

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of Thrifty :
Propane, Inc., Notice : Case No.
of Apparent Violation : 18-1308-TR-CVF
and Intent to Assess :
Forfeiture. :

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PROCEEDINGS

Before Patricia Schabo and Matthew Sandor,
Attorney Examiners, held at the Public Utilities
Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street,
Hearing Room 11-D, Columbus, Ohio, on Wednesday,
September 11, 2019, at 10:00 A.M.

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13 On behalf of the Staff of the
14 Public Utilities Commission
15 of Ohio.

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Wednesday Morning,
September 11, 2019.
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ATTORNEY EXAMINER SCHABO: The
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has assigned
for hearing at this time and Case No.
18-1308-TR-CVF being in the matter of Thrifty
Propane, Inc. notice of apparent violation and
intent to assess forfeiture.

My name is Patricia Schabo, and with
me is Matthew Sandor, we are the Attorney
Examiners assigned by the Commission to hear
this case.

Let's begin by taking appearances of
counsel.

MR. MARGARD: Your Honor, on behalf
of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission
of Ohio, Dave Yost, Ohio Attorney General; John
H. Jones, Section Chief, Public Utilities
Section; by Assistant Attorney General Werner L.
Margard, 30 East Broad Street, 16th Floor,
Columbus, Ohio.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.

MR. TACKETT: On behalf of Thrifty
Propane, Christopher Tackett, law firm of

1 Roetzel & Andress.

2 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you. Mr.
3 Margard.

4 MR. MARGARD: Your Honor, if I may,
5 the parties have reached what they believe to be
6 an agreement in principle to resolve the issues
7 in this case. There are, however, a number of
8 conditions precedent which Staff believes must
9 be satisfied before the parties can enter into
10 such an agreement.

11 If we can have a continuance of this
12 particular hearing to allow us time to complete
13 those conditions precedent we are hopeful that
14 we will be able to present a settlement to the
15 Bench.

16 The parties need 30 days to complete
17 those conditions precedent.

18 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Mr. Tackett,
19 does that sound about right?

20 MR. TACKETT: That sounds
21 essentially right. And I will say on the record
22 that the agreement in principle is that Thrifty
23 Propane would satisfy past due amounts and
24 collections with the Attorney General's office.
25 And there would be a 30 percent reduction of

1 punitive assessments that we are here talking
2 about today.

3 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. So,
4 approximately 30 days of continuance would take
5 us into October. October the 29th, at 10:00
6 A.M.

7 MR. MARGARD: That is an acceptable
8 date, your Honor.

9 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: All right. The
10 parties having reached a potential for a
11 settlement in principle with some conditions
12 precedent we will go ahead and continue this
13 hearing until October 29th, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.
14 We will have that hearing here in the Hearing
15 Room 11-D.

16 Anything else for the record before
17 we adjourn for today?

18 MR. MARGARD: Nothing further.
19 Thank you.

20 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.

21 MR. TACKETT: Thank you, your Honor.

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23 (At 11:15 A.M. the hearing was
24 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
September 11, 2019, and carefully compared with
my original stenographic notes.

Michael O. Spencer
Michael O. Spencer,
Registered Professional
Reporter.

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