BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of Louis J. Walters, Notice) of Apparent Violation and Intent to) Assess Forfeiture.

Case No. 15-1552-TR-CVF (OH3225006219D)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- Staff served a notice of preliminary determination upon Louis J. Walters (Respondent), in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-12, alleging a violation of the Commission's transportation regulations.
- (2) On September 2, 2015, Respondent filed a request for an administrative hearing in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-13.
- (3) A prehearing conference was held on October 5, 2015.
- (4) By Entry dated October 6, 2015, this matter was scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on December 1, 2015.
- (5) On November 30, 2015, Respondent filed correspondence noting his intent to pay the civil forfeiture assessed by Staff, in lieu of appearing for the evidentiary hearing.
- (6) By Entry dated November 30, 2015, the attorney examiner found that, in light of Respondent's intent to pay the civil forfeiture, the evidentiary hearing, if needed, should be continued to a date to be set by subsequent entry.
- (7) To date, Respondent has not paid the civil forfeiture assessed by Staff.
- (8) Accordingly, the attorney examiner finds that this matter should be set for a hearing on January 21, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

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(9) Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-14(E) provides that a respondent who has requested an administrative hearing and fails to appear for the hearing shall be in default. The rule additionally states that a respondent in default shall be deemed to have admitted the occurrence of the violation and waived all further right to contest liability for the forfeiture proposed in the notice of preliminary determination.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That this matter be set for hearing on January 21, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each party of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/Sarah Parrot By: Sarah J. Parrot Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry scheduling hearing for 01/21/2016 in accordance with Finding (8). - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Sarah Parrot, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio