

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF RONALD GROSS,
NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION AND
INTENT TO ASSESS FORFEITURE.

CASE NO. 20-642-TR-CVF
(OH1703000356C)

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on September 17, 2020

{¶ 1} Staff served a notice of preliminary determination upon Ronald Gross (Respondent) in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-12, alleging a violation of the Commission's transportation regulations.

{¶ 2} On March 20, 2020, Respondent requested an administrative hearing regarding the alleged carrier violation in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-13.

{¶ 3} As set forth in Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-16(B), unless otherwise ordered by the Commission or agreed by the parties, a prehearing conference in a civil forfeiture case shall be scheduled upon the filing of a request for an administrative hearing.

{¶ 4} 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.

{¶ 5} 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.

{¶ 6} On April 29, 2020, the parties participated in a prehearing conference; however, the parties were unable to resolve the matter.

{¶ 7} By Entry issued May 5, 2020, the attorney examiner scheduled an evidentiary hearing for August 18, 2020. On August 20, 2020, the attorney examiner rescheduled the evidentiary hearing to convene on September 22, 2020.

{¶ 8} At this time, the attorney examiner finds it necessary to postpone the evidentiary hearing due to conflicts related to the COVID-19 emergency. The evidentiary hearing date will be determined by a future Entry, and given the current COVID-19 health emergency, this hearing will be held remotely unless otherwise ordered. The attorney examiner will provide additional details to the parties as those details emerge.

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the evidentiary hearing scheduled for September 22, 2020, be postponed to a later date in accordance with Paragraph 8. It is, further,

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

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/s/Lauren L. Augostini

By: Lauren L. Augostini
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry ordering that the evidentiary hearing scheduled for September 22, 2020, be postponed to a later date electronically filed by Heather A Chilcote on behalf of Lauren L. Augostini, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio