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## EXHIBIT "A"

## CERTIFICATE

The undersigned hereby certifies as follows:

Assignee's capital stock is owned by Empire Gas and Fuel Company, a Delaware corporation having an office at 70 Pine Street, New York, New York; that the capital stock of said Empire Gas and Fuel Company is owned by Cities Service Company, a Delaware corporation having an office at 70 Pine Street, New York, New York; that Assignee has heretofore and in connection with lease designated as Las Cruces 030132 furnished a certified copy of its Articles of Incorporation; that the Articles of Incorporation of said Cities Service Oil Company have been amended since said copy was so furnished, once so as to decrease the authorized capital stock, and once so as to increase the authorized common capital stock and to provide for preferred stock of said Cities Service Oil Company; that said Cities Service Oil Company has heretofore and in connection with a lease designated as Las Cruces 061604 made a showing with respect to the residence and citizenship of the stockholders of said Cities Service Company; that less than  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent of the capital stock of said Cities Service Company is owned by aliens or persons residing outside of the United States of America and that no stockholder of said Cities Service Company is shown by the records of said company to hold or own over 5 per cent of the outstanding capital stock of said Cities Service Company; and that Assignee hereby requests that said copy of the Charter of said Cities Service Oil Company so furnished and said showing with respect to the residence and citizenship of the stockholders of said Cities Service Company be considered in connection with this application and that Assignee be excused from making further showing on said Charter and on the residence and citizenship of said stockholders.

It is hereby certified that the statements made herein are true, complete, and correct to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

Executed and witnessed this 15th day of June, 1953.

WITNESSES:

CITIES SERVICE OIL COMPANY

Jack Finch  
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(Name and Address)

By Alvin Cole  
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J. W. McColl, Attorney-in-Fact  
Masonic Building  
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Frank K. Mytinger  
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(Name and Address)

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