

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF AHMED ABED ALI,  
NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION AND  
INTENT TO ASSESS FORFEITURE.

CASE NO. 20-1153-TR-CVF  
(OH0700000573D)

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on August 21, 2020

{¶ 1} Staff served a notice of preliminary determination upon Ahmed Abed Ali (Respondent) in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-07, alleging a violation of the Commission's transportation regulations.

{¶ 2} On March 9, 2020, the governor signed Executive Order 2020-01D (Executive Order), declaring a state of emergency in Ohio to protect the well-being of Ohioans from the dangerous effects of COVID-19. As described in the Executive Order, state agencies are required to implement procedures consistent with recommendations from the Department of Health to prevent or alleviate the public health threat associated with COVID-19. Additionally, all citizens are urged to heed the advice of the Department of Health regarding this public health emergency in order to protect their health and safety.

{¶ 3} As a result of the Executive Order, beginning March 13, 2020, the Commission reduced on-site staffing and most employees began working from home to reduce exposure to COVID-19.

{¶ 4} On June 11, 2020, Respondent requested an administrative hearing in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-13.

{¶ 5} By Entry dated June 16, 2020, the attorney examiner scheduled a prehearing conference in this matter for August 11, 2020. During the conference, the parties were unable to settle the matter.

{¶ 6} Accordingly, the attorney examiner schedules a hearing for October 29, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Given the current COVID-19 health emergency, this hearing will be held

remotely. The attorney examiner will provide additional details to the parties as those details emerge.

{¶ 7} 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.

{¶ 8} 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).

{¶ 9} Following Staff's presentation of evidence at the hearing, it shall be the responsibility of Respondent to present evidence supporting its contentions regarding the alleged violation in this matter.

{¶ 10} It is, therefore,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a hearing be scheduled for October 29, 2020, in accordance to paragraph 6. It is, further,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record. It is, further,

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/ Anna Sanyal

By: Anna Sanyal  
Attorney Examiner

GAP/hac

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry ordering a hearing be scheduled for October 29, 2020 electronically filed by Heather A Chilcote on behalf of Anna Sanyal, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission