In the Matter of the Petition

of

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

PLATTSBURGH READY-MIX CORP.

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision of a Determination or a Refund of Sales & Use

Taxes under Article(s) 28 & 29 of the Tax Law for the Xear(x) xxx Period(xx)

June 1, 1970 through May 31, 1973.

State of New York County of Albany

as follows:

Plattsburgh Ready-Mix Corp.

Beekmantown Road

Plattsburgh, 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.

Sworn to before me this

21st day of December , 1976

Bruce Botchelm



# STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

TAX APPEALS BUREAU

STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

December 21, 1976

TELEPHONE: (518)457-3850

Plattsburgh Ready-Mix Corp. Beekmantown Road Plattsburgh, New York

#### 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

Supervisor of Small

Claims Hearings

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Taxing Bureau's Representative:

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### STATE OF NEW YORK

#### STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application

of

PLATTSBURGH READY-MIX CORP.

**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 June 1, 1970 through May 31, 1973.

Applicant, Plattsburgh Ready-Mix Corp., Beekmantown Road, Plattsburgh, New York, 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 June 1, 1970 through May 31, 1973. A small claims hearing was held before Joseph Chyrywaty, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, State Campus, Albany, New York, on July 27, 1976 at 9:15 A.M. Applicant was represented by Gilles Boyer, Corporate Treasurer. The Sales Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq., (Michael Weinstein, Esq. of counsel).

## ISSUE

Did the charges by the applicant for the use of its trucks to a subsidiary corporation constitute a rental subject to the sales tax?

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Applicant, Plattsburgh Ready-Mix Corp., has filed New York State and local sales and use tax returns for the period June 1, 1970 through May 31, 1973.
- 2. As the result of an audit, the Sales Tax Bureau issued a Notice of Determination and Demand for payment of sales and use taxes due against applicant, Plattsburgh Ready-Mix Corp., for the period June 1, 1970 through May 31, 1973 in the sum of \$3,644.36. The Sales Tax Bureau asserted that charges made by Plattsburgh Ready-Mix Corp. to Plattsburgh Quarries, Inc. for the use of trucks constituted taxable rental charges.
- 3. Applicant, Plattsburgh Ready-Mix Corp., made available its trucks to Plattsburgh Quarries, Inc. When Plattsburgh Quarries, Inc. made use of a truck, Plattsburgh Ready-Mix Corp. charged them for this use. In those cases, where truck and driver were used by Plattsburgh Quarries, Inc., the transactions were held to be transportation charges. In other cases, Plattsburgh Ready-Mix Corp. gave use of the trucks to Plattsburgh Quarries, Inc. with a Quarries' driver taking control of the truck. The charges for these transactions were held to be taxable rentals.
- 4. The applicant, Plattsburgh Ready-Mix Corp., contends that the dominion and control measure used by the Sales Tax Bureau, in determining whether the charges from Plattsburgh Ready-Mix Corp.

to Plattsburgh Quarries, Inc. for a vehicle is a transportation charge or a vehicle rental, is not valid under these circumstances because both corporations have the same ownership, and it is the owners that maintain dominion and control of the vehicles.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the charges by Plattsburgh Ready-Mix Corp. to Plattsburgh Quarries, Inc. for the use of Ready-Mix Corp. trucks constitute a rental of tangible personal property subject to the imposition of sales tax in accordance with section 1105(a) of the Tax Law.
- B. That the application of Plattsburgh Ready-Mix Corp. is denied and the Notice of Determination and Demand for payment of sales and use taxes due issued May 22, 1974 is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York
December 21, 1976

STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER