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In the Matter of the Petition

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PENDLETON CONTRACTORS, LTD. c/o WILLIAM A. RUPERT

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Personal Income: Taxes under Article(s) 22 of the Tax Law for the Year(s)1967 and 1968.:

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

State of New York County of Albany

MARTHA FUNARO

, 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 19th day of August , 1974 , she served the within Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon PENDLETON CONTRACTORS,

C/O WILLIAM A. RUPERT (representative of) the petitioner in the within

proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid Pendleton Contractors, Ltd.

wrapper addressed as follows:

c/o William A. Rupert 6952 Bear Ridge Road Lockport, New York 14120

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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 (representative of) 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

19th day of August

, 1974.

In the Matter of the Petition

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PENDLETON CONTRACTORS, LTD. c/o WILLIAM A. RUPERT

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, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of , 1974, she served the within age, and that on the 19th day of August Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon ROBERT SCHAUS, ESQ.

(representative of) the petitioner in the within

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proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid Robert Schaus, Esq.

wrapper addressed as follows:

Schaus and Schaus 705 Crosby Building Buffalo, New York 14202

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Albany, New York
August 19, 1974

Pendleton Contractors, Ltd. c/o William A. Rupert 6952 Bear Ridge Road Lockport, New York 14120

Dear Mr. Rupert:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(s) 690 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,

L. Robert Leisner

Enc.

HEARING OFFICER

cc: Petitioner's Representative Law Bureau

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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PENDLETON CONTRACTORS, Ltd. c/o WILLIAM A. RUPERT

DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Taxes under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Years 1967 and 1968.

Petitioner, Pendleton Contractors, Ltd., c/o William A. Rupert, has filed a petition for a redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal income taxes under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the years 1967 and 1968. (File No. 16-0851665). A formal hearing was held before L. Robert Leisner, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, State Office Building, Buffalo, New York, on November 15, 1973, at 9:30 A.M. Petitioner was represented by Schaus & Schaus (Robert Schaus, Esq., of counsel). The Income Tax Bureau was represented by Saul Heckelman, Esq., (James A. Scott, Esq., of counsel).

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ISSUE

Is petitioner, William A. Rupert, liable for unpaid New York State withholding taxes due from Pendleton Contractors, Ltd., for the years 1967 and 1968?

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Pendleton Contractors, Ltd. failed to pay over to the Income Tax Bureau, New York State personal income taxes withheld from its employees for the years 1967 and 1968, in the sum of \$7,364.50. The corporation is presently defunct.
- 2. On February 28, 1972, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Deficiency against petitioner, William A. Rupert, imposing a

penalty equal to the amount of New York State withholding taxes due from Pendleton Contractors, Ltd., for the years 1967 and 1968, upon the grounds that he was a person required to collect, truthfully account for and pay over said taxes and that he willfully failed to do so. It accordingly issued a Notice of Deficiency against him in the sum of \$7,364.50.

- 3. Petitioner, William A. Rupert, was president of Pendleton Contractors, Ltd. during the years 1967 and 1968. He owned 60% of the stock in the corporation. His duties consisted of supervising the operation of machinery in the field and also other areas of corporate activities. He signed corporate checks. When the corporation went out of business, he signed a personal note for corporate debts. There were two other corporate officers who were vice-president and secretary-treasurer.
- 4. Petitioner, William A. Rupert, contended that Pendleton Contractors, Ltd., was dissolved as of December 31, 1967, and that its unfinished contracts were assigned to the Union Concrete Company. He further contended that Union Concrete Company was liable for any unpaid taxes as the successors to Pendleton Contractors, Ltd., which did no work in 1968.
- 5. Pendleton Contractors, Ltd. maintained a bank account and equipment during the first three months of the year 1968. Petitioner, William A. Rupert, and the other two officers received salaries as corporate officers during said period.
- 6. Pendleton Contractors, Ltd. ceased doing business after March 31, 1968.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That petitioner, William A. Rupert, as an officer and president of Pendleton Contractors, Ltd. was a person required to collect, truthfully account for and pay over New York State

withholding taxes due from said corporation for the year 1967 and the first three months of 1968, in accordance with the meaning and intent of sections 674 and 685(1) of the Tax Law.

- B. That since petitioner, William A. Rupert, willfully failed to collect, truthfully account for and pay over New York State withholding taxes due from Pendleton Contractors, Ltd. for the period of January 1, 1967 to March 31, 1968 inclusive, therefore a penalty equal to the total amount of unpaid withholding taxes for said period was properly assessed against him in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 685(g) of the Tax Law. The deficiency will be recomputed in accordance with this decision.
- C. Petitioner, William A. Rupert, is not liable for any taxes after March 31, 1968.
- D. Except as hereinabove modified, the petition of Pendleton Contractors, Ltd., c/o William A. Rupert, is denied and the Notice of Deficiency issued February 28, 1972, is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York August 19, 1974 STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESIDENT

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