONS.—The requirement of subpara-
21	graph (A)(vi) is met only if, as deter-
22	mined under regulations of the Sec-
23	retary, the amounts distributed with
24	respect to an emergency do not exceed
25	the amounts necessary to satisfy such

1	emergency plus amounts necessary to
2	pay taxes reasonably anticipated as a
3	result of the distribution, after taking
4	into account the extent to which such
5	hardship is or may be relieved
6	through reimbursement or compensa-
7	tion by insurance or otherwise or by
8	liquidation of the participant's or
9	beneficiary's assets (to the extent the
10	liquidation of such assets would not
11	itself cause severe financial hardship)
12	"(C) DISABLED.—For purposes of sub-
13	paragraph (A)(ii), a participant shall be consid-
14	ered disabled if the participant—
15	"(i) is unable to engage in any sub-
16	stantial gainful activity by reason of any
17	medically determinable physical or menta
18	impairment which can be expected to result
19	in death or can be expected to last for a
20	continuous period of not less than 12
21	months, or
22	"(ii) is, by reason of any medically de-
23	terminable physical or mental impairment
24	which can be expected to result in death or
25	can be expected to last for a continuous

1	period of not less than 12 months, receiv-
2	ing income replacement benefits for a pe-
3	riod of not less than 3 months under an
4	accident and health plan covering employ-
5	ees of the participant's employer.
6	"(3) Investment options.—The requirements
7	of this paragraph are met if—
8	"(A) in the case of a plan that provides
9	participants with the opportunity to elect in-
10	vestment options—
11	"(i) changes to investments may not
12	be made more frequently than every 3
13	months,
14	"(ii) no more than 8 investment op-
15	tions are available at any time,
16	"(iii) a brokerage window is not a per-
17	missible option, and
18	"(iv) changes to investment options
19	may not be made during a blackout period
20	(within the meaning of section 101(i)(7) of
21	the Employee Retirement Income Security
22	Act of 1974, and
23	"(B) the plan does not provide a rate of
24	return greater than a market rate of return, as
25	determined by the Secretary.

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"(4) Acceleration of Benefits.—The requirements of this paragraph are met if the plan does not permit the acceleration of the time or schedule of any payment under the plan, except as provided by the Secretary in regulations.

"(5) Elections.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The requirements of this paragraph are met if the requirements of subparagraphs (B) and (C) are met.

"(B) Initial Deferral Decision.—The requirements of this subparagraph are met if the plan provides that compensation for services performed during a taxable year may be deferred at the participant's election only if the election to defer such compensation is made during the preceding taxable year or at such other time as provided in regulations. In the case of the first year in which a participant becomes eligible to participate in the plan, such election may be made with respect to services to be performed subsequent to the election within 30 days after the date the participant becomes eligible to participate in such plan. In the case of any performance-based compensation based on services performed over a period of at least

1	12 months, such election may be made no later
2	than 6 months before the end of the period.
3	"(C) Changes in time and form of dis-
4	TRIBUTION.—The requirements of this subpara-
5	graph are met if, in the case of a plan which
6	permits under a subsequent election a delay in
7	a payment or a change in the form of
8	payment—
9	"(i) the plan requires that such elec-
10	tion may not take effect until at least 12
11	months after the date on which the elec-
12	tion is made,
13	"(ii) in the case an election related to
14	a payment not described in clause (ii), (iii)
15	or (vi) of paragraph (2)(A), the plan re-
16	quires that the first payment with respect
17	to which such election is made be deferred
18	for a period of not less than 5 years from
19	the date such payment would otherwise
20	have been made, and
21	"(iii) the plan requires that any elec-
22	tion related to a payment described in
23	paragraph (2)(A)(iv) may not be made less
24	than 12 months prior to the date of the

1	first scheduled payment under such para-
2	graph.
3	A plan shall be treated as failing to meet the
4	requirements of this subparagraph if the plan
5	permits more than 1 subsequent election to
6	delay any payment.
7	"(b) Rules Relating to Funding.—
8	"(1) Offshore property in a trust.—In
9	the case of assets set aside (directly or indirectly) in
10	a trust (or other arrangement determined by the
11	Secretary) for purposes of paying deferred com-
12	pensation under a nonqualified deferred compensa-
13	tion plan, such assets shall be treated for purposes
14	of section 83 as property transferred in connection
15	with the performance of services whether or not such
16	assets are available to satisfy claims of general
17	creditors—
18	"(A) at the time set aside if such assets
19	(or such trust or other arrangement) are lo-
20	cated outside of the United States, or
21	"(B) at the time transferred if such assets
22	(or such trust or other arrangement) are subse-
23	quently transferred outside of the United
24	States.

1	This paragraph shall not apply to assets located in
2	a foreign jurisdiction if substantially all of the serv-
3	ices to which the nonqualified deferred compensation
4	relates are performed in such jurisdiction.
5	"(2) Employer's financial health.—In the
6	case of a nonqualified deferred compensation plan
7	there is a transfer of property within the meaning
8	of section 83 as of the earlier of—
9	"(A) the date on which the plan first pro-
10	vides that assets will become restricted to the
11	provision of benefits under the plan in connec-
12	tion with a change in the employer's financial
13	health, or
14	"(B) the date on which assets are so re-
15	stricted.
16	"(3) Income inclusion for offshore
17	TRUSTS AND EMPLOYER'S FINANCIAL HEALTH.—For
18	each taxable year that assets treated as transferred
19	under this subsection remain set aside in a trust or
20	other arrangement subject to paragraph (1) or (2)
21	any increase in value in, or earnings with respect to
22	such assets shall be treated as an additional transfer
23	of property under this subsection (to the extent not
24	previously included in income).

1	"(4) Interest on tax liability payable
2	WITH RESPECT TO TRANSFERRED PROPERTY.—
3	"(A) In general.—If amounts are re-
4	quired to be included in gross income by reason
5	of paragraph (1) or (2) for a taxable year, the
6	tax imposed by this chapter for such taxable
7	year shall be increased by the sum of—
8	"(i) the amount of interest determined
9	under subparagraph (B), and
10	"(ii) an amount equal to 10 percent of
11	the amounts required to be included in
12	gross income.
13	"(B) Interest.—For purposes of sub-
14	paragraph (A), the interest determined under
15	this subparagraph for any taxable year is the
16	amount of interest at the underpayment rate on
17	the underpayments that would have occurred
18	had the amounts so required to be included in
19	gross income by paragraph (1) or (2) been in-
20	cludible in gross income for the taxable year in
21	which first deferred or, if later, the first taxable
22	year in which such amounts are not subject to
23	a substantial risk of forfeiture.
24	"(c) No Inference on Earlier Income Inclu-
25	SION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to pre-

- 1 vent the inclusion of amounts in gross income under any2 other provision of this chapter or any other rule of law
- 3 earlier than the time provided in this section. Any amount
- 4 included in gross income under this section shall not be
- 5 required to be included in gross income under any other
- 6 provision of this chapter or any other rule of law later
- 7 than the time provided in this section.
- 8 "(d) OTHER DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—
- 9 For purposes of this section—
- 10 "(1) Nonqualified deferred compensa-
- 11 TION PLAN.—The term 'nonqualified deferred com-
- pensation plan' means any plan that provides for the
- deferral of compensation, other than—
- 14 "(A) a qualified employer plan,
- 15 "(B) any bona fide vacation leave, sick
- leave, compensatory time, disability pay, or
- death benefit plan, and
- 18 "(C) any qualified stock appreciation
- rights plan.
- For purposes of subparagraph (C), a qualified stock
- 21 appreciation rights plan means any plan under
- 22 which stock appreciation rights are granted which
- entitle the employee to a cash payment equal to the
- excess of the fair-market value of one share of com-
- 25 mon stock of the employer corporation on the date

of the exercise of the rights over the value of such
share on the date such rights were granted to the
employee. The preceding sentence shall not apply to
a plan unless the plan provides that the date of the
exercise of any right cannot be more than 5 years
after the date such right is granted, the plan pro-
vides that the cash payment must be made within 60
days of the date of the exercise, the plan provides
that the value of the corporation's stock is deter-
mined on the basis of an independent appraisal per-
formed within 12 months of the date for which the
value is being determined, no member of any con-
trolled group of corporations which includes the em-
ployer corporation maintaining the plan has stock
which is publicly traded, and the plan meets such
other requirements as the Secretary may prescribe.
"(2) QUALIFIED EMPLOYER PLAN.—The term
'qualified employer plan' means—
"(A) any plan, contract, pension, account,
or trust described in subparagraph (A) or (B)
of section 219(g)(5) (without regard to sub-
paragraph (A)(iii)), and
"(B) any eligible deferred compensation
plan (within the meaning of section 457(b)).

- Such term does not include any plan described in section 415(m).

 "(3) Plan includes arrangements, etc.—
 - The term 'plan' includes any agreement or arrangement, including an agreement or arrangement that includes one person.
 - "(4) Substantial risk of forfeiture if such person's rights to such compensation are conditioned upon the future performance of substantial services by any individual.
 - "(5) Treatment of Earnings.—References to deferred compensation shall be treated as including references to income (whether actual or notional) attributable to such compensation or such income.
 - "(6) EXCEPTION FOR NONELECTIVE DEFERRED COMPENSATION.—This section shall not apply to any nonelective deferred compensation to which section 457 does not apply by reason of section 457(e)(12), but only if such compensation is provided under a nonqualified deferred compensation plan which was in existence on May 1, 2004, and which was providing nonelective deferred compensation described in section 457(e)(12) on such date. If, after May 1,

1	2004, a plan described in the preceding sentence
2	adopts a plan amendment which provides a material
3	change in the classes of individuals eligible to par-
4	ticipate in the plan, this paragraph shall not apply
5	to any nonelective deferred compensation provided
6	under the plan on or after the date of the adoption
7	of the amendment.
8	"(e) Regulations.—The Secretary shall prescribe
9	such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to
10	carry out the purposes of this section, including
11	regulations—
12	"(1) providing for the determination of
13	amounts of deferral in the case of a nonqualified de-
14	ferred compensation plan which is a defined benefit
15	plan,
16	"(2) relating to changes in the ownership and
17	control of a corporation or assets of a corporation
18	for purposes of subsection (a)(2)(A)(v),
19	"(3) exempting arrangements from the applica-
20	tion of subsection (b) if such arrangements will not
21	result in an improper deferral of United States tax
22	and will not result in assets being effectively beyond
23	the reach of creditors,
24	"(4) defining financial health for purposes of
25	subsection $(b)(2)$,

1	"(5) disregarding a substantial risk of for-
2	feiture in cases where necessary to carry out the
3	purposes of this section, and
4	"(6) defining a market rate of return for pur-
5	poses of subsection (a)(3)."
6	(b) Application of Golden Parachute Payment
7	Provisions.—Section 280G of such Code (relating to
8	golden parachute payments) is amended by redesignating
9	subsection (e) as subsection (f) and by inserting after sub-
10	section (d) the following new subsection:
11	"(e) Special Rules for Certain Payments From
12	Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plans.—
13	"(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
14	provision of this section, an applicable payment shall
15	be treated as an excess parachute payment for pur-
16	poses of this section and section 4999.
17	"(2) Coordination with other pay-
18	MENTS.—
19	"(A) APPLICABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE
20	PARACHUTE PAYMENTS.—If any applicable pay-
21	ment is a parachute payment (determined with-
22	out regard to subsection (b)(2)(A)(ii))—
23	"(i) except as provided in paragraph
24	(4), this section shall be applied to such

1	payment in the same manner as if this
2	subsection had not been enacted, and
3	"(ii) if such application results in an
4	excess parachute payment, any tax under
5	section 4999 on the excess parachute pay-
6	ment shall be in addition to the tax im-
7	posed by reason of paragraph (1).
8	"(B) APPLICABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE
9	NOT PARACHUTE PAYMENTS.—An applicable
10	payment not described in subparagraph (A)
11	shall be taken into account in determining
12	whether any payment described in subpara-
13	graph (A) or any payment which is not an ap-
14	plicable payment is a parachute payment under
15	subsection $(b)(2)$.
16	"(3) Applicable payment.—For purposes of
17	this subsection, the term 'applicable payment' means
18	any distribution (including any distribution treated
19	as a parachute payment without regard to this sub-
20	section) from a nonqualified deferred compensation
21	plan (as defined in section 409A(d)) which is
22	made—
23	"(A) to a participant who is subject to the
24	requirements of section 16(a) of the Securities
25	Exchange Act of 1934, and

1	"(B) during the 1-year period following a
2	change in the ownership or effective control of
3	the corporation or in the ownership of a sub-
4	stantial portion of the assets of the corporation
5	Such terms shall not include any distribution by rea-
6	son of the death of the participant or the participant
7	becoming disabled (within the meaning of section
8	409A(a)(2)(C)).
9	"(4) No double counting.—Under regula-
10	tions, proper adjustments shall be made in the appli-
11	cation of this subsection to prevent a deduction from
12	being disallowed more than once.".
13	(c) Treatment of Deferred Amounts.—
14	(1) W-2 forms.—
15	(A) In general.—Subsection (a) of sec-
16	tion 6051 (relating to receipts for employees) is
17	amended by striking "and" at the end of para-
18	graph (11), by striking the period at the end of
19	paragraph (12) and inserting ", and", and by
20	inserting after paragraph (12) the following
21	new paragraph:
22	"(13) the total amount of annual deferrals
23	under a nonqualified deferred compensation plan
24	(within the meaning of section 409A(d)).".

1	(B) Threshold.—Subsection (a) of sec-
2	tion 6051 is amended by adding at the end the
3	following: "In the case of the amounts required
4	to be shown by paragraph (13), the Secretary
5	may (by regulation) establish a minimum
6	amount of deferrals below which paragraph
7	(13) does not apply.".
8	(2) Wage withholding.—Section 3401(a)
9	(defining wages) is amended by striking "or" at the
10	end of paragraph (21), by striking the period at the
11	end of paragraph (22), and by inserting after para-
12	graph (22) the following:
13	"(23) any amount required to be included in
14	gross income of an employee under section 409A.
15	(3) Other reporting.—Section 6041 (relat-
16	ing to information at source) is amended by adding
17	at the end the following new subsection:
18	"(g) Nonqualified Deferred Compensation.—
19	Subsection (a) shall apply to any amount paid to any per-
20	son which is required to be included in gross income under
21	section 409A and which is not treated as wages under sec-
22	tion 3401(a)(23)."
23	(d) Conforming and Clerical Amendments.—
24	(1) Section 414(b) is amended by inserting
25	"409A," after "408(p),".

1	(2) Section 414(c) is amended by inserting
2	"409A," after "408(p),".
3	(3) The table of sections for such subpart A is
4	amended by adding at the end the following new
5	item:
	"Sec. 409A. Inclusion in gross income of deferred compensation under nonqualified deferred compensation plans.".
6	(e) Effective Date.—
7	(1) In general.—Except as otherwise pro-
8	vided in this subsection, the amendments made by
9	this section shall apply to amounts deferred in tax-
10	able years beginning after December 31, 2004.
11	(2) Exception for certain individuals.—
12	In the case of an individual—
13	(A) who is not subject to section 16(a) of
14	the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and
15	(B) with respect to whom the amounts de-
16	ferred in any taxable year beginning in 2005 do
17	not exceed the highest amount deferred by the
18	individual for any taxable year in the 3 consecu-
19	tive taxable year period beginning with the tax-
20	payer's last taxable year beginning before 2005,
21	the amendments made by this section shall
22	apply to amounts deferred in taxable years
23	beginning after December 1, 2005.
24	(3) Special rules.—

1	(A) Earnings.—The amendments made
2	by this section shall apply to earnings on de-
3	ferred compensation only to the extent that
4	such amendments apply to such compensation
5	(B) Material modifications.—For pur-
6	poses of this subsection, amounts deferred in
7	taxable years beginning after December 31
8	2004 (2005 in the case of amounts to which
9	paragraph (2) applies) shall be treated as
10	amounts deferred in a taxable year beginning
11	after such date if the plan under which the de-
12	ferral is made is materially modified after the
13	date of the enactment of this Act, unless such
14	modification is required pursuant to the guid-
15	ance issued under subsection (g).
16	(f) Guidance Relating to Change of Owner-
17	SHIP OR CONTROL.—Not later than 90 days after the date
18	of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury
19	shall issue guidance on what constitutes a change in own-
20	ership or effective control, and what constitutes a market
21	rate of return for purposes of section 409A of the Internal
22	Revenue Code of 1986, as added by this section.
23	(g) Guidance Relating to Termination of Cer-
24	TAIN EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS.—Not later than 90 days
25	after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary

- 1 of the Treasury shall issue guidance providing a limited
- 2 period during which an individual participating in a non-
- 3 qualified deferred compensation plan adopted on or before
- 4 December 31, 2004, may, without violating the require-
- 5 ments of paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5) of section
- 6 409A(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added
- 7 by this section), terminate participation or cancel an out-
- 8 standing deferral election (or modify an outstanding defer-
- 9 ral election in compliance with section 409A of such Code,
- 10 as so added) with regard to amounts earned after Decem-
- 11 ber 31, 2004, if such amounts are includible in income
- 12 as earned.
- 13 SEC. 672. PROHIBITION ON DEFERRAL OF GAIN FROM THE
- 14 EXERCISE OF STOCK OPTIONS AND RE-
- 15 STRICTED STOCK GAINS THROUGH DE-
- 16 FERRED COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS.
- 17 (a) In General.—Section 83 (relating to property
- 18 transferred in connection with performance of services) is
- 19 amending by adding at the end the following new sub-
- 20 section:
- 21 "(i) Prohibition on Additional Deferral
- 22 Through Deferred Compensation Arrange-
- 23 MENTS.—If a taxpayer exchanges—
- 24 "(1) an option to purchase employer
- 25 securities—

19 31, 2004.

1	"(A) to which subsection (a) applies, or
2	"(B) which is described in subsection
3	(e)(3), or
4	"(2) employer securities or any other property
5	based on employer securities transferred to the tax-
6	payer,
7	for a right to receive future payments, then, notwith-
8	standing any other provision of this title, there shall be
9	included in gross income for the taxable year of the ex-
10	change an amount equal to the present value of such right
11	(or such other amount as the Secretary may by regulations
12	specify). For purposes of this subsection, the term 'em-
13	ployer securities' includes any security issued by the em-
14	ployer.".
15	(b) Controlled Group Rules.—Section $414(t)(2)$
16	is amended by inserting "83(i)," after "79,".
17	(e) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
18	this section shall apply to any exchange after December