## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF RICHARD HAMILTON, NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION AND INTENT TO ASSESS FORFEITURE.

CASE NO. 19-2013-TR-CVF (OH1575001546D)

## **ENTRY**

## Entered in the Journal on January 23, 2020

- {¶ 1} Staff served a notice of preliminary determination upon Richard Hamilton (Respondent) in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-12, alleging a violation of the Commission's transportation regulations.
- {¶ 2} On November 5, 2019, Respondent requested an administrative hearing regarding the alleged driver violation in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-13.
- {¶ 3} By Entry issued November 26, 2019, the attorney examiner scheduled a prehearing conference for January 7, 2020. During the prehearing conference, Respondent and Staff were unable to reach a settlement.
- {¶ 4} Accordingly, the attorney examiner schedules a hearing for February 19, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission offices, Hearing Room 11-D, 11th floor, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. The parties should register at the lobby desk and then proceed to the 11th floor in order to participate in the hearing.
- {¶ 5} 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.
- {¶ 6} 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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 $\{\P 7\}$  Following Staff's presentation of evidence at the hearing, it shall be the responsibility of Respondent to present evidence supporting his contentions regarding the alleged violation in this matter.

- $\{\P 8\}$  It is, therefore,
- $\{\P\ 9\}$  ORDERED, That a hearing be scheduled for February 19, 2020, in accordance with Paragraph 4. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/Lauren L. Augostini

By: Lauren L. Augostini Attorney Examiner

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