

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF MOHAMMAD RIAZ,
NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION AND
INTENT TO ASSESS FORFEITURE.

CASE NO. 20-362-TR-CVF
(OH3246011538D)

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on October 15, 2020

{¶ 1} Staff served a notice of apparent violation and intent to assess forfeiture upon Mohammad Riaz (Respondent), alleging a violation of the Commission's transportation regulations.

{¶ 2} On February 5, 2020, the Commission received correspondence from Respondent wherein Respondent requested that his case be reopened. The attorney examiner, at that time, recognized Respondent's correspondence as a request for an administrative hearing in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-13.

{¶ 3} On March 2, 2020, the attorney examiner scheduled this matter for hearing on May 12, 2020.

{¶ 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 15 and June 8, 2020, due to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the attorney examiner rescheduled the evidentiary hearing to June 16 and August 11, 2020, respectively.

{¶ 7} By Entry dated July 24, 2020, the attorney examiner rescheduled the hearing in this matter for October 29, 2020.

{¶ 8} Due to the continuing COVID-19 state of emergency declared by the governor in Executive Order 2020-01D, and given the passage of Am. Sub. H.B. 197, the attorney examiner finds that this hearing should be rescheduled and held remotely. By future entry, the attorney examiner will set a date for this hearing and provide additional details and instructions regarding remote access to the hearing and how to participate by telephone and/or live video on the internet.

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the hearing rescheduled to October 29, 2020, be continued 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/ Jacky Werman St. John

By: Jacky Werman St. John
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry continuing the hearing in this matter to a date set by future entry. electronically filed by Ms. Mary E Fischer on behalf of Jacky Werman St. John, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio