STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION

Application

In the Matter of the XXXXXXXX

of

LEO E. PALMER, SR., OFFICER : CROSSTOWN ATLANTIC SERVICE STATION

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION BY (CRREWME) MAIL

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Sales & Use :
Taxes under Article(s) 28 & 29 of the
Tax Law for the */**/* Period November 10,
1969 through November 30, 1970.

State of New York County of Albany

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age, and that on the 9th day of October , 19 74, she served the within
Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (**EXPEXAMENT) mail upon Leo E. Palmer, Sr.,
Officer (representative of) the petitioner in the within
proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid
wrapper addressed as follows: Leo E. Palmer, Sr., Officer
Crosstown Atlantic Service Station
R.F.D. #3
Mechanicville, New York 12118

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Post Office Department within the State of New York.

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

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

BUILDING 9, ROOM 214-A STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227

AREA CODE 518

Dated: Albany, New York

October 9, 1974

Leo M. Palmer, Sr., Officer Crosstown Atlantic Service Station R.F.D. #3 Mechanicville, New York 12118

Dear Mr. Palmer:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(s) 1138 & 1243 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 4 Months 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.

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cc: Petitioner's Representative Law Bureau

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for Revision of a Determination or for Refund of Sales and Use Taxes under Articles 28 and 29 of the Tax Law for the Period November 10, 1969 through November 30, 1970.

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Applicant, Leo E. Palmer, Sr., has filed an application for revision of a determination or for refund of sales and use taxes under Articles 28 and 29 of the Tax Law for the period November 10, 1969 through November 30, 1970. (File No. NY-7 384842). A formal hearing was held before Paul B. Coburn, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Building #9, State Campus, Albany, New York, on November 1, 1972, at 10:00 A.M., and continued on March 13, 1973, at 10:00 A.M. and on June 12, 1973, at 10:00 A.M. Applicant appeared by McKane & Ianniello, Esqs., (Anthony R. Ianniello, Esq., of counsel). The Sales Tax Bureau appeared by Saul Heckelman, Esq., (Francis X. Boylan, Esq., and Solomon Sies, Esq., of counsel).

ISSUE

Is applicant, Leo E. Palmer, Sr., personally liable for the New York State sales tax assessed upon the sales of gasoline, motor oil and services at the Crosstown Atlantic Service Station, 2505 Albany Street, Schenectady, New York, during the period November 10, 1969 through November 30, 1970?

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Crosstown Atlantic Service Station failed to pay New York State sales tax assessed upon its sales of gasoline, motor oil and services for the period November 10, 1969 through November 30, 1970.
- 2. On March 17, 1971, a Notice of Determination and Demand for payment of sales and use taxes due was issued against applicant, Leo E. Palmer, Sr., officer of the Crosstown Atlantic Service Station, imposing sales tax for the period November 10, 1969 through November 30, 1970, in the amount of \$11,282.10. As of July 11, 1972, the unpaid sales tax liability was reduced to \$2,784.61.
- 3. On November 10, 1969, applicant, Leo E. Palmer, Sr., entered into a security agreement with Atlantic Richfield Company, hereinafter referred to as "Atlantic", whereby he warranted that he was engaged in the business of operating a gasoline service station at 2505 Albany Street, Schenectady, New York. At about the same time,

he also entered into an agreement of lease with Atlantic to operate the above-mentioned station, known as the Crosstown Atlantic Service Station, hereinafter referred to as the "Crosstown Station". The checking account in connection with the activity of the station was in the applicant's name, and he was the only authorized signatory. Applicant did not register as a vendor with respect to the station.

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- 5. On December 3, 1970, the New York State Sales Tax Bureau received from Atlantic a form ST-274 (Notification of Sale, Transfer or Assignment in Bulk) to notify the Bureau that the Crosstown station was operated by Leo E. Palmer, Sr., as a vendor from November 10, 1969 to November 30, 1970.

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- 7. On June 23, 1972, Atlantic sent a letter to the attorney for applicant, Leo E. Palmer, Sr., listing his monthly gasoline volume and motor oil purchases while a lessee dealer operating the Crosstown station during the period November 1969 to November 1970.
- 8. Applicant contended that his brother, Ralph Palmer and his nephew, Michael Palmer, were operating Crosstown during the period from November 10, 1969 through November 30, 1970, and that he had nothing to do with the operation of the business during said period and, therefore, was not liable for the tax.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That applicant, Leo E. Palmer, Sr., was the operator of the Crosstown station during the period November 10, 1969 to November 30, 1970.
- B. That applicant, Leo E. Palmer, Sr., is personally liable for the New York State sales tax assessed upon the sales of gasoline motor oil and services at the Crosstown station during the period November 10, 1969 through November 30, 1970.

C. That the application of Leo E. Palmer, Sr., is denied, and the Notice of Determination and Demand for payment of sales and use taxes due is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York October 9, 1974 STATE TAX COMMISSION

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