## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of
:

Louis J. Walters Notice : Case No.

of Apparent Violation and : 15-1552-TR-CVF

Intent to Assess Forfeiture:

PROCEEDINGS

Before Sarah Parrot, Attorney Examiner, held at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180
East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio, on Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 10:00
A.M.

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                  Public Utilities Commission
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4 1 Thursday Morning, 2 January 21, 2016 3 10:15 A.M. 4 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Let's go on the 5 record. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 6 7 has called for hearing at this time and place Case No. 15-1552-TR-CVF being in the matter of 8 9 Louis J. Walters Notice of Apparent Violation 10 and Intent to Assess Forfeiture. 11 Good morning, everyone. My name is 12 Sarah Parrot, and I am the Attorney Examiner 13 assigned by the Commission to hear this case. 14 Let's start with appearances beginning with the 15 Commission's Staff. 16 MS. MESSENGER: Thank you, your 17 Honor. On behalf of the Staff of the Public 18 Utilities Commission of Ohio, Ohio Attorney 19 General Mike DeWine, Natalia Messenger, 20 Assistant Attorney General, 180 East Broad 2.1 Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. 2.2 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: All right. 23 this time I will note on the record that the 24 Respondent, Mr. Louis J. Walters, is not present

at the hearing this morning.

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Ms. Messenger, are you prepared to continue with your case?
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MS. MESSENGER: Yes.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER: All right. Very good.

MS. MESSENGER: At this time I would like to note for the record that pursuant to Attorney Examiner entry the hearing in this case was originally scheduled for December 1st, 2015. Respondent, Louis Walters, notified Staff that he would not be able to make the hearing and would like to pay the fine.

Respondent did not pay the fine and did not return any phone calls attempting to contact him regarding the fine.

The hearing was then rescheduled according to Attorney Examiner entry for January 21, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. We are -- it is now January 21st, it is 10:15, 15 minutes after the hearing was scheduled to begin, and no one is here on behalf of Mr. Walters.

As a result I move for a default under the Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4901.2-7-14 E. This section provides that a Respondent who requests an administrative

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     hearing and fails to appear for the hearing
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     shall be in default. Respondent in default
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     shall be deemed to have admitted the occurrence
     of the violation and waived all further right to
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     contest the making of the compliance order
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     described in the Notice of Preliminary
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     Determination.
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     couple exhibits.
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                 ATTORNEY EXAMINER:
                                      Okay.
                 MS. MESSENGER: I would like to mark
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     as Staff Exhibit 1 the Notice of Preliminary
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     Determination.
                 And I would like to mark as Staff
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     Exhibit 2 the Driver/Vehicle Examination Report.
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    May I approach?
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                 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: You may. And
     the exhibits are so marked.
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                 (EXHIBITS HEREBY MARKED FOR
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     IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES)
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                 MS. MESSENGER: Okay. I move to
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     admit Staff Exhibits 1 and 2.
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                 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Staff Exhibits 1
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     and 2 are admitted into the record.
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                 (EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE)
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                 MS. MESSENGER: The Staff has
     nothing further at this time, your Honor.
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                 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you. All
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     right. The Commission will take the Staff's
     motion for default judgement under advisement
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     and issue a ruling on that at a later point in
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     time.
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                 With that we are adjourned. Thank
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     you very much, Ms. Messenger.
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                 MS. MESSENGER: Thank you.
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                 (At 10:20 A.M. the hearing was
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     concluded)
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CERTIFICATE I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on January 21, 2016, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes. Michael O. Spencer, Registered Professional Reporter. 

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