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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

GLORIA MARIA MONTOYA DE
SOTO,

Petitioner,

v.

JEFFERSON B. SESSIONS III, Attorney
General,

Respondent.

No. 13-70564

Agency No. A089-532-081

MEMORANDUM*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted March 8, 2017**

Before: LEAVY, W. FLETCHER, and OWENS, Circuit Judges.

Gloria Maria Montoya de Soto, a native and citizen of Mexico, petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' ("BIA") order dismissing her appeal from an immigration judge's decision denying adjustment of status. We have

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** The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review de novo questions of law. *Garfias-Rodriguez v. Holder*, 702 F.3d 504, 512 n.6 (9th Cir. 2012) (en banc). We grant the petition for review and remand.

At the time the BIA determined that *Matter of Briones*, 24 I. & N. Dec. 355 (BIA 2007), applied retroactively to render Montoya de Soto ineligible to adjust status, the BIA did not have the benefit of this court's decision in *Acosta-Olivarria v. Lynch*, 799 F.3d 1271, 1274-77 (9th Cir. 2015). Like the petitioner in *Acosta-Olivarria*, Montoya de Soto applied for adjustment of status during the 21-month window between *Acosta v. Gonzales*, 439 F.3d 550 (9th Cir. 2006) (permitting adjustment of status for an alien inadmissible under 8 U.S.C.

§ 1182(a)(9)(C)(i)(I)), and *Briones*, when it was reasonable for Montoya de Soto to rely on our decision in *Acosta*. See *Acosta-Olivarria*, 799 F.3d at 1274-77. As there is no significant factual basis to distinguish Montoya de Soto's situation from the one presented in *Acosta-Olivarria*, we remand to the agency to reconsider her contention in light of *Acosta-Olivarria*.

In light of this disposition, we do not reach Montoya de Soto's remaining contentions.

PETITION FOR REVIEW GRANTED; REMANDED.