In the Matter of the Printer

Application

of

ALBANY CALCIUM LIGHT CO., INC.

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION BY (KERTXKKER)XMAIL

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Sales and Use:
Taxes under Article(s)28 and 29 of the
Tax Law for the **Eartick*Periods March 1;
1970 through February 28, 1973.

State of New York County of Albany

JANET MACK , 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 29th day of December , 1975, she served the within Notice of Processive (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon Albany Calcium Light Co., Inc.

TEMPORABLE STATES The Petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Albany Calcium Light Co., Inc.

260 Osborne Road Loudonville, New York 12211

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 Post Office Department within the State of New York.

Sworn to before me this

29th day of December , 1975

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(representative of) the petitioner in the within

proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid

wrapper addressed as follows: Jeremiah F. Manning, Esq.

State Bank Building

75 State Street

Albany, New York 12207

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 Post Office Department within the State of New York.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

STATE TAX COMMISSION . HEARING UNIT

PAUL GREENBERG
SECRETARY TO
COMMISSION

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

Mr. Wright

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BUILDING 9, ROOM 107 STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227

AREA CODE 518

DATED: Albany, New York December 29, 1975

Albany Calcium Light Co., Inc. 260 Osborne Road Loudonville, New York 12211

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(s)1138 and 1243 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 4 months from the date of this notice.

Any 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. These will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Very traly yours

Enc.

Paul S. Coburn HEARING OFFICER

cc: Petitioner's Representative
Law Bureau

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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ALBANY CALCIUM LIGHT CO., INC.

DETERMINATION

for Revision of a Determination or for Refund of Sales and Use Taxes under Articles 28 and 29 of the Tax Law for the Periods March 1, 1970 through February 28, 1973.

Applicant, Albany Calcium Light Co., Inc., 260 Osborne Road, Loudonville,

New York 12211, has filed an application for revision of a determination or for

refund of sales and use taxes under Articles 28 and 29 of the Tax Law for the

periods March 1, 1970 through February 23, 1973. (File No. 14-1431111). A

formal hearing was held before Edward Rook, Esq., Hearing Officer, at the offices

of the State Tax Commission, Building #9, State Campus, Albany, New York, on

May 2, 1974, at 2:00 P.M. Applicant appeared by Ainsworth, Sullivan, Tracy and

Knauf, (Jeremiah F. Manning, Esq. of counsel). The Sales Tax Bureau was represented

by Saul Heckelman, Esq. (Solomon Sies, Esq. of counsel).

ISSUES

- I. Whether charges imposed by applicant for the retention of cylinders by its customers after 30 days are subject to New York State and local sales tax?
- II. If such charges are subject to New York State sales tax, would the original transaction wherein applicant purchases the cylinders be considered a tax-exempt sale for resale?

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Applicant, Albany Calcium Light Co., Inc., filed New York State and local sales and use tax returns for the periods from March 1, 1970 through February 28, 1973.
- 2. On August 17, 1973, as a result of a field audit, the Sales Tax Bureau issued a Notice of Determination and demand against applicant for additional sales tax due for the periods March 1, 1970 through February 28, 1973, in the sum of \$4,370.75 plus penalty and interest of \$1,107.00.
- 3. Applicant, Albany Calcium Light Co., Inc. was a New York State corporation having its principal place of business at 260 Osborne Road, Loudonville, New York 12211. One of the activities of the company was the distribution and sale of industrial gases.
- 4. The cylinders in which applicant housed these gases were obtained by Albany Calcium Light Co., Inc. by purchase and by lease. The company paid a sales tax on the cylinders at the time of the purchase or with the lease payment. When a customer purchased gas from the applicant it was delivered in the cylinders. The price of the gas was subject to New York State and local sales tax and the company collected this tax at the time the gas was purchased.
- 5. At the time that the gas was sold the customers of applicant were given custody of the cylinder for 30 days; at the end of the 30-day period, a penalty charge for each extra day that the cylinder was kept by the customer was levied by applicant (such charge is called a demurrage). Applicant, Albany Calcium Light Co., Inc. did not charge a sales tax on the demurrage.
- 6. The sales tax on the sale of the gases was not charged to customers who presented exemption certificates to applicant. Forty six percent of Albany Calcium Light Co., Inc.'s penalty charges were to customers who had presented exemption certificates.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the transaction wherein applicant loans the cylinders to its customers for a 30-day period, free of charge and then for everyday thereafter charges them a fixed rate for the cylinder is a sale within the meaning and intent of section 1101(b)(5) of the Tax Law.
- B. That the demurrage charges imposed after the 30-day period are subject to New York State and local sales tax in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 1105(a) of the Tax Law.
- C. That the purchase or lease of the cylinders by the applicant is not primarily for the purpose of resale. Therefore, that transaction is not a sale for resale and is not tax exempt.
- D. That since the original purpose of the purchase of the cylinders by the applicant was not for resale, then the sales tax paid at the time of purchase of the cylinders may not be applied against the assessment imposed by the Sales Tax Bureau.
- E. The Notice of Determination and demand is hereby modified to reflect the allowance of the tax exempt certificates on the sales tax imposed on the demurrage charges.
 - F. The determination as modified is sustained and the application is denied.

DATED: Albany, New York

December 29, 1975

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