In the Matter of the Petition

of

SEYMOUR COHEN

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION BY (CERTIFIED) MAIL

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Unincorporated Business: Taxes under Article(x) 23 of the Tax Law for the Year(s)1966 through: 1972.

State of New York County of Albany

MARY GROFF

, being duly sworn, deposes and says that

she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 3rd day of February , 1976, she served the within Notice of Decision (COXXDENIESTRICALES) by (certified) mail upon SEYMOUR COMEN

proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid

wrapper addressed as follows:

Mr. Seymour Cohen 2106 82nd Street Brooklyn, New York 11214

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 Post Office Department within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (REPTERMINENTALINE)

OFF) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (REPTERMINENTALINE) petitioner.

Sworn to before me this

3rd day of February , 1976.

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Notice of Decision (*****Retermination***) by (certified) mail upon JULIUS KRUMHOLZ, ESQ.

(representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Julius Krumholz, Esq. 1133 Broadway

New York, New York 10010

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. STATE OF NEW YORKDEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

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PAUL GREENBERG SECRETARY TO COMMISSION

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DATED:

Albany, New York February 3, 1976

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

MR. WRIGHT MR. COBURN MR. LEISNER

(518) 457-3850

Mr. Seymour Cohen 2106 82nd Street Brooklyn, New York 11214

Dear Mr. Cohen:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section (%) 722 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.

Any 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. These will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Very truly yours,

PAUL GREENBERG

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TAX APPEALS BURE

cc: Petitioner's Representative

Law Bureau

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DECISION

for a Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Unincorporated Business Tax under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the Years 1966 through 1972.

Petitioner, Seymour Cohen, 2106 82nd Street, Brooklyn, New York 11214, filed petitions for the redetermination of deficiencies issued on December 23, 1974, for the years 1966 through 1972.

(File Nos. 8-15008291 and 2-26017645).

The petitioner waived in writing a formal hearing and submitted the case to the State Tax Commission upon the entire record contained in the file. The State Tax Commission renders the following decision after due consideration of said record.

ISSUE

The issue in this case is whether a multi-line salesman is subject to the unincorporated business tax.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioner, Seymour Cohen, has been a sales representative for many years usually representing more than one principal. His lines are in women's wear concentrating on wedding attire.
- 2. On December 23, 1974, two statements of audit changes were issued against the petitioner involving the years 1966 through 1968 and 1969 through 1972. Deficiencies in tax due were asserted on the basis of a decision rendered by the New York State Tax Commission dated March 6, 1974, against the petitioner involving income derived from his activities as a salesman during the years 1961 through 1965. Such income was held subject to the New York State unincorporated business tax. Notices of deficiency were issued in the amounts of \$2,778.36 for the years 1966 through 1968 and \$5,387.09 for the years 1969 through 1972.
- 3. The underlying facts upon which the New York State Tax Commission decision dated March 6, 1974, was based are essentially the same for the case at hand.
- 4. For about twenty years including the years in question, the petitioner has represented Coquette Frocks of 1385 Broadway, New York City. In each year, he received from 40% to 60% of his commissions from Coquette Frocks. Coquette Frocks withheld no

taxes nor provided other employee benefits to petitioner. Petitioner claims they once did withhold but changed their policy "for convenience." Petitioner received a 7% from Coquette Frocks which he claims was computed at 4% for sales and 3% to cover travel expenses.

- 5. In each year under review, petitioner represented from two to four principals other than Coquette Frocks. These were all located in New York City. Each paid him straight commission from 7% to 10% and in one case of 20%, but on new orders only. None of them reimbursed petitioner for expenses. None of them withheld taxes or social security from his remuneration.
- 6. The territory of petitioner was the Midwest, from Pittsburgh to Minneapolis. He was on the road about half of the time.

 Petitioner claims that when not on the road, he would work at the offices of Coquette Frocks helping to ship orders and doing other work.
 - 7. Petitioner paid his own Federal self-employment tax.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That the petitioner, Seymour Cohen, is an independent contractor and is subject to tax. Petitioner's testimony as to inside work for Coquette Frocks and reimbursement of expenses by them is greatly outweighed by the fact that they do not withhold taxes or grant him the usual employee benefits. The fact that

this is "for convenience" is irrelevant. He is an independent contractor with respect to each of his principals.

B. That the deficiencies are correct and are due together with such further interest as may be due under section 684 of the Tax Law.

DATED: Albany, New York February 3, 1976

STATE TAX COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER