STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition
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CONSOLIDATED EDISON CO. OF NEW YORK, INC.
For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision of a Determination or a Refund
of Sales and Use
Taxes under Article(s) 28 and 29 of the
Tax Law for the XXXXXXXXXXXXPeriod(x)

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State of New York County of Albany

June 1, 1973 to May 31, 1974.

John Huhn , being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 14th day of February , 1979, she served the within Notice of Determination by (cerectificated) mail upon Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc. (compresentation the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc. 4 Irving Place New York, NY 10003

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 Postal Service within the State of New York.

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February 14, 1979

Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc. 4 Irving Place New York, NY 10003

Gentlemen:

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

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(s) **1138 & 1243** of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission can only be instituted under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Laws 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 the Deputy Commissioner and Counsel to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Albany, New York 12227. Said inquiries will be referred to the proper authority for reply.

Sincerely,

Michael Alexander Supervising Tax Hearing Officer

cc: Petitioner's Representative

Taxing Bureau's Representative

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STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application : of : CONSOLIDATED EDISON CO. OF NEW YORK, INC. : 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 : June 1, 1973 to May 31, 1974.

Applicant, Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc., 4 Irving Place, New York, New York 10003, 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 June 1, 1973 to May 31, 1974 (File No. 00529).

DETERMINATION

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 January 24, 1977 at 1:15 P.M. Applicant appeared by James L. Michalak, James F. McMahoh, and William B. Morris, Esqs. The Sales Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (Alexander Weiss, Esq., of counsel).

ISSUE

Whether applicant, which changed its method of reporting sales tax, could take credit for the sales tax paid on inventory beyond the three-year period as provided in section 1139(a) of the Tax Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On May 12, 1975, the Sales Tax Bureau issued a Notice of Determination and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Tax Due against applicant, Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc., for the periods in issue in the amount of \$437,144.00, plus penalty and interest of \$129,108.30, for a total due of \$566,252.30. 2. Applicant, Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc., is a public utility corporation and holder of a direct payment permit, which permit allowed the company to pay tax directly to the State and not to the vendor. Applicant determined the status of items during that quarter in which the items were purchased. Sales tax was therefore, prepaid on inventory. Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc. desired to convert their accounting system so that sales tax would be paid only when the items were removed from inventory, at which time determination of the use and of the taxable status would be made.

3. On April 12, 1973, pursuant to a meeting held with the Sales Tax Bureau, applicant submitted the following proposals:

- (a) with regard to inventory items purchased under a direct payment permit, a determination of taxable status will be made on the date on which the property is used.
- (b) detailed records of inventory purchases will be kept and reconciled with the inventory amounts used in the company's federal tax return.
- (c) the applicable tax on any inventory differences which have not been accounted for will be included on the quarterly sales and use tax return in which the taxable year of the corporation ends, i.e. Dec. 31, 1973. Applicant, Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc., was prepared to up-date inventory figures and to adjust the December 31, 1972 figure to reflect the actual sales tax paid on inventory as of May 31, 1973. To effect the revised system of reporting and taking into consideration prior sales tax paid on its present inventory, applicant proposed to take as a credit a proportionate amount of prior-paid tax on quarterly sales tax returns filed on June 20, 1973,

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September 20, 1973, December 20, 1973 and March 20, 1974. The June 20, 1974 credit would be adjusted to conform with tax estimated on the May 31, 1973 inventory. Lastly Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc. would apply and pay the actual sales rate in effect at the time the **it**em is removed from inventory.

4. On May 9, 1973, the Sales Tax Bureau reviewed both the proposal of April 12, 1973 and the schedules submitted. The methods and procedures used to analyze current inventory and to compute the tax paid on inventory were found to be acceptable. While accepting the method of inventory analysis to determine the amount of tax paid on current inventory, such acceptance would not constitute approval of the dollar amount of tax credit, which would be approved through field audit verification procedures deemed appropriate within the three-year statue of limitations.

5. Applicant, Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc., timely filed sales tax returns for the periods in issue and took a credit of \$959,284.00 in each of the periods. These credits were denied, in part, by the Sales Tax Bureau in the Notice of Determination and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes Due issued May 12, 1975. These credits represented that inventory on which taxes were paid on items purchased between August 1, 1965 and May 31, 1973. The credit claimed represented the actual tax rate in effect at the time of purchase. Applicant, however, paid the higher applicable tax rate in effect on items taken out of inventory that were deemed subject to tax.

6. Applicant, Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc., acted in good faith and cooperated with the Sales Tax Bureau.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That the credits taken by applicant, Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc., for the periods August 1, 1965 to May 31, 1970, were not within the threeyear period, in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 1139(a) of the Tax Law.

That the application of Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc. is granted Β. to the extent that interest in excess of minimum interest, and the penalty imposed pursuant to section 1145(a) of the Tax Law are waived; that the Sales Tax Bureau is directed to accordingly modify the Notice of Determination and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes Due issued May 12, 1975 and that, except as so granted, the application is in all other respects denied. 1

DATED: Albany, New York February 14, 1979 STATE TAX COMMISSION

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