STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of

FRANCIS G. DE NAULT

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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 XXXXXXXXX Period (xs) : June 9, 1975.

State of New York County of Albany

John Huhn, being duly sworn, deposes and says thatXSM e is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years ofage, and that on the 14th day of February, 1978, SM e served the withinNotice of Determinationby (CONXEXED) mail upon Francis G. De Nault

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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: Francis G. De Nault 1661 Old Country Road, Site 373 Riverhead, New York 11901

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 of the) 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 John Huhn 14th day_of February , 19 78 net mach

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DETERMINATION

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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 9, 1975.

Applicant, Francis G. DeNault, 1661 Old Country Road, Site 373, Riverhead, New York 11901, 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 9, 1975 (File No. 13852).

A small claims hearing was held before Joseph A. Milack, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on February 23, 1977 at 10:45 A.M. The applicant appeared <u>pro se</u>. The Sales Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (William Fox, Esq., of counsel).

ISSUE

Whether applicant, Francis G. DeNault, was entitled to a refund of sales tax paid on the purchase of a modular home.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On June 9, 1975, applicant, Francis G. DeNault, purchased a Vindale (Model 354 TTLK) modular home from Stark Mobile Homes, Inc. for the sum of \$26,070.00, plus sales tax of \$1,824.90.

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 2. The modular home at issue was 54 feet long and 24 feet wide. It consisted of three bedrooms, a dining room, living room, kitchen, two bathrooms complete with a shower or bath-tub and a utility room with space for a washer and dryer.

3. At the time of purchase, the modular home was bolted to cement piles spaced approximately every 10 feet around the base. It was connected to an underground cesspool and had permanent electric and water utility hook-ups.

4. The land on which the modular home was attached was located in a mobile home park. Said land was rented by applicant from Stark Mobile Homes, Inc.

5. On August 25, 1975, applicant filed an application for refund of sales tax paid on the modular home. On March 16, 1976, the Sales Tax Bureau denied the refund claim on the grounds that an intent to permanently affix a mobile home to the realty will not be found where the purchaser is a tenant, such as in a mobile home park.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That since the applicant did not own the realty to which the home was affixed, the intent to make the home a permanent fixture has not been shown. Therefore, the purchase of the modular home by the applicant did not constitute the purchase of real property.

B. That the purchase of the modular home by the applicant was a purchase of tangible personal property subject to the imposition of sales tax within the meaning and intent of section 1105(a) of the Tax Law.

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C. That the application of Francis G. DeNault is denied and the refund denial issued March 16, 1976 is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York

February 14, 1978

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

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(s)**1136 a 1243** of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission can only be instituted under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Laws and Rules, and must be commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County, within **4 Months** from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision may be addressed to the Deputy Commissioner and Counsel to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Albany, New York 12227. Said inquiries will be referred to the proper authority for reply.

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Taxing Bureau's Representative