BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of Flooring

Transport of America, LLC : Case No.

Notice of Apparent Violation: 17-1460-TR-CVF

and Intent to Assess

Forfeiture. :

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PROCEEDINGS

Before Kerry Sheets, Attorney Examiner, held at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-D, Columbus, Ohio, on Thursday, September 28, 2017, at 1:30 P.M.

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1 Thursday Afternoon, 2 September 28, 2017. 3 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: The Public 4 5 Utilities Commission of Ohio as set for hearing 6 at this time and place Case No. 17-1460-TR-CVF, 7 Flooring Transport of America. 8 My name is Kerry Sheets, I am an Attorney Examiner with the Commission and I have 9 10 been assigned to hear this case. 11 I will now have the appearances of 12 the parties, please. 13 MR. MARGARD: Your Honor, on behalf 14 of the transportation staff of the Public

of the transportation staff of the Public
Utilities Commission, Mike DeWine, Ohio Attorney
General; William Wright, Section Chief, Public
Utilities Section, by Werner Margard, Assistant
Attorney General, 30 East Broad Street, 16th
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ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Very good. Let the record show that the Respondent is not in the hearing room at this time. And we will go off the record now and take a break at this time and wait for the Respondent to see if he shows up.

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ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Let the record show that the Respondent is still not in the hearing room. And, Mr. Margard, you have a statement to make?

MR. MARGARD: Yes. Thank you, Your Honor. We have been attempting to negotiate with the Respondent. We have made numerous efforts in contacting them, and recently those contacts have been unsuccessful.

Given the magnitude of the forfeiture amount in this case, and given the nature of these violations, we would like to continue to try to pursue working something out with this Respondent, if possible, rather than seek a default at this time.

And we would, therefore, respectfully request a continuance of this hearing to allow us to continue our efforts.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Very good.

Based on your statement I will continue the matter. If necessary we can set it for hearing again by subsequent entry.

So for the mean time I will consider this matter on the record pending. Thank you

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                  MR. MARGARD: Thank you, your Honor.
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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 September 28, 2017, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes. Michael O. Spencer, Registered Professional Reporter.

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