In the Matter of the Petition
of
Konat Service Center

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision of a Determination or a Refund of Sales Tax under : Article 28 & 29 of the Tax Law for the Period 6/1/71 - 5/31/74.

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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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Annie a. Hogelund

August 21, 1981

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Very truly yours,

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Whether the Audit Division properly determined additional sales and use taxes due from petitioner for the period June 1, 1971 through May 31, 1974.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioner, Konat Service Corp., was a plumbing contractor engaged in capital improvement and repair work.
- 2. On March 5, 1976, as the result of an audit, the Audit Division issued a Notice of Determination and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes Due against petitioner for the period June 1, 1971 through May 31, 1974 for taxes

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- 5. Petitioner conceded that the use taxes as determined above were correct. However, petitioner argued that taxable repair sales were accurately reported on its sales tax returns filed for the period at issue.
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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That in view of petitioner's inadequate sales records, the Audit Division properly determined petitioner's taxable repair sales and taxes due thereon from such information as was available as authorized in section 1138(a) of the Tax Law.
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DATED: Albany, New York

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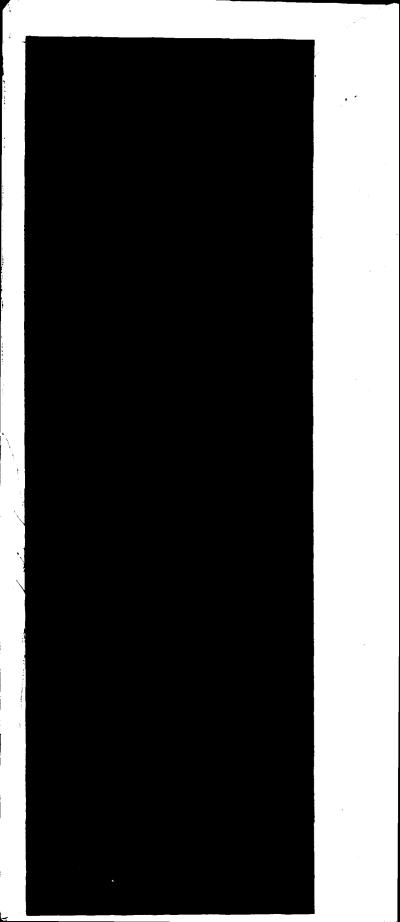
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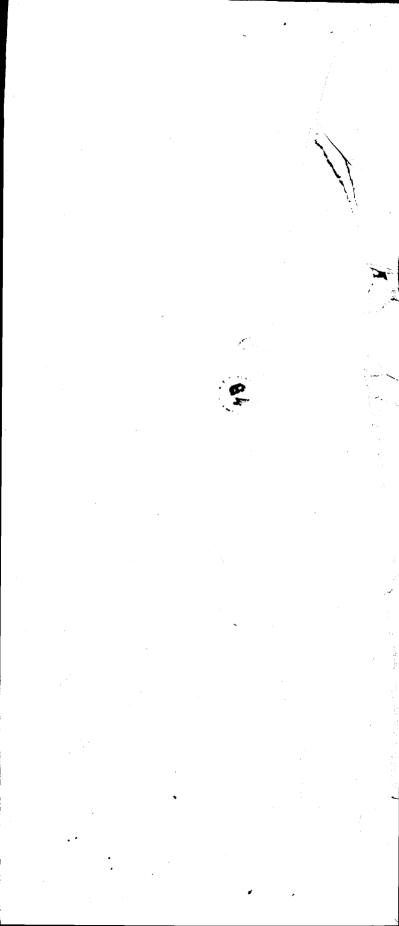
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