#### STATE OF NEW YORK

#### STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of Jose & Nelly Rosado

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for Redetermination of a Deficiency or Revision : of a Determination or Refund of NYS & NYC Income & UBT under Article 22, 23 & 30 of the Tax Law for : the Year 1976.

State of New York }

ss.:

County of Albany }

David Parchuck, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is an employee of the State Tax Commission, that he is over 18 years of age, and that on the 6th day of January, 1983, he served the within notice of Decision by certified mail upon Jose & Nelly Rosado, the petitioners in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows:

Jose & Nelly Rosado Calle 91, Bloque 92 #34 Villa Carolina Carolina, P.R. 00630

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a post office under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the petitioner.

Sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1984.

Authorized to administer oaths

pursuant to Tax Law section 174

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Stephen P. Sophir 280 Madison Ave., Suite 905 New York, NY 10016

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Authorized to administer oaths

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# STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION ALBANY, NEW YORK 12227

January 6, 1984

Jose & Nelly Rosado Calle 91, Bloque 92 #34 Villa Carolina Carolina, P.R. 00630

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Rosado:

Please take notice of the Decision of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(s) 690, 722 & 1312 of the Tax Law, a proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission may be instituted only under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules, and must be commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County, within 4 months from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision may be addressed to:

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Very truly yours,

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cc: Petitioner's Representative Stephen P. Sophir 280 Madison Ave., Suite 905 New York, NY 10016 Taxing Bureau's Representative

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Petitioners, Jose and Nelly Rosado filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of New York State and New York City personal income taxes and New York State unincorporated business tax under Articles 22, 23 and 30 of the Tax Law for the Year 1976 (File No. 30030).

A formal hearing was held before Julius Braun, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on February 2, 1983 at 1:15 P.M.

#### ISSUES

- I. Whether the Audit Division properly determined the amount of petitioners' income subject to New York State and New York City personal income tax.
- II. Whether petitioners' income was derived from unincorporated businesses carried on by petitioner Jose Rosado thereby rendering this income subject to New York State unincorporated business tax.
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#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioners, Jose and Nelly Rosado, filed a joint New York State
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itemized deductions of \$14,171.00 and exemptions of \$3,250.00, resulting in New York taxable income of \$9,807.00. On the basis of these amounts, petitioners reported and paid New York State personal income tax of \$447.00 and New York City personal income tax of \$179.00. Attached to petitioners' return was a Schedule of Profit or (Loss) From Business or Profession. On this schedule, Jose Rosado reported a net profit of \$11,759.00 from the business activity of the wholesale and retail distribution of eggs. Jose Rosado did not file an unincorporated business tax return for 1976.

- 2. On February 6, 1980, the Audit Division issued a Notice of Deficiency to petitioners asserting a tax due of \$5,500.92, plus penalty and interest of \$1,589.25, for a total amount due of \$7,090.17. The Notice of Deficiency was based, in part, on the conclusion that petitioners had additional unreported income subject to New York State and New York City personal income tax. The Notice was also based on the disallowance of petitioner's itemized deductions. The adjustments were made because of petitioners' refusal to appear, on two occasions, at scheduled appointments with the Audit Division.
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- 4. After the second Notice of Deficiency was issued, it was modified by the Audit Division based upon the results of adjustments which were agreed upon between Jose Rosado and the Internal Revenue Service. These adjustments increased Jose Rosado's federal taxable income. Currently, the Audit Division

is asserting that petitioners' New York State and New York City tax liability is computed as follows:

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- 5. The deficiency currently asserted by the Audit Division takes into consideration all of petitioners' itemized deductions.
- 6. The penalties were asserted for failure to file an unincorporated business tax return and failure to pay the amounts shown as tax on the unincorporated business tax return required to be filed.
- 7. During the period in issue, Jose Rosado was the proprietor of a business known as Rosado Country Fresh Eggs. This business engaged in the wholesale and retail distribution of eggs.
- 8. From approximately October 1975 through August 1976, Jose Rosado redeemed approximately \$2,100,000.00 in illegally obtained food stamp coupons.\*

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- 9. The adjustment to Jose Rosado's income by the Internal Revenue Service was premised upon Jose Rosado's income arising from the receipt and redemption of stolen authorization to purchase food stamp cards.
- 10. Petitioners' representative acknowledged at the hearing that petitioners' income was subject to income tax, but maintained that the adjustment to Jose Rosado's income made by the Internal Revenue Service should not be subject to unincorporated business tax and that the interest and penalties pertaining thereto should be abated.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That Article 30 of the Tax Law provides that "(t)he city taxable income of a city resident individual shall mean and be the same as his New York taxable income as defined in section six hundred eleven of this chapter." (Tax Law § 1303). Generally, section 611(a) of the Tax Law defines an individuals New York taxable income as their New York adjusted gross income less their New York deductions and the New York personal exemptions. New York adjusted gross income of a resident individual, in turn, is defined under Tax Law § 612(a) as that individual's federal adjusted gross income as defined in the laws of the United States with certain modifications not relevant herein. Petitioners have failed to sustain their burden of proof pursuant to section 689(e) of the Tax Law to show that they did not have the unreported income which is subject to New York State and New York City personal income tax that was disclosed by the audit conducted by the Internal Revenue Service.
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DATED: Albany, New York

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