In the Matter of the Petition

of

HOOSIC VALLEY ASPHALT CO. INC.

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

State of New York County of Albany

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Notice of Determination

by (xexxistive) mail upon Hoosic Valley Asphalt Co.,

Inc.

(xexxistivexxist) the petitioner in the within proceeding,

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

as follows: Hoosic Valley Asphalt Co. Inc.

Main Street Valley Falls, New York 12185

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 point) 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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# STATE TAX COMMISSION

# STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

#### TAX APPEALS BUREAU

STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227 June 7, 1977

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

TELEPHONE: (518) 457-1723

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Hoosie Valley Asphalt Co. Inc. Main Street Valley Falls, New York 12185

#### Gentlemen:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(s) 1138 & 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.

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.

Very truly yours,

FRANK J. PUCCIA

Enc. Supervisor of

Small Claims Hearings

cc: Petitioner's Representative:
Marvin I Honig Esq.
Reilly & Honig & Smith, Esqs.

54 Second Street Troy, New York 12180

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

## STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application

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HOOSIC VALLEY ASPHALT 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 Period March 1, 1967 : to February 28, 1970.

Applicant, Hoosic Valley Asphalt Co. Inc., Main Street, Valley Falls, New York 12185, 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 period March 1, 1967 to February 28, 1970. (Notice No. 90743675).

A small claims hearing was held on July 30, 1976 at 9:15 A.M. at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Room 107, Building #9, State Campus, Albany, New York, before Harry Huebsch, Hearing Officer. The applicant appeared by John C. Hill, Vice-President of Hoosic Valley Asphalt Co. Inc., and his representative, Marvin I. Honig, Esq. The Sales Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq., (Michael Weinstein, Esq., of counsel).

#### ISSUE

Is the sale of bituminous material to exempt organizations subject to sales and use tax when the material is used to improve existing roads.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Applicant, Hoosic Valley Asphalt Co. Inc., was engaged in the sale of a bituminous material called asphalt which is used in the construction, repair and maintenance of highways. This material was sold and delivered to New York State and its political subdivisions in bulk, in barrels and by tank truck application at job sites. The Sales Tax Bureau held that the tank truck

operation involved materials used in a capital improvement and, therefore, subject to sales and use tax. A Notice of Determination dated November 12, 1970 was issued in the amount of \$3,768.62 additional tax plus \$957.82 penalty and interest for a total amount due of \$4,726.44.

- 2. Applicant, Hoosic Valley Asphalt Co. Inc., submitted bids to New York State on the price per gallon of bituminous material. The price included heating, hauling and application at any designated job site. There was no variance in the price for political subdivisions of New York which came under the same contract. A standard contract was used and would remain in effect for the work season.
- 3. Applicant, Hoosic Valley Asphalt Co. Inc., was informed of a job site location, time of delivery and approximate amount of bituminous material needed. Specialized delivery trucks were required which New York State itself does not possess. The trucks contained a heated insulated tank which held the material at a specific temperature. The material was pumped from the tank to a pipe containing orifices, permitting the material to be spread at a certain rate and in a certain width. A calibration device on the truck indicated how much material was applied and billing to New York State was made accordingly.
- 4. On arrival at the job site, a New York employee tested the material, and took over all operations. The driver was told where to apply the material. Any remaining material was returned to the plant. The driver performed no other duties.
- 5. The work involved the repair and maintenance of existing roads. The roads continued in controlled use during the repairs or maintenance. There was no new road construction. Applicant, Hoosic Valley Asphalt Co. Inc., did not supply any other materials or labor used in the operation. Applicant, Hoosic Valley Asphalt Co. Inc., made no decisions or recommendations as to the application of the bituminous material.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That applicant, Hoosic Valley Asphalt Co. Inc., was engaged in the sale of bituminous material to exempt organizations. This material was used in the repair and maintenance of existing roads and not for capital improvements and is, therefore, exempt from sales and use tax under section 1116(a)(1) of the Sales and Use Tax Law.
- B. That the application of Hoosic Valley Asphalt Co. Inc. is granted and the Notice of Determination issued November 12, 1970 is cancelled.

DATED: Albany, New York June 7, 1977 STATE TAX COMMISSION

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