STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of Meadowbrook Removal Corp.

for Revision of a Determination or for Refund of Sales and Use Taxes under Articles 28 & 29 of the Tax Law for the Period 9/1/79 - 2/29/80.

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for Revision of a Determination or for Refund of : Sales and Use Taxes under Articles 28 & 29 of the Tax Law for the Period 9/1/79 - 2/29/80. :

State of New York :

ss.: County of Albany :

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Jet Sanitation Service Corp. 228 Blydenburgh Rd. Central Islip, NY 11722 AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

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Sworn to before me this 17th day of December, 1984.

Daniel Carchuck

Authorized to administer oaths pursuant to Tax Law section 174

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Milton Shaiman 1 Rural Place Commack, NY 11725

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STATE TAX COMMISSION

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MEADOWBROOK REMOVAL CORP.

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 September 1, 1979 through February 29, 1980. :

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LONG ISLAND RUBBISH REMOVAL CORP.

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JAMAICA ASH & RUBBISH REMOVAL CO., INC.

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STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION ALBANY, NEW YORK 12227

December 17, 1984

Long Island Rubbish Removal Corp. 410 Livingston Ave. W. Babylon, NY 11704

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Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision may be addressed to:

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Very truly yours,

STATE TAX COMMISSION

cc: Petitioner's Representative
Gilbert T. Perlman
One Merrick Ave.
Westbury, NY 11590
Taxing Bureau's Representative

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Meadowbrook Removal Corp. c/o Samuel Michelson 91 Murray Dr. Oceanside, NY 11572

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STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION ALBANY, NEW YORK 12227

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cc: Petitioner's Representative
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Taxing Bureau's Representative

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Jamaica Ash & Rubbish Removal Co., Inc. 633 Dickens St. Westbury, NY 11590

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Gilbert T. Perlman One Merrick Ave, Westbury, NY 11590

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Petitioners, Meadowbrook Removal Corp., c/o Samuel Michelson, 91 Murray Drive, Oceanside, New York 11572, Long Island Rubbish Removal Corp., 410 Livingston Avenue, West Babylon, New York 11704, Jet Sanitation Service Corp., 228 Blydenburgh Road, Central Islip, New York 11722, and Jamaica Ash & Rubbish Removal Co., Inc., 633 Dickens Street, Westbury, New York 11590, filed petitions 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 September 1, 1979 through February 29, 1980 (File Nos. 32744, 32746, 32745 and 32747).

A consolidated formal hearing was scheduled to be held before Daniel J. Ranalli, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on May 24, 1983 at 9:15 A.M. The hearing was adjourned with respect to petitioners Jet Sanitation Service Corp. and Jamaica Ash & Rubbish Removal Co., Inc. until October 19, 1983 at 1:15 P.M., with provision for representatives of all parties to appear. All briefs were to be submitted by January 30, 1984. Petitioner Meadowbrook Removal Corp. appeared by Samuel Michelson and Allen Michelson, Esqs., petitioner Long Island Rubbish Removal Corp. appeared by Gilbert T. Perlman, Esq., petitioners Jet Sanitation Service Corp. and Jamaica Ash & Rubbish Removal Co., Inc. appeared by Milton Shaiman, Esq. and Michael J. Berger, C.P.A. The Audit Division appeared by John P. Dugan, Esq. (Irving Atkins, Esq., of counsel).

ISSUES

I. Whether the receipts from the sale of a series of covenants not to compete in connection with the sale of the assets of a trash removal company were subject to tax as the sale of tangible personal property.

II. Whether the receipts from such sale were subject to tax as the sale of an information service.

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III. Whether each of six purchasers involved in the bulk sale of the assets of a single business is liable for payment of the sales tax due the state from the seller on the entire selling price to all six purchasers in the aggregate.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On October 20, 1980, as the result of a field audit, the Audit Division issued a Notice of Determination and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes Due against petitioner Meadowbrook Removal Corp. ("Meadowbrook") in the amount of \$76,919.36, plus interest of \$4,835.05, for a total amount due of \$81,754.41 for the period September 1, 1979 through February 29, 1980. On the same date, the Audit Division issued notices in the same amount and for the same period against petitioners Jamaica Ash & Rubbish Removal Co., Inc. ("Jamaica") and Jet Sanitation Corp. ("Jet"). On the same date, the Audit Division issued a notice for the same period against petitioner Long Island Rubbish Removal Corp. ("Long Island") in the amount of \$12,751.20, plus interest of \$905.34, for a total due of \$13,656.54.

2. Meadowbrook operated an industrial waste removal service. Petitioner employed various pieces of equipment in its operations, including trucks, trash compactors, and sanitary containers located at its customers' places of business. On October 25, 1979 and February 11, 1980, Meadowbrook entered into contracts for the sale of the business to six purchasers including petitioners Long Island, Jamaica and Jet. The purchase prices were \$227,700.00 with respect to Long Island, \$400,000.00 with respect to Jamaica, and \$400,000.00 with respect to Jet. The purchase prices were broken down as follows:

Long Island	
Equipment	\$ 45 , 540.00
Restrictive covenant	
not to compete	182,160.00
Total	\$227,700.00

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Jamaica	
Equipment	\$160,000.00
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not to compete	210,000.00
Good will	30,000.00
Total	\$400,000.00
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Equipment	\$160,000.00
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not to compete	210,000.00
Good will	30,000.00
Total	\$400,000.00

3. Each of the contracts contained a restrictive covenant clause stating that:

"[a]t the closing of title, the seller will deliver to the purchaser a restrictive covenant to the effect that the seller will not service or solicit any of the customers on the list of customers annexed hereto..., directly or indirectly, in any manner whatsoever in connection with the business herein sold. This agreement shall last for a period of five (5) years from the contract date."

4. Each of the contracts also contained a guarantee clause under which Meadowbrook guaranteed the income from each of the customers on the list attached to the contract for a period of 90 days following closing of title. In the event any of the customers were to cease doing business with respective purchasers, Meadowbrook agreed to replace the amount of income so lost with like work or to refund a proportionate share of the purchase price. The contracts with Jet and Jamaica had annexed thereto actual lists enumerating customer names and monthly fees for each. The contract with Long Island had no customer list attached and, in fact, the covenant not to compete involved only one customer whose name was transferred to Long Island orally. Meadowbrook notified each of its customers that it was terminating business and that the purchasers would be assuming the trash removal business.

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5. On June 19, 1980, Meadowbrook filed a certificate of dissolution of the corporation with the Secretary of State and the corporation was legally dissolved.

6. On August 27, 1980, Meadowbrook, Jamaica and Jet entered into another agreement stating that the income from the business had not lived up to expectations and, as a result, Meadowbrook agreed to pay Jamaica \$65,000.00 in full satisfaction of any claims Jamaica may have had against Meadowbrook. Jet agreed that it had no claims against Meadowbrook on account of the sale on February 11, 1980.

7. Neither the seller nor the purchasers timely notified the Department of Taxation and Finance of the bulk sale. On audit, the Audit Division determined that sales tax was due on the bulk transfer of the equipment and accordingly, a Notice of Determination and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes Due was issued against petitioner Meadowbrook on March 18, 1980.¹ These taxes were paid and are not at issue herein. On October 9, 1980, the Audit Division advised Meadowbrook that it had not considered the taxability of the covenants not to compete during the audit, but had subsequently determined that they were taxable as customer lists which were considered to be a taxable information service. The Audit Division deemed the contract valuation of the covenants not to compete to be the prices of the customer lists and taxable accordingly as part of the bulk sale and, as a result, the notices of determination herein were issued.

8. The Audit Division assessed Meadowbrook, Jamaica and Jet for the tax due on the total sales price of all six contracts. Long Island was assessed only for the sale price of the covenant not to compete contained in its own

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It is unclear whether such notices were also issued against the purchasers.

contract. At the hearing, the Audit Division asserted an increase in the assessment with respect to Long Island in the amount of \$64,168.16 to bring the Long Island assessment up to the level of the other assessments pursuant to the derivative liability incurred by a purchaser in bulk under section 1141(c) of the Tax Law. Long Island protested that it had its own contract with Meadowbrook for a certain amount of the assets and that it should not be held liable for the total assessment measured by the assets purchased by all the individual purchasers.

9. The Audit Division argues that, since the value of the covenants not to compete was based on the income received from removal of waste, there was actually a sale of a measurable quantity of tangible personal property in the form of industrial waste and, therefore, the receipts from the sale of the covenants are taxable as sales of tangible personal property under section 1105(a) of the Tax Law. Alternatively, the Audit Division maintains that the sale of the covenants with their attached customer lists was the sale of information within the meaning and intent of section 1105(c)(1) of the Tax Law.

10. Petitioners argue that the sale of the covenants not to compete was not a sale of tangible personal property because no tangible personal property was transferred. Petitioners further argue that the sale of the covenants was not the sale of an information service because the purchasers were, in fact, purchasing the opportunity to service the customers of the seller without fear of the seller's competition, rather than information. Petitioners argue that, even if the sale was to be deemed a sale of an information service, the customer lists were private and personal to each purchaser and, therefore, fall within the exclusion for such information provided for in section 1105(c)(1) of the Tax Law.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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A. That section 1105(a) of the Tax Law imposes a tax upon the "receipts from every retail sale of tangible personal property, except as otherwise provided in [Article 28]". Section 1105(c)(1) of the Tax Law imposes a tax on the receipts from every sale, except for resale, of the service of "furnishing of information by printed, mimeographed or multigraphed matter or by duplicating written or printed matter in any other manner, including the services of collecting, compiling or analyzing information of any kind or nature and furnishing reports thereof to other persons, but excluding the furnishing of information which is personal or individual in nature and which is not or may not be substantially incorporated in reports furnished to other persons...".

B. That a customer list is a business asset the sale of which constitutes "the sale of information and is, therefore, taxable under section 1105 [subd. (c)] of the Tax Law (citation omitted)" (Long Island Reliable Corp. v. Tax Commission, 72 A.D.2d 826, mot. for lv. to app. den. 49 N.Y.2d 707). Therefore, the Audit Division properly determined that the sales of the customer lists by Meadowbrook to Jamaica and Jet were subject to tax.

C. That the single customer name transmitted orally to Long Island did not constitute the sale of a customer list and was not, therefore, an information service within the meaning and intent of section 1105(c) of the Tax Law and thus not subject to tax.

D. That section 1141(c) of the Tax Law provides, in part, that a bulk sale purchaser must notify the Tax Commission of the sale ten days prior to taking possession or paying therefor. If the purchaser fails to so notify the Tax Commission, he will be personally liable for any sales taxes determined to be due from the seller to the extent of the amount of the purchase price or fair market value of the assets purchased, whichever is higher. Inasmuch as no prior taxes due from the seller, petitioner Meadowbrook, were in issue in these matters and the only tax in issue was that due as a result of the individual sales of the customer lists, section 1141(c) of the Tax Law does not apply. Each purchaser is liable for the sales tax due on the sale of its respective customer list only. Petitioner Meadowbrook, as the seller, is liable for the total sales tax due on all the customer list sales.

E. That the petitions of Jet Sanitation Service Corp. and Jamaica Ash & Rubbish Removal Co., Inc. are granted to the extent indicated in Conclusion of Law "D"; that the Audit Division is directed to modify the notices of determination and demand for payment of sales and use taxes due issued October 20, 1980 accordingly; and that, except as so granted, the petitions are in all other respects denied.

F. That the petition of Meadowbrook Removal Corp. is granted to the extent indicated in Conclusion of Law "C"; that the Audit Division is directed to modify the Notice of Determination and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes Due issued October 20, 1980 accordingly; and that, except as so granted, the petition is in all other respects denied.

G. That the petition of Long Island Rubbish Removal Corp. is granted and the Notice of Determination and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes Due issued October 20, 1980 is cancelled.

DATED: Albany, New York DEC 1 77 1984 STATE TAX COMMISSION

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