THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF HPC MANUFACTURING, NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION AND INTENT TO ASSESS FORFEITURE.

CASE No. 17-330-TR-CVF

IN THE MATTER OF CHRISTOPHER PRATT, NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION AND INTENT TO ASSESS FORFEITURE.

CASE NO. 17-331-TR-CVF

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on April 20, 2017

- $\{\P 1\}$ An Entry was issued on March 14, 2017, scheduling an April 20, 2017 hearing in this matter.
- {¶ 2} Counsel for Respondents filed a letter on April 17, 2017, requesting a continuance of the hearing. Counsel explained that a trial had been scheduled for April 20, 2017, and although that case has since settled, preparation for the trial limited available time to prepare for the hearing. Counsel added that the parties are engaged in settlement discussions, which could eliminate the need for a hearing.
- {¶ 3} The attorney examiner finds the request for continuance to be reasonable. Accordingly, the hearing shall be continued to May 8, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission offices, Hearing Room 11-D, 11th floor, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.
- {¶ 4} Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-14(E) provides that a respondent who has requested an administrative hearing and fails to participate in the hearing proceeding shall be in default. The rule further 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 to the state for the forfeiture described in the notice.
- {¶ 5} At the hearing, Staff must prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that respondent committed the alleged violation, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-20(A).

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 $\{\P \ 6\}$ Following Staff's presentation of evidence at the hearing, it shall be the responsibility of Respondents to present evidence supporting their contentions regarding the alleged violations in this matter.

 $\{\P 7\}$ It is, therefore,

 $\{\P\ 8\}$ ORDERED, That the hearing be continued to May 8, 2017, as indicated in Paragraph 3. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

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s/James M. Lynn

By: James M. Lynn Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry continuing hearing to 5/8/2017 in accordance with Paragraph 3. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of James Lynn, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio