### STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition

of

J.A.L. Oil Company, Inc.

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ss.:

County of Albany:

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J.A.L. 011 Company, Inc. 17 Barstow Road Great Neck, NY 11021

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a post office 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 petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the petitioner.

Sworn to before me this 9th day of June, 1987.

Authorized to administer oaths pursuant to Tax Law section 174

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June 9, 1987

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You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(s) 1138 of the Tax Law, a proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission may be instituted only under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law 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.

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Petitioner, J.A.L. Oil Company, Inc., 17 Barstow Road, Great Neck, New York 11021, filed a petition 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, 1978 through May 31, 1981 (File No. 40656).

Petitioner, Allan R. Gold, Officer of J.A.L. Oil Company, Inc., 10 Fenimore Street, Lynbrook, New York 11563, filed a petition 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, 1978 through May 31, 1981 (File No. 40657).

A consolidated hearing was held before Daniel J. Ranalli, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Building 9, Room 107, W.A. Harriman Campus, Albany, New York on January 23, 1986 at 1:15 P.M. and continued before the same hearing officer at the same location on March 11, 1986 at 1:15 P.M.

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## **ISSUES**

- I. Whether certain sales of gasoline made by J.A.L. 0il Co., Inc. to customers who did not furnish resale certificates were made for resale and thus not subject to tax.
- II. Whether Allan R. Gold was a person required to collect tax on behalf of J.A.L. Oil Company. Inc.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioner J.A.L. Oil Company, Inc. ("the corporation") was a distributor of Texaco gasoline during the period at issue.
- 2. The corporation was audited as part of an audit program involving the petroleum industry. Although the corporation's books and records were adequate and available, a test period audit was performed based on a consent executed by petitioner Allan R. Gold, as secretary of the corporation.
- 3. The test period used by the auditor was the quarter December 1, 1980 through February 28, 1981.
- 4. The corporation reported all sales for the test period as nontaxable. The records for the test period showed sales to 40 different customers. As the nontaxable status of sales to eight of the customers could not be substantiated by resale certificates, the auditor disallowed such sales, resulting in a

margin of error of 9.99%. This margin of error was applied to total sales for the audit period, resulting in additional taxable sales of \$2,045,608.00 and \$162,303.82 in additional sales tax due.

- 5. On September 20, 1982, the Audit Division issued the following notices of determination and demands for payment of sales and use taxes due:
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- 9. The business of the corporation operated in this manner: its customers, operators of retail gasoline stations, would call the corporation's offices and order a quantity of Texaco gasoline. The corporation would then call in the order to Texaco and delivery to the stations would be made the following day by Texaco. Texaco billed the corporation for the gasoline purchased for each location. A copy of the bill was given to the dealer by the Texaco truck driver at the time of the delivery. The dealer paid the bill and the driver collected checks and credit card slips which were credited to the corporation's account.
- 10. The eight customers for which the corporation could not produce resale certificates were as follows:
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Petitioner showed, through documentary and testimonial evidence, that the above were retail gasoline stations which, in fact, also operated automobile repair

- shops. The stations purchased, on the average, nearly 10,000 gallons of gasoline per month from petitioner.
- 11. Sales made to the aforementioned eight gasoline stations were made by the corporation at the then current wholesale prices.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That during the period at issue, Tax Law § 1132(c) provided that all receipts for the type of property at issue herein were presumed to be subject to tax unless the contrary was established and the burden of proving that the receipt was not taxable was on the person required to collect tax, or the customer. Where the vendor obtained a properly completed resale or exemption certificate, the burden of proving that the receipt was not taxable was solely on the customer.
- B. That although such sales without resale certificates were presumed to be taxable, this presumption was rebuttable and could be overcome by a vendor sustaining his burden of proof to show that the sales were made for resale.

  (See Matter of Ruemil Contract Interiors, Inc., State Tax Commission, September 9, 1983.)
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DATED: Albany, New York

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