In the Matter of the Petition

of

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision of a Determination or a Refund of Stock Transfer
Taxes under Article (5) 12 of the Tax Law for the Year (5) (75)

State of New York County of Albany

Marsina Donnini , being duly sworn, deposes and says that
she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of
age, and that on the 30th day of June , 1977, she served the within

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by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: The Bank of New York
90 Washington St.
Fifth Floor, New York

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

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Manuel & Lynch Esqs(representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding,

by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed
Maurice M. Lynch, Esq., of Counsel &
as follows: Messrs. Olin, Murphy, Manuel & Lynch, Esqs.

20 Broad Street New York, New York 10005

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STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

TAX APPEALS BUREAU

STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227

June 30, 1977

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The Bank of New York 90 Washington St. Fifth Floor, New York

Gentlemen:

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

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

/PAUL B. COBURN

Supervising Tax Hearing Officer

cc: Petitioner's Representative:

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK

DECISION

for a Hearing to Review a Determination Denying a Refund of Stock Transfer Taxes under Article 12 of the Tax Law.

Applicant, The Bank of New York, P. O. Box 11003, New York, New York 10049, as transfer agent for Kewanee Oil Company, filed an application for a hearing to review a determination denying a refund of stock transfer taxes paid under Article 12 of the Tax Law. (File No. 11890)

A formal hearing was held before Edward L. Johnson, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York on January 12, 1977 at 9:15 a.m. The applicant appeared by Olin, Murphy, Manuel & Lynch, Esqs.

(Maurice M. Lynch, Esq. of counsel). The Miscellaneous Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (Richard Kaufman, Esq. of counsel).

ISSUE

Whether the transfer of 312,498 shares of Millmaster Onyx Corporation common stock by Carter-Wallace, Inc. pursuant to a

purchase offer by Kewanee Oil Company, accompanied by twelve letters of transmittal each naming a soliciting dealer, constituted twelve taxable sales, or a single taxable sale, under Article 12 of the Tax Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Applicant, The Bank of New York (hereinafter Bank), was the named depository to which Carter-Wallace, Inc. sent its common stock of Millmaster Onyx Corporation for transmittal to the purchaser, Kewanee Oil Company.
- 2. On March 14, 1975, Kewanee Oil Company made a written
 Offer to Purchase all the outstanding stock of Millmaster Onyx
 Corporation. Kewanee Oil Company would pay any broker or dealer
 a soliciting dealer's fee of \$.40 per share if Kewanee Oil
 Company's letter of transmittal contained the broker's name in
 the appropriate space. Kewanee Oil Company stated that it would
 pay all stock transfer taxes.
- 3. On March 25, 1975, the board of directors of Carter-Wallace, Inc. adopted a resolution to accept the offer of Kewanee Oil Company.
- 4. On March 25, 1975, the board of directors of Carter-Wallace, Inc. sent to the applicant, Bank:

- a) Twelve certified letters of transmittal, duly completed and executed by the president of Carter-Wallace, Inc. with certificates representing 312,498 shares of common stocks of Millmaster Onyx Corporation registered in the name of Carter-Wallace, Inc.
- b) Twelve certified copies of the resolution of the board of directors of Carter-Wallace, Inc. authorizing the sale of Carter-Wallace, Inc.'s common stock of Millmaster Onyx Corporation pursuant to Kewanee Oil Company's Offer to Purchase.
- c) Instructions to the Bank to notify Carter-Wallace, Inc. when they could pick up the check for the tendered shares.
- 5. Each letter of transmittal contained a statement naming a stock broker or securities dealer and the tendering stockholder represented therein that said dealer "... solicited and obtained this tender."
- 6. On April 18, 1975, the Bank paid stock transfer taxes of \$350.00 for each of twelve sales, totalling \$4,200.00.
- 7. On June 6, 1975, applicant, Bank, filed an application for refund of \$3,850.20, alleging that the Bank had erroneously paid the tax on twelve sales instead of one.
- 8. In a letter of determination dated September 2, 1975, the Miscellaneous Tax Bureau denied the application for refund in its entirety.
- 9. On September 25, 1975, applicant, Bank, requested a formal hearing on the denial of the application for refund.

- 10. The common stock of Millmaster Onyx Corporation registered in the name of Carter-Wallace, Inc. was transferred to Kewanee Oil Company pursuant to the Offer to Purchase of Kewanee Oil Company. Neither possession nor title was given to any intermediary.
- 11. On March 19, 1975, Carter-Wallace, Inc. requested applicant, Bank to re-issue Millmaster Onyx Corporation certificates in twelve blocks in the name of Carter-Wallace, Inc. so as to facilitate its dealing with "soliciting brokers".
- 12. Applicant, Bank, was in possession of all the facts regarding the offer to purchase, the tender, and the transfer of the stock of Millmaster Onyx Corporation to Kewanee Oil Company when it filed the stock transfer tax return and paid the tax of \$4,200.00 on April 18, 1975.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the applicant, The Bank of New York, has failed to prove that its payment of the stock transfer tax on twelve sales of the common stock of Millmaster Onyx Corporation in March of 1975 was erroneous within the meaning and intent of section 280 of the Tax Law.
- B. That the conduct of Carter-Wallace, Inc. in having its stock re-issued in twelve blocks, and the execution and forwarding

of twelve transmittal letters designating twelve brokers as "soliciting dealers" was consonant with the payment of the maximum stock transfer tax on twelve sales rather than on a single taxable sale, within the meaning and intent of section 270-a of the Tax Law.

- C. That the United States Supreme Court has declared certain features of section 270(a) of the Tax Law to be unconstitutional and has remanded its determination to the New York Court of Appeals for further proceedings. Boston Stock Exchange v. State Tax Commission, 45 A.D. 2d 365, 357 N.Y.S. 2d 116, affirmed 37 N.Y. 2d 535, 375 N.Y.S. 2d 308, 337 N.E. 2d 758, reversed and remanded U.S. Supreme Court No. 75 1019, January 12, 1977 (CCH 5 N.Y. Tax Cases 99-990).
- D. That the determination of September 2, 1975 by the Miscellaneous Tax Bureau denying the application of The Bank of New York for refund of stock transfer taxes is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York June 30, 1977 STATE TAX COMMISSION

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