STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition

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Paul Stambolis

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

:

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County of Albany:

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Paul Stambolis 60 West 57th Street New York, NY 10019

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.

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Sworn to before me this 14th day of August, 1987.

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

August 14, 1987

Paul Stambolis 60 West 57th Street New York, NY 10019

Dear Mr. Stambolis:

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 & 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:

NYS Dept. Taxation and Finance Audit Evaluation Bureau Assessment Review Unit Building #9, State Campus Albany, New York 12227 Phone # (518) 453-4301

Very truly yours,

STATE TAX COMMISSION

cc: Taxing Bureau's Representative

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DECISION

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GEORGIA SAMBAZIS

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Petitioner, Paul Stambolis, 60 West 57th Street, New York, New York 10019, filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of New York State personal income tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law and New York City personal income tax under Chapter 46, Title T of the Administrative Code of the City of New York for the periods August 16, 1978 through December 31, 1978 and January 1, 1979 through December 31, 1979 (File No. 62933).

Petitioner, Georgia Sambazis, c/o Kirkiles & Kotiadis, P.C., 29 Broadway, New York, New York 10006, filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of New York State personal income tax under Article 22 of the Tax

Law and New York City personal income tax under Chapter 46, Title T of the Administrative Code of the City of New York for the periods August 16, 1978 through December 31, 1978 and January 1, 1979 through December 31, 1979 (File No. 62940).

A consolidated hearing was held before Frank A. Landers, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on February 23, 1987 at 1:15 P.M. Petitioners appeared by Kirkiles & Kotiadis, P.C. (Charles Kirkiles, P.A.). The Audit Division appeared by John P. Dugan, Esq. (Mark F. Volk, Esq., of counsel).

ISSUE

Whether the deficiencies asserted against petitioners by the Audit Division for the period at issue have, in fact, been paid by Plaka Enterprises, Inc.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On April 29, 1985, the Audit Division issued a Notice of Deficiency, along with a Statement of Deficiency, asserting a penalty pursuant to section 685(g) of the Tax Law against petitioner Paul Stambolis as a person required to collect, truthfully account for and pay over withholding taxes of Plaka Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$10,435.05 for the periods August 16, 1978 through December 31, 1978 (\$5,141.95) and January 1, 1979 through December 31, 1979 (\$5,293.10). On the same date, a similar notice was issued against petitioner Georgia Sambazis in the same amount and for the same period.
- 2. On July 2, 1985, each of the petitioners herein timely filed a petition for a hearing to review the Notice of Deficiency. Petitioners claim that the New York State and New York City withholding taxes at issue were paid by Plaka Enterprises, Inc. from the proceeds of the sale of business assets of said corporation which occurred on August 6, 1979 and the collection of promissory

notes from said sale as they became due and payable. Petitioners maintain that said payments were not properly credited to their account by the Department of Taxation and Finance. Lastly, petitioners complained that prior to receipt of the abovementioned notices of deficiency, they were never advised that taxes might be due.

3. At the hearing, petitioners admitted their liability and, further, indicated that the sole reason for protesting the notices was to prove that the taxes were paid. Petitioners indicated that the records have been lost and they have not, otherwise, been able to find proof of payment.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the personal income tax imposed by Chapter 46, Title T of the Administrative Code of the City of New York is by its own terms tied into and contains essentially the same provisions as Article 22 of the Tax Law. Therefore, in addressing the issues presented herein, unless otherwise specified all references to particular sections of Article 22 shall be deemed references (though uncited) to the corresponding sections of Chapter 46, Title T.
- B. That where a person is required to collect, truthfully account for and pay over withholding tax and willfully fails to collect and pay over such tax, section 685(g) of the Tax Law imposes on such person "a penalty equal to the total amount of tax evaded, or not collected, or not accounted for and paid over."
- C. That petitioners have failed to sustain the burden of proof required to show that the taxes at issue have been paid.

D. That the petitions of Paul Stambolis and Georgia Sambazis are denied and the notices of deficiency dated April 29, 1985 are sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York

STATE TAX COMMISSION

AUG 1 4 1987.

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