BEFORE THE TAX COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

In the Matter of the Protest of

Petitioner.

DOCKET NO. 2-036-319-232

DECISION

(Petitioner) protested the Notice of Deficiency Determination (Notice) dated January 18, 2023, asserting sales tax, penalty, and interest in the amount of \$7,781 for the period of October 31, 2020, through June 30, 2022 (Audit Period). Petitioner disagreed with the sales held taxable. The Idaho State Tax Commission (Commission), having reviewed the file, hereby upholds the modified Notice of Deficiency Determination dated March 31, 2023.

BACKGROUND

Petitioner is an esthetician business focused primarily on hair removal with an occasional sale of beauty products. Petitioner registered with the Idaho Secretary of State on

began operating in October 2020, but did not apply for a sellers permit until June 2022. Based on this information, the sales from September 2020 through May 2022 were unreported to the Commission. The staff at the Tax Discovery Bureau (Bureau) sent Petitioner a letter requesting sales data for the Audit Period but received no response. Therefore, to determine Petitioner's sales tax obligation the Bureau reviewed the 2020 and 2021 Schedule Cs filed by the owner of the business and issued a Notice.

Petitioner protested the Notice, objecting to the use of gross sales from Schedule C to determine taxable sales. Petitioner provided an explanation of taxable and nontaxable sales for the Audit Period. The Bureau reviewed the data and modified the Notice, reducing the amount of tax due. The Bureau sent Petitioner a copy of the modified figures and gave them an opportunity to accept the modifications. Petitioner did not respond. Therefore, the Bureau forwarded the matter to the Commission's Appeals Unit (Appeals) for administrative review.

Appeals sent Petitioner letters informing them of the options available for redetermination of the Notice but did not receive a response. The Commission has reviewed the information available and hereby issues its decision.

LAW & ANALYSIS

Petitioner engages in both taxable and nontaxable sales. Guidance in identifying the taxable

portion is discussed in IDAPA 35.01.02.011.01:

Retail Sales of Tangible Personal Property Together with Services. The sales tax applies to retail sales of tangible personal property. It does not apply to the sale of services except as stated in statute or rule. However, when a sale of tangible personal property includes incidental services, the tax applies to the total amount charged, including fees for any incidental services except separately stated transportation and installation fees. The fact that the charge for the tangible personal property results mainly from the labor or creativity of its maker does not turn a sale of tangible personal property into a sale of services. The cost of any product includes labor and manufacturing skill.

Idaho Code section 63-3627 discusses the responsibilities of a taxpayer in regard to taxes:

(a) Every person with the duty to account for and pay over any tax which is imposed upon or required to be collected by any taxpayer under this chapter on behalf of such taxpayer as an officer, member or employee of such taxpayer, shall be personally liable for payment of such tax, plus penalties and interest, if he fails to carry out his duty.

(b) Any such individual required to collect, truthfully account for, and pay over any tax imposed by this chapter who willfully fails to collect such tax, or truthfully account for and pay over such tax, or willfully attempts in any manner to evade or defeat any such tax or the payment thereof, shall, in addition to other penalties provided by law, be liable to a penalty equal to the total amount of the tax evaded, or not collected, or not accounted for and paid over. No penalty shall be imposed under section 63-3046(b), Idaho Code, for any offense to which this subsection (b) is applicable.

Petitioner provided information to identify taxable and nontaxable sales. Therefore, the

Commission finds the modified Notice to be an accurate representation of Petitioner's tax liability

for the Audit Period. Interest is calculated till May 29, 2024, and will continue to accrue at the rate set forth in Idaho Code section 63-3045(6) until paid.

THEREFORE, the modified Notice is hereby APPROVED in accordance with the provisions of this decision and is AFFIRMED and MADE FINAL.

IT IS ORDERED that Petitioner pay the following tax, penalty and interest:

| TAX | PENALTY | INTEREST | TOTAL |
|-------|---------|-----------------|-------|
| \$272 | \$68 | \$28 | \$368 |

DEMAND for immediate payment of the foregoing amount is hereby made and given. An explanation of Petitioner's right to appeal this decision is enclosed.

DATED this _____ day of _____ 2024.

IDAHO STATE TAX COMMISSION

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this _____ day of _____ 2024, a copy of the within and foregoing DECISION was served by sending the same by United States mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to:

Receipt No.