Form 8453-C

U.S. Corporation Income Tax Declaration for an IRS *e-file* Return

 File electronically with the corporation's tax return. Do not file paper copies.

 For calendar year 2003, or fiscal year beginning
 , 2003, and ending
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OMB No. 1545-1866

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Name of corporation

Employer identification number

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Part I	Tax Return	Information	(Whole dollars only)	

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1	Total income (Form 1120, line 11).	1			
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Part II Declaration of Officer (see instructions) Be sure to keep a copy of the corporation's tax return.

- **6a** I consent that the corporation's refund be directly deposited as designated on the **Form 8050**, Direct Deposit of Corporate Tax Refund, that will be electronically transmitted with the corporation's 2003 Federal income tax return.
- **b** \Box I do not want direct deposit of the corporation's refund **or** the corporation is not receiving a refund.
- c I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the corporation's Federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment.

If the corporation is filing a balance due return, I understand that if the IRS does not receive full and timely payment of its tax liability, the corporation will remain liable for the tax liability and all applicable interest and penalties.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above named corporation and that the information I have given my electronic return originator (ERO), transmitter, and/or intermediate service provider (ISP) and the amounts in Part I above agree with the amounts on the corresponding lines of the corporation's 2003 Federal income tax return. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the corporation's return is true, correct, and complete. I consent to my ERO, transmitter, and/or ISP sending the corporation's return, this declaration, and accompanying schedules and statements to the IRS. I also consent to the IRS sending my ERO, transmitter, and/or ISP an acknowledgment of receipt of transmission and an indication of whether or not the corporation's return is accepted, any indication of a refund offset, and, if rejected, the reason(s) for the rejection. If the processing of the corporation's return or refund is delayed, I authorize the IRS to disclose to my ERO, transmitter, and/or ISP the reason(s) for the delay or when the refund was sent.

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Sign				
Here		Signature of officer	Date	Title
Part III	D	eclaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO)	and Paid Prer	parer (see instructions)

I declare that I have reviewed the above corporation's return and that the entries on Form 8453-C are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am only a collector, I am not responsible for reviewing the return and only declare that this form accurately reflects the data on the return. The corporate officer will have signed this form before I submit the return. I will give the officer a copy of all forms and information to be filed with the IRS, and have followed all other requirements in **Pub. 1345**, Handbook for Authorized IRS *e-file* Providers, and **Pub. 4163**, Modernized e-File Information for Authorized IRS *e-file* Providers of Forms 1120/1120S. If I am also the Paid Preparer, under penalties of perjury I declare that I have examined the above corporation's return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. This Paid Preparer declaration is based on all information of which I have any knowledge.

ERO's Use Only	ERO's signature		Date			k if self- byed □	ERO'S SSN or PTIN
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP code					EIN	
						Phone no.	()

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above corporation's return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. This declaration is based on all information of which I have any knowledge.

Paid	Preparer's signature		Date	Check if self- employed	Preparer's SSN or PTIN		
Preparer's				EIN			
Use Only	if self-employed), address, and ZIP code			Phone no.	()		
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General Instructions

Note: Instead of filing Form 8453-C, a corporate officer filing a corporation's return through an electronic return originator (ERO) can sign the return using a personal identification number (PIN). For details, see **Form 8879-C**, IRS e-file Signature Authorization for Form 1120.

Purpose of Form

Use Form 8453-C to:

• Authenticate an electronic **Form 1120**, U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return,

• Authorize the electronic return originator (ERO), if any, to transmit via a third-party transmitter,

• Authorize the intermediate service provider (ISP) to transmit via a third-party transmitter if you are filing online (not using an ERO), and

• Provide the corporation's consent to directly deposit any refund and/or authorize an electronic funds withdrawal for payment of Federal taxes owed.

Caution: Corporations required to attach certain forms and schedules to their income tax return will not be able to file electronically when the Form 1120 e-file program begins. Visit www.irs.gov/efile for details.

Who Must File

If you are filing a 2003 Form 1120 through an ISP and/or transmitter and you are not using an ERO, you must file Form 8453-C with your electronically filed return. An ERO can use either Form 8453-C or Form 8879-C to obtain authorization to file a corporation's Form 1120.

When and Where To File

File Form 8453-C with the corporation's electronically filed income tax return. Use a scanner to create a pdf file of the completed form. Your tax preparation software will allow you to transmit this pdf file with the return.

Specific Instructions

Name. Print or type the corporation's name in the space provided.

Employer identification number (EIN). Be sure to enter the corporation's EIN in the space provided.

Part II—Declaration of Officer

Note: The corporate officer **must** check all applicable boxes on line **6**.

If there is an amount on line 4 and the officer checks box 6b and the corporation is using the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) or **Form 8109**, Federal Tax Deposit Coupon, to deposit tax, the corporation must deposit the payment no later than the 15th day of the 3rd month after the end of its tax year. For EFTPS deposits to be made timely, the corporation must initiate the transaction at least 1 business day before the date the deposit is due.

If the officer checks box 6c, the officer must ensure that the following information relating to the financial institution account is provided in the tax preparation software.

- Routing number.
- Account number.
- Type of account (checking or savings).
- Debit amount.
- Debit date (date the corporation wants the debit to occur).

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An electronically transmitted return will not be considered complete, and therefore filed, unless either:

• Form 8453-C is signed by a corporate officer, scanned into a pdf file, and transmitted with the return or

• The return is filed through an ERO and Form 8879-C is used to select a personal identification number (PIN) that is used to electronically sign the return.

The officer's signature allows the IRS to disclose to the ERO, transmitter, and/or ISP:

• An acknowledgement that the IRS has accepted the corporation's electronically filed return,

 $\bullet\,$ The reason(s) for a delay in processing the return or refund, and

• If a refund offset may occur.

Refunds. After the IRS has accepted the return, the refund should be issued within 3 weeks. However, some refunds may be delayed because of compliance reviews to ensure that returns are accurate.

The declaration of officer must be signed and dated by:

• The president, vice president, treasurer, assistant treasurer, chief accounting officer or

• Any other corporate officer (such as tax officer) authorized to sign the corporation's income tax return.

Part III—Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer

Note: If the return is filed online through an ISP and/or transmitter (not using an ERO), do not complete Part III.

If the corporation's return is filed through an ERO, the IRS requires the ERO's signature and a paid preparer, if any, must sign Form 8453-C in the space for **Paid Preparer's Use Only.** But if the paid preparer is also the ERO, do not complete the paid preparer section. Instead, check the box labeled "Check if also paid preparer."

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The time needed to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is:

Recordkeeping			4 hrs., 46 min.
Learning about the law or the form			28 min.
Preparing the form			. 1 hr., 30 min.
Copying, assembling, and sending			
the form to the IRS.	•		16 min.

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