

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of: :
: 13-2140-AU-ORD
Proposed Rule Changes to :
Ohio Administrative Code :
Chapter 4901:7-1. :

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PUBLIC RULES HEARING

before Mr. Jeffrey R. Jones, Attorney Examiner, at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Room 11-B, Columbus, Ohio, called at 10:01 a.m. on Friday, March 28, 2014.

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Nominating Council Members Present:

Mr. Mike Koren, Chair
Ms. Virginia Ragan

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Friday Morning Session,
March 28, 2014.

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EXAMINER JONES: I am showing one minute
after 10:00 so we can go on the record.

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's
Nominating Council has assigned at this time and
place a public hearing in order for interested
persons to provide written or oral comments on the
rules governing Nominating Council proceedings found
in Ohio Admin Code 4901:7-1.

My name is Jeffrey R. Jones, and I will
be moderating today's public hearing. Also in
attendance at today's hearing are Mr. Mike Koren,
seated to my left, Nominating Council Chairman; and
Ms. Virginia Ragan, a council member of the
Nominating Council

At this time are there any preliminary
comments members from the Nominating Council would
like to make?

Seeing none, today's public hearing is
being transcribed by a court reporter. Anyone that
is going to offer oral testimony will be asked to
come up front and have a seat at the bench. If you
have a prepared written statement that you will be

1 reading from, it would be helpful if you provide a
2 copy to the court reporter when you have finished
3 your remarks.

4 By the way of background, the Nominating
5 Council met on January 30, 2013, and approved for
6 filing the five no change and three amended rules
7 that make up Ohio Admin Code Chapter 4901:7-1.
8 Copies of the rules as filed are located on the table
9 over to my left if anybody would like a hard copy.

10 The five no change rules cover generally
11 meetings of the Nominating Council; the three types
12 of meetings the Council may hold, which are regular
13 meetings, special meetings, and emergency meetings;
14 the schedule following the death of, resignation of,
15 or termination of service by a commissioner of the
16 Public Utilities Commission; multiple vacancies on
17 the Commission; and notice of meetings when multiple
18 vacancies occur.

19 The proposed amendments to the three
20 rules that make up this chapter include Rule
21 -03 titled "Notice of meetings to the public." This
22 rule describes the process of notifying interested
23 persons of regularly scheduled, special, and
24 emergency meetings of the Council.

25 Proposed changes from the prior rule

1 include making e-mail notice the primary form of
2 notice of regularly scheduled meetings of the
3 Council, with notice by United States mail as a
4 secondary requested form of notice, and minor
5 grammatical changes.

6 In Rule -04 entitled "Selection and
7 duties of chairperson, secretary, and coordinator,"
8 this rule outlines the process and duties of these
9 three positions in the hierarchy of council business.
10 Proposed change to this rule rectify two
11 typographical errors in the current rules.

12 And the final amended rule is Rule
13 -05 entitled "Notices," and this rule describes how
14 the public is notified of commissioner vacancies.
15 Proposed changes from the prior rule include reducing
16 the list of newspapers within which vacancies are
17 published, and authorizing in certain circumstances
18 the use of a more limited second publication of
19 notice provided the first full posting is available
20 on the website of the Public Utilities Commission of
21 Ohio.

22 At this time I'm going to open it up for
23 comments. Is there anyone in attendance that would
24 like to present oral or written comments on the rules
25 in Ohio Admin Code Chapter 4901:7-1 for the

1 Nominating Council's consideration?

2 I don't see any at the present time.

3 Let's go off the record.

4 (Discussion off the record.)

5 EXAMINER JONES: We are going to take a
6 short ten-minute recess to see if anyone shows up.
7 At this point in time no one has shown up to offer
8 testimony on these rules or the changes to the
9 proposed rules, but we will stand adjourned for ten
10 minutes to see if anyone else does show up and wants
11 to offer or provide testimony.

12 (Recess taken.)

13 EXAMINER JONES: We adjourned for ten
14 minutes in order to see if anyone showed up to
15 testify on the rules, the Nominating Council rules in
16 Ohio Admin Code Chapter 4901:7-1.

17 Has anyone shown up now that would like
18 to testify on these rules?

19 Seeing no one, are there any final
20 comments by any of the Nominating Council members
21 they would like to make?

22 MS. RAGAN: No

23 MR. KOREN: No.

24 EXAMINER JONES: Okay. Thank you.

25 This will conclude the public hearing on

1 these rules in Ohio Admin Code Chapter 4901:7-1.


2 Thank you very much.

3 (The hearing concluded at 10:17 a.m.)

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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 Friday, March 28, 2014, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.


 Rosemary Foster Anderson,
 Professional Reporter and
 Notary Public in and for
 the State of Ohio.

My commission expires April 5, 2014.

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