In the Matter of the Petition

of

ALWAYS AVAILABLE PRIVATE : AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

State of New York County of Albany

Bruce Batchelor , being duly sworn, deposes and says that

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age, and that on the 8th day of April , 1977, whe served the within

Notice of Determination by (xarrative) mail upon Always Available

Private Car Service Inc.

(xarrative xf) the petitioner in the within proceeding,

by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed

Always Available Private Car Service, Inc.

2045 McDonald Avenue

Brooklyn, New York 11223

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representative receive) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative receive) petitioner.

Sworn to before me this

8th day of April

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Harvey and Harvey

Twenty-Nine Elk Street Albany, New York 12207

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# STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

TAX APPEALS BUREAU

STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227 ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

April 8, 1977

TELEPHONE: (518) 487-1783

Always Available Frivate Car Service, Inc. 2045 McDonald Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11223

Gentlemen:

Please take notice of the of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section( of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision or concerning any other matter relative hereto may be addressed to the undersigned. They will be referred to the proper party for reply.

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Enc.

Foll'S. Coburn Supervising Tax Hearing Officer

cc: Petitioner's Representative:

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

STATE OF NEW YORK

## STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application

of

ALWAYS AVAILABLE PRIVATE CAR SERVICE, INC.

**DETERMINATION** 

for Revision or for Refund of New York State Motor Fuel Tax under Article 12-A of the Tax: Law for the Period June 1, 1973 to May 30, 1975.

Always Available Private Car Service, Inc., 2045 McDonald Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11223, filed an application for revision or for refund of New York State motor fuel tax under Article 12-A of the Tax Law for the period June 1, 1973 to May 30, 1975. (File No. 0014025)

A formal hearing was held before Julius E. Braun, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Building #9, State Campus, Albany, New York, on September 23, 1976 at 9:15 a.m. Applicant appeared by Harvey and Harvey, Esqs. (Thomas A. Dussault, Esq. of counsel). The Miscellaneous Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (Michael Weinstein, Esq. of counsel).

#### ISSUE

Whether applicant is entitled to a refund of motor fuel taxes on the basis of being a taxicab licensee.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On July 16, 1975, applicant, Always Available Private Car Service, Inc., filed an application for refund of New York State motor fuel tax of three cents per gallon in the amount of \$13,777.71, for the period June 1, 1973 to May 30, 1975, based on 459,257 gallons of gasoline consumed in a fleet of taxicabs owned and operated by the applicant.
- 2. On December 12, 1975, the Miscellaneous Tax Bureau denied the claim of applicant, Always Available Private Car Service, Inc., on the grounds that it was not operating under a fixed rate of fare.
- 3. Applicant, Always Available Private Car Service, Inc., is a livery service located at 2045 McDonald Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, operating with forty taxicabs within a 70 mile radius. It is regulated by the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission and with whom rates for geographic zones are filed. Any proposed change in filed rates must be presented to the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission for approval.

4. The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission does not fix the rates charged by the applicant, Always Available Private Car Service, Inc., nor does it direct applicant as to what applicant must charge. The Commission has the power to prescribe, revise and regulate rates of fare of private liveries.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the applicant, Always Available Private Car Service, Inc., was not licensed by the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission to operate their vehicles, taxicabs and/or limousines at a fixed rate of fare within the meaning and intent of section 289(c) of the Tax Law and is therefore not entitled to a refund of motor fuel taxes on the basis of being a taxicab licensee. Application of Dubois Cabs Incorporated, State Tax Commission October 27, 1971.
- B. That the application of Always Available Private Car Service, Inc. is denied.

DATED: Albany, New York April 8, 1977

STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONED