STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition

of

CERTIFIED HEATING OILS, INC.

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Albany, New York February 26, 1975

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MR. WRIGHT 457-2655 MR. LEISNER 457-2657 MR. COBURN 457-2896

Certified Heating Oils, Inc. 2970 Amboy Road Staten Island, New York

#### Gentlemen:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section (x) 288 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 30 days 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,

Migel G. Wright HEARING OFFICER

Enc.

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Law Bureau

#### STATE OF NEW YORK

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In the Matter of the Application

of

CERTIFIED HEATING OIL, INC.

DECISION

for a Hearing to Review a Determination: of or for Refund of Motor Fuel Taxes under Article 12-A of the Tax Law for the Period December 1, 1966 through May 9, 1971.

Certified Heating Oil, Inc. filed an application under section 288 of the Tax Law, for a hearing to review a determination dated June 24, 1971, of motor fuel taxes due in the amount of \$42,295.32 plus penalties and interest of \$13,354.12 for a total of \$55,649.44 under Article 12-A of the Tax Law for the period December 1, 1966 through May 9, 1971. The applicant has paid the sum of \$26,141.64 toward this determination.

A hearing was duly held on August 6, 1974, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, before Nigel G. Wright, Hearing Officer. The applicant appeared but was not represented. The Miscellaneous Tax Bureau was represented by Saul Heckelman, Esq., appearing by James A. Scott, Esq. The record of said hearing has been duly examined and considered.

#### ISSUE

The issue in this case is the applicant's liability for taxes on gasoline imported into New York.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Applicant is a seller of fuel oil on Staten Island,
  New York. During the period in question, he also distributed
  gasoline. This was a period of labor strikes by regular
  gasoline truck drivers. His principal supplier was Hess. He
  took delivery of 628,888 gallons of gasoline at a distribution
  point in New Jersey in his own tank trucks and brought gasoline
  into New York.
- 2. Applicant's purchases of gasoline in New Jersey were charged by Hess with New Jersey gasoline taxes. New Jersey had refunded to applicant \$26,141.64, being the New Jersey tax on 373,472 gallons here in dispute. No taxes on any of the 628,888 gallons of gasoline, however, were paid to New York.
- 3. Applicant is not registered in New York as a distributor of gasoline.
- 4. Applicant claims that at least some of the gasoline he brought into New York was resold to certain governmental agencies and military installations, but he has not supplied invoices, purchase records or other documents to corroborate these claims. Applicant also claims that his purchasers did not want invoices from him because of the current labor strikes.

- 5. Applicant has adequately shown that 1,027 gallons which are in issue were delivered to the Federal Aviation Agency in Newark, New Jersey. This accounts for \$67.19 of the determination under review.
- 6. The determination under review imposes a tax on all of the gasoline applicant purchased from Hess during the period in question.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The applicant has failed to carry the burden of proof. His failure to keep records cannot excuse this failure.

The determination under review is erroneous in part and shall be reduced by \$67.19 and the interest and penalties computed thereon, and as so reduced the determination is found to be correct and such sum less amounts already paid is due, together with such further interest as may be computed under the Tax Law.

DATED: Albany, New York

STATE TAX COMMISSION

February 26, 1975

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