In the Matter of the Petition

of

ELMWOOD TANK CLEANING CORP.

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION BY (XERREMEN) MAIL

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Sales & Use:

Taxes under Article(s) 28 & 29 of the Tax Law for the **Year* (%) Period Sep. 1: 1967 through August 31, 1970.

State of New York County of Albany

Martha Funaro, 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 25th day of October, 19 74, she served the within Notice of Decision (oxxRetermination) by (sertified) mail upon Elmwood Tank Cleaning Corp.

(xexxermination) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Elmwood Tank Cleaning Corp.

62 West Market Street
Buffalo, New York 14204

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

25th day of October

, 1974 Karka Dunaso

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Martha Funaro, 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 25th day of October , 1974, she served the within Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon Howard Gondree, Esq.

(representative of) the petitioner in the within

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

wrapper addressed as follows:

Howard Gondree, Esq. Phillips, Brown & Broderick Ellicott Square Building Buffalo, New York 14203

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.

Sworn to before me this

25th day of October , 1974.

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STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

STATE TAX COMMISSION HEARING UNIT

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SECRETARY TO
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AREA CODE 518

Dated: Albany, New York

October 25, 1974

Elmwood Tank Cleaning Corp. 62 West Market Street Buffalo, New York 1420d

Gentlemen:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(s) 1139 & 1243 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 4 to the 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 truly yours,

L. Robert Leisner

Enc.

HEARING OFFICER

cc: Petitioner's Representative

Law Bureau

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STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application

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ELMWOOD TANK CLEANING CORPORATION

DETERMINATION

for a Revision of a Determination or for Refund of Sales and Use Taxes under Articles 28 and 29 of the Tax Law for the Period September 1, 1967 through August 31, 1970.

Applicant, Elmwood Tank Cleaning Corporation, applied for a revision of a determination or for refund of sales and use taxes under Articles 28 and 29 of the Tax Law for the period September 1, 1967 through August 31, 1970.

A formal hearing was held at the offices of the State Tax

Commission, State Office Building, Buffalo, New York, on October 16,

1973, before L. Robert Leisner, Hearing Officer. The taxpayer

was represented by Phillips, Brown & Broderick (Howard Gondree, Esq.)

and the Sales Tax Bureau was represented by Saul Heckelman, Esq.,

(Francis X. Boylan, Esq., of counsel).

ISSUE

Were rags used by applicant, Elmwood Tank Cleaning Corporation, in its operations, items purchased for resale?

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The taxpayer, Elmwood Tank Cleaning Corporation, timely filed New York State sales and use tax returns for the period September 1, 1967 through August 31, 1970.
- 2. A Notice of Determination of sales and use taxes (and penalties) for the period September 1, 1967 through August 31, 1970,

was issued on July 23, 1971, against Elmwood Tank Cleaning Corporation under Notice No. 90,745,904. The aforesaid Notice of Determination was based on applicant's failure to pay use tax when it purchased rags from various manufacturers.

- 3. The taxpayer applied for a revision of the determination of the deficiencies in sales tax.
- 4. Applicant, Elmwood Tank Cleaning Corporation, is in the business of cleaning and repairing industrial petroleum storage tanks. It brings its equipment to the site of the customer's installation and performs all necessary operations at that location.
- 5. Applicant uses rags in the process of cleaning and repairing the tanks. It purchases the rags from various manufacturers and then bills its customers for them on its invoices. The rags are listed separately on said invoices. Applicant charges sales tax for the rags and remits said tax to the Sales Tax Bureau.
- 6. The rags are left on the customers' premises at the completion of applicant's work. The customer has the option whether to recycle or to dispose otherwise of the rags.
- 7. Applicant did not submit proof that it furnished the rag manufacturers with a resale certificate or exemption certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That applicant, Elmwood Tank Cleaning Corporation, transferred both title and possession of the rags in question to its customers upon delivery to the job sites. UCC 2-401(2).

- B. That the aforesaid rags were purchases for resale and not at retail and are therefore not subject to sales tax.

 Sections 1101(b)(4)(i) and 1106 of the Tax Law.
- C. That the petition of Elmwood Tank Cleaning Corporation is sustained and the Notice of Determination of sales and use taxes issued on July 23, 1971, is cancelled.

DATED: Albany, New York October 25, 1974 STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESIDENT

COMMICCIONED