STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition

of

ROCKLAND COACHES, INC.

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For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or : a Revision of a Determination or a Refund of Highway Use : Taxes under Article(x) 21 of the Tax Law for the XXXXX Period(x) : October 1, 1969 through September 30, 1973.

State of New York County of Albany

Bruce Batchelor , being duly sworn, deposes and says that sche is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 28th day of February , 1977, sche served the within Notice of Decision by (xextified) mail upon Rockland Coaches, Inc.

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(representatives of) the petitioner in the within proceeding,

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

as follows: Rockland Coaches, Inc. 126 North Washington Avenue Bergenfield, New Jersey 07621

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 stationer herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative sufficiency) petitioner.

Sworn to before me this

28th day of February , 1977.

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STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

STATE TAX COMMISSION

TAX APPEALS BUREAU STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

February 28, 1977

TELEPHONE: (518) 457-1723

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Rockland Coaches, Inc. 126 North Washington Avenue Bergenfield, New Jersey 07621

Gentlemen:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(**x**) **510** of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within **30 days** 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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Taxing Bureau's Representative:

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Rockland Coaches, Inc., 126 North Washington Avenue, Bergenfield, New Jersey 07621, filed an application for revision of a determination or for refund of highway use tax due under Article 21 of the Tax Law for the period October 1, 1969 through September 30, 1973. (File No. 00323).

A formal hearing was held at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, before Nigel G. Wright, Hearing Officer, on August 2, 1976, at 1:30 P.M. The applicant appeared by Morris Hersh, CPA. The Miscellaneous Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq., (Alexander Weiss, Esq. of counsel).

ISSUE

Whether the fuel use tax applies to fuel used by buses when traveling within the confines of terminal areas owned and operated by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On April 4, 1974, as the result of an audit, the Miscellaneous Tax Bureau issued an Assessment of Unpaid Fuel Use Tax against applicant, Rockland Coaches, Inc., in the amount of \$22,756.17, plus penalty and interest of \$4,561.61, for a total of \$27,317.78.

2. Applicant, Rockland Coaches, Inc., is an omnibus carrier in local transit service under the authority of a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission. It operates its buses on routes between points in New Jersey and New York City. All routes into New York City terminate in either the Port Authority terminal on Forty-first Street or the Port Authority terminal located near the George Washington Bridge in New York City.

3. The round trip mileage from the center of the George Washington Bridge to the nearby terminal used by the applicant, Rockland Coaches, Inc., is 1.7 miles, of which .5 miles is the length of ramps within the terminal and 1.2 miles is public highway. The round trip from the center of the Lincoln Tunnel to the nearby terminal is 2.5 miles, of which .85 miles is the length of the ramps within the terminal and 1.65 miles is public highway.

4. The applicant cooperated with the Miscellaneous Tax Bureau and acted on the advice of their accountant.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That applicant, Rockland Coaches, Inc.'s use of the ramps and terminal owned by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is not the use of a public highway according to the meaning and intent of section 501.6 of the Tax Law. Therefore, Rockland Coaches, Inc. is not subject to the fuel use tax for .85 miles (round trip) upon the ramps and terminal off the Lincoln Tunnel, and .5 (round-trip) upon the ramps and terminal off the George Washington Bridge. <u>Application of Suburban Transit Corporation</u>, S.T.C. August 19, 1976.

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B. That the application of Rockland Coaches, Inc. is granted to the extent that the penalty is waived, and the portion of the Assessment of Unpaid Fuel Use Tax with respect to the use of the ramps and terminals of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is cancelled; that the Miscellaneous Tax Bureau is hereby directed to accordingly modify the Assessment of Unpaid Fuel Use Tax issued April 4, 1974; and, that except as so granted, the application is in all other respects denied.

DATED: Albany, New York February 28, 1977 STATE TAX COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER