

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF STEPHEN V. TOWETT,
NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION AND
INTENT TO ASSESS FORFEITURE.

CASE NO. 21-565-TR-CVF
(OH3246014101D)

IN THE MATTER OF STEPHEN V. TOWETT,
NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION AND
INTENT TO ASSESS FORFEITURE.

CASE NO. 21-566-TR-CVF
(OH1721002050D)

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on May 6, 2022

{¶ 1} Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-12, Staff served notices of preliminary determination upon Stephen V. Towett, (Respondent) alleging violations of the Commission's transportation regulations.

{¶ 2} On May 10, 2021, Respondent filed a request for an administrative hearing in both cases, as permitted by Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-13.

{¶ 3} By Entry dated January 21, 2022, the attorney examiner scheduled a prehearing settlement conference in these matters for February 23, 2022. During the conference, the parties were unable to settle the matter.

{¶ 4} At this time, the attorney examiner finds it appropriate to consolidate these cases and schedule a hearing for August 3, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

{¶ 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 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 preponderance of the evidence, that Respondent committed the alleged violations, 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 violations in these matters.

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That a hearing in these cases be scheduled 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/Jesse M. Davis

By: Jesse M. Davis
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry scheduling a hearing for August 3, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. electronically filed by Ms. Mary E. Fischer on behalf of Jesse M. Davis, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio