THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THRIFTY PROPANE, INC., NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION AND INTENT TO ASSESS FORFEITURE.

CASE NO. 18-1308-TR-CVF (OH3219302370C)

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on October 29, 2019

- {¶ 1} Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-12, Staff served a notice of preliminary determination (NPD) upon Thrifty Propane, Inc. (Respondent) alleging violations of the Commission's transportation regulations.
- {¶ 2} On August 20, 2018, counsel for Respondent filed a request for an administrative hearing regarding the NPD as contemplated by Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-13. After a prehearing conference did not result in settlement of the matter, the attorney examiner set a hearing date of January 24, 2019.
- {¶ 3} Pursuant to a series of entries granting unopposed motions for a continuance filed by Respondent, the hearing commenced on September 11, 2019. At the outset of the hearing, counsel informed the attorney examiner that the parties had reached an agreement in principle to resolve all issues but would need an additional 30 days to complete various conditions precedent to the resolution. Thus, the parties jointly moved for a continuance, and the attorney examiner rescheduled the hearing to October 29, 2019.
- {¶ 4} On October 28, 2019, the parties filed a joint motion for a continuance and request for expedited consideration. The parties request that the hearing be rescheduled to a later date to allow the natural conclusion to what have been fruitful negotiations, which would result in submitting a stipulation for the Commission's consideration, while still preserving the opportunity to be heard should negotiations ultimately fail.
- {¶ 5} The attorney examiner finds that the joint motion should be granted. Accordingly, the hearing is continued to December 4, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room

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11-D at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

- $\{\P 6\}$ It is, therefore,
- \P ORDERED, That the joint motion for a continuance be granted and the hearing be continued to December 4, 2019, as stated in Paragraph 5. It is, further,
 - **{¶ 8}** ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

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/s/Patricia A. Schabo

By: Patricia A. Schabo Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting joint motion for continuance and continuing hearing to December 4, 2019 electronically filed by Heather A Chilcote on behalf of Patricia Schabo, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission