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**STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING
450 N Street, Room 121, Sacramento
NOTICE AND AGENDA**

August 29, 2006

Board Committee Meeting Convenes at 9:30 a.m.*

Board Meeting Convenes upon Adjournment of the Board Committee Meeting**

Agenda items occur in the order in which they appear on the agenda. When circumstances warrant, the Board's Chair, Mr. Chiang, may modify the order of the items on the agenda.

BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING

BUSINESS TAXES COMMITTEE..... Mr. Chiang, Committee Chair

- 1. Proposed revisions to Regulation 1571, *Florists*, to clarify the application of tax to sales by florists.

BOARD MEETING

ORAL HEARINGS

A. HOMEOWNER AND RENTER PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE HEARINGS

There are no items for this matter.

B. CORPORATE FRANCHISE AND PERSONAL INCOME TAX HEARINGS

(Contribution Disclosure forms required pursuant to Govt. Code § 15626.)

B1. Deirdre M. Osterman, 290241

For Appellant: Deidre M. Osterman, Taxpayer

Michael Gendelman, Attorney

For Franchise Tax Board: Kathleen Cooke, Tax Counsel

C. SALES AND USE TAX APPEALS HEARINGS

(Contribution Disclosure forms required pursuant to Govt. Code § 15626.)

- C1. Richard Charles Walton, 310562 (GH)
 For Petitioner: Richard Walton, Taxpayer
 For Department: Christine Bisauta, Tax Counsel
- C2. Sierra Railroad Company, 288213 (JH)
 For Petitioner: Torgny Nilsson, Representative
 Michael Hart, Taxpayer
 For Department: Cary Huxsoll, Tax Counsel
- C3. Marcella Maria Rosales, 308469 (KH)
 For Petitioner: Marcella Rosales, Taxpayer
 For Department: Carla Caruso, Tax Counsel
- C4. Mikhail Obolsky, 186902 (BH)
 For Petitioner: Tammy Hart, CPA
 For Department: Kevin Hanks, Hearing Representative

D. SPECIAL TAXES APPEALS HEARINGS

(Contribution Disclosure forms required pursuant to Govt. Code § 15626.)

- D1. Qwest Communications Corporation, 246379 (ET)
 For Petitioner: Peter Michaels, Attorney
 Larry McMillin, Taxpayer
 For Department: Carolee Johnstone, Tax Counsel
- D2. Greyhound Lines, Inc. 281179, 327799 (MT)
 For Claimant: William D. Taylor, Attorney
 For Department: Randy Ferris, Tax Counsel

E. PROPERTY TAX APPEALS HEARINGS

There are no items for this matter.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

F1 Proposed Amendments to Sales and Use Tax Regulation 1602, Food ProductsMs. Nienow

Amendments to Regulation 1602 are proposed to provide a clear standard for taxing sales of combination packages that include food and nonfood products (such as gift baskets) sold for a single price and to eliminate obsolete language in subdivisions (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), and (a)(4) of Regulation 1602.

G. TAX PROGRAM NONAPPEARANCE MATTERS – CONSENT(Contribution Disclosure forms not required pursuant to Govt. Code § 15626.)**G1 Legal Appeals MattersMr. Levine**

- Petitions for Rehearing
 1. John Raymond Collins and Lisa House, 170436 (UT)
 2. Tri-Air, Inc., 240935 (KHO)
- Hearing Notice Sent – No Response
 3. Minshew Brothers Steel Cnstrt, Inc., 249882 (FH)
- Petition for Release of Seized Property
 4. Mohamad Kurdmisto, 354480 (ET)

G2 Franchise and Income Tax Matters..... Mr. Schreiter

- Decisions
 1. Binoy K. Bordoloi and Bani Bordoloi, 318013
 2. Shenethia V. Carter, 296581
 3. Downey Toy Company, 306793
 4. Lisa M. Fagundes, 317594
 5. William B. Feinberg and Judith L. Feinberg, 330459
 6. Fosfo, Inc., 308287
 7. David J. Hopper and Catherine E. Hopper, 318263
 8. Susan Jarett, 304297
 9. Todd Katz, 312812
 10. Michele Kinchen, 311241
 11. Tat H. Kwok and Ada M. Kwok, 317429
 12. Columbus O. Okoroike, 318155
 13. Lanelita Quirante, 308808
 14. Wayne Roland, 315812
 15. Susan Scanlan, 303475
 16. Peter M. Soley, 310303
- Petitions for Rehearing
 17. Fakhradin Mirian and Laura Mirian, 305200
 18. Stephen D. Moses, 268510
 19. Robert Eugene Wesley, 317301

G3 Homeowner and Renter Property Tax**Assistance Matters..... Mr. Schreiter**

- Decisions
 1. Edward A. Kandrak, 329465
 2. Marcos Prieto, 339280
 3. Rebecca Richardson, 325876, 332501
 4. Wilma F. Williams, 338994

G4 Sales and Use Taxes Matters Ms. Henry

- Redeterminations
 1. A. M. Castle & Co., 311279 (OHA)
 2. James Gamblin, 345457 (EH)

3. Pall Filtration/Separations Grp., 315227 (OHB)
4. Gold Key Lease, Inc., 290116 (OHA)
5. Matrix Technologies, Inc., 335120 (OHB)
- Relief of Penalty/Interest
 6. Autozone West, Inc., 356016 (OHA)
 7. Pitney Bowes Mgmt Services, Inc., 354286 (OHB)
 8. K-Mart Corporation, 353218 (OHA)
- Denials of Claims for Refund
 9. Honest Jiup Chung, 134391 (AS)
 10. Nissan North America, Inc., 355454 (AS)
 11. Western Digital Technologies, Inc., 238711 (EAA)
 12. Raytheon Technical Services, Company, 331371 (OHC)
 13. Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC., 353825 (OHB)
 14. Northrop Grumman Systems, Corporation, 355456 (AS)
 15. Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., 356793 (OHC)
 16. New Vision Technologies, Inc., 334836 (EAA)
 17. Kovarus, Inc., 341887 (CH)
 18. Benjamin Cruz, 330251 (EH)
- Denial of Relief of Penalty/Interest
 19. Calgen Project Equipment Finance, 355514 (GH)

G5 Sales and Use Taxes Matters – Credits, Cancellations, and Refunds..... Ms. Henry

- Credits and Cancellations
 1. Linquist & Craig Hotels & Resorts, 354547 (EA)
 - ~~2. Saddleback Rental Vehicles, Inc., 356190 (EAA)~~
 3. Lyle Industries, Inc., 256027 (OHA)
 4. Sensitech, Inc., 357054 (OHB)
- Refunds
 5. California State University, L.A., 354716 (AA)
 6. Deluxe Laboratories, Inc., 356450 (AS)
 7. Micro Publications Systems, 199098 (OHC)
 8. Crossfield Products Corporation, 341132 (AA)
 9. Nissan North America, Inc., 312114 (AS)
 10. Nissan North America, Inc., 341579 (AS)
 11. Acco Engineered Systems, Inc., 353379 (AC)
 12. City-County of San Francisco, 305431 (BH)
 13. Williams-Sonoma, Inc., 313400 (BH)
 14. Roger's Gardens Newport Beach, 303282 (EAA)
 15. Verreq, Inc., 254730 (EA)
 16. Dr. B's Chicken, 318321 (EAA)
 17. GKN Aerospace Chem-tronics, Inc., 353420 (FH)
 18. Cadence Design Systems, Inc., 269634 (GH)
 19. Applied Signal Technology, Inc., 334231 (GH)
 20. Sacramento A-One Door, 354127 (KH)
 21. Calgon Carbon Corporation, 348175 (OHB)
 22. KCI USA, Inc., 356737 (OHC)
 23. Sara Lee Corporation, 356564 (OHA)

24. Ford Motor Company, 352140 (OHA)
25. Chevrolet Motor Division, 352144 (OHA)
26. Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC., 347473 (KH)
27. 21st Century Insurance Company, 271146 (AC)
28. Cisco Systems Capital Corporation, 332637 (GH)
29. Sully-Miller Contracting Company, 348518 (EA)
30. Williams-Sonoma Stores, LLC., 330239 (BH)
31. National Diabetic Pharmacies, Inc., 315109 (OHB)
32. Edison Material Supply, LLC., 328966 (EAB)
33. John Zink Company, LLC., 250023 (OHA)
34. Marubeni Disc Systems, Inc., 347469 (EAA)
35. Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC., 143851 (OHB)
36. Seagate Technology, LLC., 306803 (GHC)
37. World Wide Technology, Inc., 326201 (OHA)
38. Nabisco, Inc., 170561 (OHA)
39. Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., 207473 (OHC)
40. Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation, 250579 (AS)
41. Ascent Media Mgmt Services, Inc., 325571 (AC)
42. Travis Credit Union, 328882 (JHF)
43. Kemiron Pacific, Inc., 353483 (OHC)
44. Light & Sound Design, Inc., 354454 (AR)
45. Applied Graphics Technologies, Inc., 353063 (AA)
46. N-Care, LLC., 352126 (EA)
47. Virgin Mobile USA, LLC., 290234 (OHB)
48. Residence Inn By Marriott, 349734 (OHB)
49. Overland Real Est Limited Partner, 315495 (AS)
50. Valley Imports, Inc., 345180 (FHA)
51. Cytoc Limited Partnership, 295855 (OHB)
52. Central Air Conditioning, Inc., 349729 (KHO)
53. Morningstar, Inc., 265230 (OHA)
54. Altaone Federal Credit Union, 340781 (ARH)
55. Kern Schools Federal Credit Union, 339637 (ARH)

G6 Special Taxes Matters Mr. Gau

- Relief of Penalty
 1. Bel Air Mart, 354726 (ET)

There Are No Items For The Following Matters

- G7 Special Taxes Matters-Credits, Cancellations, and Refunds
- G8 Property Tax Matters
- G9 Cigarette License Fee Matters
- G10 Legal Appeals Property Tax Matters

H. TAX PROGRAM NONAPPEARANCE MATTERS – ADJUDICATORY
(Contribution Disclosure forms required pursuant to Govt. Code § 15626.)

H1 Legal Appeals MattersMr. Levine

- Petitions for Rehearing
 1. Nortel Networks, Inc., 150425 (OHB)
 2. Michael A. Olin, 252307 (UT)
 3. David Elias Pardo, 172990
- Hearing Notice Sent – No Response
 - ~~4. Lynne Meredith, 241993 (EA)~~
- Cases Heard But Not Decided
 5. Chris T. Attkisson, 235821 (KHO)
 6. Tensor Group, Inc., 281211 (OHA)

H2 Franchise and Income Tax Matters..... Mr. Schreiter

- Opinion
 1. Apple Computer, Inc., 152016
- Decision
 2. Bradley Mart and Madeline Zayas-Mart, 313041

H3 Homeowner and Renter Property Tax Assistance Matters..... Mr. Schreiter

- Decision
 1. Anna Ellis, 282922

H4 Sales and Use Taxes Matters Ms. Henry

- Relief of Penalty/Interest
 1. Banctec Third Party Maint., Inc., 347876 (OHC)

H5 Sales and Use Taxes Matters – Credits, Cancellations, and Refunds..... Ms. Henry

- Refund
 1. The Disney Store, Inc., 342078 (AC)

H6 Special Taxes Matters Mr. Gau

- Redetermination
 1. Atlantic Richfield Company, 345099 (MT) – “CF”

There Are No Items For The Following Matters

- H7 Special Taxes Matters-Credits, Cancellations, and Refunds
- H8 Property Tax Matters
- H9 Cigarette License Fee Matters
- H10 Legal Appeals Property Tax Matters

I. TAX PROGRAM NONAPPEARANCE MATTERS

(Contribution Disclosure forms not required pursuant to Govt. Code § 15626.)

I1 Property Taxes Matters Mr. Gau

- Board Roll Changes
 - 1. 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 State-Assessed Property Rolls – “CF”
- Private Railroad Car Tax Refund – “CF”
 - 12. Dana Railcare

I2 Offers-in-Compromise Recommendations Ms. Ograd

- 1. Hayat Jalala
- 2. Edith Gomez

CHIEF COUNSEL MATTERS

J. Rulemaking

Status Report on Proposed Amendments to State Board of Equalization Rules of Practice **Ms. Cazadd**

[J1 Status report on new Rules of Practice, Chapter 4, Appeals from Actions of the Franchise Tax Board](#)

There are no items for the following matters:

- K. Business Taxes
- L. Property Taxes
- M. Other Chief Counsel Matters

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

N. Consent Agenda Mr. Evans

[N1 Retirement Resolutions](#)

- Maria T. Berlonghi
- Beverly “Sue” Coty
- Dorothy L. Stevens
- Mary E. Trebbien
- Margaret L. Wong

[N2 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes](#)

- [May 17, 2006](#)

[N3 Approval of Revenue and Taxation Code section 6355, Coins and Bullion Bulk Sale Adjustment](#)

[N4 2006-07 Emergency Telephone User’s Surcharge Rate](#)

O. Approval of Board Committee Meeting Minutes

O1 Business Taxes Committee

P. Other Administrative Matters

P1 Executive Director’s Report.....Mr. Hirsig

Executive Director’s opportunity to report on matters of interest to the Board.

- 1. Electronic Services Update
- 2. Headquarters Windows Project Update
- 3. Budget Change Proposals..... **Ms. Johnson**

- BCP No. 1: Consumer Use Tax Section Revenue Enhancement
- BCP No. 2: U.S. Customs Program Augmentation
- BCP No. 3: Withdrawn
- BCP No. 4: Alcoholic Beverage Tax Program Workload
- BCP No. 5: Ongoing Tire Fee Increase Workload
- BCP No. 6: Electronic Waste (Ewaste) Recycling Fee Workload Adjustment
- BCP No. 7: International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) Workload Growth
- BCP No. 8: Underground Storage Tank Fee Workload Increase
- BCP No. 9: Continuation of International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA)/ North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Interim Program
- BCP No. 10: Fuel Taxes Division- Fuel Tax Compliance Projects
- BCP No. 11: Motor Vehicle Fuel Audit Staff Augmentation

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION..... Mr. Evans

Q. Closed Session

- Q1 Pending Litigation: *Ballmer v. Franchise Tax Board, Board of Equalization*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC 2897895 (Govt. Code § 11126(e))
- Q2 Pending Litigation: *Smiland Paint Company v. State Board of Equalization*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BS 103224 (Govt. Code § 11126(e))
- Q3 Discussion and action on personnel matters (Govt. Code § 11126(a))

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPEN SESSION Mr. Evans

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Gary Evans, Acting Chief
Board Proceedings Division

- * Public comment on any committee agenda item will be accepted at the beginning of the committee meeting.
- ** Public comment on any agenda item, other than a Closed Session item or an item which has already been considered by a Board Committee, will be accepted at that meeting.
- "CF" Constitutional Function – The Deputy State Controller may not participate in this matter under Government Code section 7.9.