

STATE OF NEW YORK

DIVISION OF TAX APPEALS

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In the Matter of the Petition :  
of :  
**KATHERINE J. COLE** : DETERMINATION  
for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of New : DTA NO. 831080  
York State Personal Income Tax under Article 22 of the :  
Tax Law for the Year 2018. :

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Petitioner, Katherine J. Cole, filed a petition for the redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of New York State personal income tax under article 22 of the Tax Law for the year 2018.

On June 2, 2023, the Division of Tax Appeals issued to petitioner a notice of intent to dismiss petition pursuant to 20 NYCRR 3000.9 (a) (4). The Division of Taxation, appearing by Amanda Hiller, Esq. (Amanda Alteri), submitted a letter in support of the dismissal. Petitioner, appearing pro se, did not submit a response by July 3, 2023, which date began the 90-day period for the issuance of this determination. After due consideration of the documents submitted, Donna M. Gardiner, Supervising Administrative Law Judge, renders the following determination.

***ISSUE***

Whether the Division of Tax Appeals has jurisdiction over the petition.

***FINDINGS OF FACT***

1. Petitioner, Katherine J. Cole, filed a petition with the Division of Tax Appeals on August 1, 2022.
2. The petition included a copy of a notice and demand for payment of tax due (notice and demand), bearing assessment number L-056306523, issued to petitioner by the Division of

Taxation (Division) dated July 25, 2022.

3. The petition challenges the notice and demand and does not include any statutory notice.

4. On June 2, 2023, the Division of Tax Appeals issued to petitioner a notice of intent to dismiss petition. The notice stated, in sum, that as the petition was filed in protest of a notice and demand, it appeared that the Division of Tax Appeals was without jurisdiction to consider the merits of the petition.

5. On June 20, 2023, in response to the notice of intent to dismiss petition, the Division submitted a letter that stated, in pertinent part, that:

“[t]he Division is in receipt of the Notice of Intent to Dismiss the petition in the above referenced matter and agrees as the Division of Tax Appeals lacks jurisdiction over the matter. Therefore, the Division is in agreement with the proposed dismissal regarding the Notice and Demand for Payment of Tax Due, dated July 25, 2022.”

6. The petitioner did not submit a response to the notice of intent to dismiss petition.

#### ***CONCLUSIONS OF LAW***

A. The Division of Tax Appeals is a forum of limited jurisdiction (Tax Law § 2008; *Matter of Scharff*, Tax Appeals Tribunal, October 4, 1990, *revd on other grounds sub nom New York State Dept. of Taxation and Fin. v Tax Appeals Trib.*, 151 Misc 2d 326 [Sup Ct, Albany County 1991, Keniry, J.]). Its power to adjudicate disputes is exclusively statutory (*id.*). The Division of Tax Appeals is authorized “[t]o provide a hearing as a matter of right, to any petitioner upon such petitioner’s request . . . unless a right to such a hearing is specifically provided for, modified or denied by another provision of this chapter” (Tax Law § 2006 [4]).

All proceedings in the Division of Tax Appeals “shall be commenced by the filing of a petition . . . protesting any written notice of the division of taxation which has advised the

petitioner of a tax deficiency, a determination of tax due . . . or any other notice which gives a person the right to a hearing” (Tax Law § 2008 [1]).

B. Pursuant to 20 NYCRR 3000.3 (b) (8), a petition shall contain, “for the sole purpose of establishing the timeliness of the petition, a legible copy of the order of the conciliation conferee if issued; if no such order was previously issued, a legible copy of any other statutory notice being protested.” In this case, no statutory notice was attached.

C. As petitioner failed to attach a statutory notice contemplated by Tax Law § 2008 (1), the Division of Tax Appeals lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter of the petition and, therefore, dismissal is warranted (*see* 20 NYCRR 3000.3 [d] [2]; 3000.9 [a] [4] [i]; *Matter of Richardson*, Tax Appeals Tribunal, November 17, 2022).

D. While the petition included a copy of a notice and demand, such notice is insufficient to confer jurisdiction upon the Division of Tax Appeals to consider the merits of the petition (*see* Tax Law § 173-a [2]; *Matter of Alesi*, Tax Appeals Tribunal, June 9, 2022; *Matter of Mostovoi*, Tax Appeals Tribunal, May 23, 2019).

E. It is ORDERED, on the motion of the supervising administrative law judge, that the petition is dismissed with prejudice as of this date.

DATED: Albany, New York  
September 21, 2023

/s/ Donna M. Gardiner  
SUPERVISING ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE