

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF JOSEPH WILLIAMS,
NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION AND
INTENT TO ASSESS FORFEITURE.

CASE NO. 20-1588-TR-CVF
(OH3220003777D)

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on August 27, 2021

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

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

{¶ 3} Staff was unable to contact Respondent for settlement teleconferences on November 6, 2020, December 3, 2020, and on subsequent dates. A hearing was not scheduled for many months thereafter due to the COVID-19 emergency.

{¶ 4} At this time, a hearing shall be scheduled for September 10, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission offices, Hearing Room 11-D, 11th Floor, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. The parties should register at the lobby desk and then proceed to the 11th floor in order to participate in the hearing. Consistent with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines and the May 17, 2021 Ohio Department of Health Order, individuals who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear face coverings and socially distance. Any accommodations necessary to ensure availability of social distancing and plexiglass dividers should be made in advance of the hearing. As pandemic restrictions are evolving, instructions regarding further safety requirements or accommodations for the hearing room may be forthcoming, either posted on the Commission website or communicated to the parties.

{¶ 5} 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.

{¶ 6} 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).

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

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That a hearing be scheduled for September 10, 2021, as indicated in Paragraph 4. It is, further,

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

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/s/James M. Lynn

By: James M. Lynn
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry ordering that a hearing be scheduled for September 10, 2021, as indicated in Paragraph 4 electronically filed by Heather A. Chilcote on behalf of James M. Lynn, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission