BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of Steven V. Towett: Case No. Notice of Apparent Violation and : 21-565-TR-CVF Intent to Assess Forfeiture. : 21-566-TR-CVF

PROCEEDINGS

Before Jessie Davis, Attorney Examiner, held at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio, on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.

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| 5 | On behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission | |
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3 1 Wednesday Morning Session, 2 August 3, 2022. 3 4 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Good morning 5 everyone. The Public Utilities Commission of 6 Ohio has assigned for hearing at this time and 7 place Case No. 21-565-TR-CVF and 21-566-TR-CVF both captioned In the Matter of Steven V. Towett 8 9 Notice of Apparent Violation and Intent to 10 Assess Forfeiture. 11 My name is Jessie Davis, I am the 12 Attorney Examiner assigned to hear the case. 13 At this time I will take the appearance of the 14 only party present in the room, which is the 15 Ohio Attorney General's office. 16 MR. EUBANKS: Yes. Robert Eubanks, 17 Assistant Attorney General, representing the 18 Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Staff, 30 19 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, 26th 20 Floor. 21 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you, Mr. 22 Eubanks. I will note for the record that we do 23 not have the Respondent here today in the room, 24 and my understanding is that we have not been in contact with him for some time. Presumably 25

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almost back to the outset of the case that was 1 2 in 2021 although this violation occurred in 2020, October. 3 So, with that said, I am going to 4 5 just for sake of decorum here we are going to 6 take 10 or 15 minutes just in case there is any 7 remote chance of contact or attendance. And 8 then from there we will resume and go ahead and 9 finish up. 10 So, with that we will take a brief 11 recess. 12 (RECESS TAKEN) 13 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: We are back on 14 the record. It's 10:10 A.M. and we have not 15 seen hide nor hair of the Respondent today. 16 So, I think it's save to proceed understanding 17 that he will not be attending this hearing. 18 So, with that in mind, Mr. Eubanks, 19 you can proceed however you wish. 20 MR. EUBANKS: Yes, your Honor. In 21 light of the fact that the Respondent is not 22 here today I would like to move for a default order in our favor for both the violation and 23 24 forfeiture. 25 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: It will be

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| 1 | considered. Anything else or is that it? | |
| 2 | MR. EUBANKS: Yes. | |
| 3 | ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So, with that | |
| 4 | Staff having moved for default judge with the | |
| 5 | Respondent not having attended, we will take it | |
| 6 | all under consideration when the Commission | |
| 7 | issues its order. With that we are adjourned. | |
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| 1 | CERTIFICATE | |
| 2 | I do hereby certify that the foregoing | |
| 3 | is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on August | |
| 4 | 3, 2022, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes. | |
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| 6 | Michael O. Spencer, | |
| 7 | Registered Professional Reporter. | |
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