BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of Dorcella : Washington Notice of Apparent : Case No. Violation and Intent to : 21-304-TR-CVF Assess Forfeiture. :

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### PROCEEDINGS

Before David Hicks, Attorney Examiner, held at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-D, Columbus, Ohio, on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 2:00 P.M.

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1 Thursday Afternoon, November 16, 2023. 2 3 - - -ATTORNEY EXAMINER: The Commission 4 5 has called for hearing at this time and place 6 Case No. 21-304-TR-CVF In the Matter of Dorcella 7 Washington. 8 My name is David Hicks, and I am the 9 Attorney Examiner assigned by the Commission to 10 hear this case. 11 We will go head and start by taking 12 appearances. 13 MS. WNEK: Thank you, your Honor. Ashely Wnek, with the Ohio Attorney General's 14 15 office representing Staff of the Ohio Public 16 Utilities Commission. 17 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you. 18 And then I will just go ahead and note for the record that the Respondent in this case is not 19 20 here. It is -- we started around 2:10, we were 21 scheduled to start at 2:00 o'clock, and gave her 2.2 a little extra time to see if she would be here. 23 No one has reached out to me in 24 terms of Ms. Washington or someone on her 25 behalf. I believe Staff represented they had

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1	not had contact from her as well.	
2	I checked the docket to just verify	
3	that the scheduling entry that went out on	
4	September 27th was sent to the address that was	
5	listed on her request for an administrative	
6	hearing.	
7	And so with her not appearing and	
8	this already having been scheduled we are going	
9	to go ahead and proceed. And I will turn it	
10	over to Staff to go ahead.	
11	MS. WNEK: Thank you, your Honor.	
12	We will move for default judgment, but would	
13	like to put our exhibits and witnesses'	
14	testimony into the record. So at this time I	
15	would like to call the person who prepared the	
16	inspection report, Mr. Nadolsky.	
17	(WITNESS SWORN)	
18	MS. WNEK: And can I distribute the	
19	exhibits?	
20	ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Sure.	
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22	DANIEL NADOLSKY	
23	called as a witness, being first duly sworn,	
24	testified as follows:	
25	DIRECT EXAMINATION	

By Ms Wnek: 1 2 Please state your name and spell it Ο. 3 for the record, please. Daniel Nadolsky, motor carrier 4 Α. 5 safety inspector for the State Highway Patrol. Thank you. And you said you are 6 Ο. 7 employed with the Patrol? 8 Α. Yes. 9 Thank you. What is your position Ο. 10 within the Highway Patrol? 11 Motor Carrier Inspector. Α. 12 Thank you. And what are your duties Q. 13 in your capacity as a Motor Carrier Inspector? 14 Α. Inspections and stuff like that. Just on the commercial side. 15 16 And what training do you have in Ο. 17 that area? 18 Α. I have Part A, Part B, all my 19 hazmats. 20 Ο. Thank you. Are motor carrier 21 inspections conducted to protect the safety of 2.2 the Ohio traveling public? 23 Α. Yes. 24 About how many inspections do you 0. 25 perform in a year?

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In a year? Probably a little over a
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     thousand inspections.
                 MS. WNEK: Thank you. And may I
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     approach with -- I believe you have Exhibit 1;
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     correct?
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                 THE WITNESS: Yes.
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                 MS. WNEK: Thank you. We would like
     to mark this as Staff Exhibit 1.
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                 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)
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            Ο.
                 Do you recognize this?
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            Α.
                 Yes.
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                 And is this document a Commission or
     Patrol record?
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            Α.
                 Yes.
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            Q.
                 Is it kept in the ordinary course of
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    business?
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            Α.
                 Yes.
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                 Is it the practice of the Commission
            Q.
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     to make this report?
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            Α.
                 Yes.
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            Ο.
                 Did you report on matters observed
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     pursuant to a duty imposed by law as to which
     there was a duty to report?
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            Α.
                 As in --
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            Q.
                I can rephrase that. Did you
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report on matters observed pursuant to a duty 1 2 imposed by law as to which there was a duty to 3 report? Α. Yes. 4 5 Ο. Is the document in the same condition substantially as when you prepared it? 6 7 Α. Yes. 8 Ο. What was the reason that you 9 produced an inspection of this vehicle? 10 Α. I was called by my supervisor to 11 roll out and do an inspection on the truck and 12 trailer. 13 Ο. Do you remember the inspection? 14 Α. Do what? I am sorry. 15 Q. Do you remember the inspection? 16 Α. Yes. 17 Ο. And who was the driver listed on 18 that report? 19 It was Dorcella Washington. Α. 20 Q. Did she get a copy of the report at 21 this stop? She was already in the hospital 2.2 Α. when I got there so when I was done with my 23 24 report I put it inside the truck. 25 Q. All right. Are there any violations

1 noted on the report? 2 Α. Violations that I found due to the 3 crash? Ο. 4 Yes. 5 Α. It was pretty extensive front end 6 damage to the truck. The frame was actually 7 bent back behind the cab of the impact with the other vehicle. 8 9 Ο. Thank you. And I see also that Ms. 10 Washington was cited for violation of 49 CFR 392.5A2-UI; is that correct? 11 12 Α. Yes. 13 Q. Thank you. Did you observe Ms. 14 Washington? 15 Α. No, I did not. I actually have not ever met this driver. That violation was put on 16 17 by James Feddern. He was the supervisor for the 18 motor carriers at that time. 19 Thank you. Is there anything else 0. 20 that we have discussed that you would like the 21 Commission to know for the record? 2.2 Not to my knowledge right away. Α. 23 MS. WNEK: Thank you. 24 Nothing further from this witness. 25 I would like to reserve for rebuttal.

11 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Hold on just 1 2 one second. Real quick. 3 EXAMINATION By the Attorney Examiner: 4 5 Ο. There are two other violations noted 6 here. Could you just tell us what those two 7 specifically are? The 396.3A.1 Two citations for that. 8 9 Α. On the frame damage due to the 10 accident. 11 Ο. Yes. 12 Α. Extensive truck frame damage on the 13 front of the truck, and both frame rails were bent back behind the cab of the truck. 14 And then the other one was front end 15 16 damage that was basically the hood, radiator, 17 air to air. There was engine damage. 18 Basically oil and antifreeze on the ground. 19 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okav. Those 20 are all the questions I have. 21 MS. WNEK: No further questions, 22 your Honor. 23 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you. 24 I don't know if I said, we marked it 25 as Exhibit 1, but we will mark it as Exhibit 1.

12 MS. WNEK: Thank you. 1 2 (EXHIBIT HEREBY MARKED FOR 3 IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES) MS. WNEK: We will call the Trooper 4 5 to the stand. 6 (WITNESS SWORN) 7 8 TROOPER OSAMA HAMED 9 called as a witness, being first duly sworn, testified as follows: 10 11 DIRECT EXAMINATION 12 By Ms. Wnek: 13 Q. Would you please state and spell your name for the record? 14 Trooper Osamn Hamed. O-S-A-M-A 15 Α. 16 H-A-M-E-D. 17 Where are you employed? Q. 18 A. I work for the Ohio State Highway 19 Patrol. 20 How long have you been with the Q. 21 Patrol? 22 I graduated Ohio State Highway Α. Patrol Academy on January 17, 2020. 23 24 What are your duties in that Ο. 25 capacity?

13 To enforce traffic and criminal laws 1 Α. 2 within roadways of Ohio. 3 What training do you have in that Q. area? 4 5 Α. I had six months training in the 6 Academy of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. 7 Thank you. And are motor carrier Q. inspections conducted to protect the safety of 8 9 the Ohio traveling public? 10 I am sorry. Can you repeat that Α. 11 question? 12 Are inspections conducted to protect Ο. 13 the safety of the Ohio traveling public? I don't see the inspections. That 14 Α. 15 would be --16 We can withdraw that question. Ο. 17 Could you please state how you 18 became familiar with this case? 19 August 20, I was with -- Trooper Α. 20 Brubaker was on an off duty detail on I-70 near 21 mile post 7. He called on a serious injury 22 crash, a semi truck versus a black pick-up 23 truck. 24 When I arrived to the scene I 25 observed the EMS personnel were trying to get

the victims out of the pick-up truck. 1 Т 2 observed Ms. Washington being escorted by 3 the EMS. I helped out Trooper Mullens with measurements. And after that I was asked by a 4 5 supervisor to go to Reeds Hospital in Richmond, 6 Indiana to collect urine from Ms. Washington. 7 And why was it you were being asked Ο. to collect urine from Ms. Washington? 8 9 Α. They suspected she might be under 10 the influence. 11 Do you know why that was suspected? Ο. 12 Α. Based on the crash. Based on how 13 the braking was and when she stopped, when she 14 crashed into the vehicle, how close she was to the vehicle. 15 16 And also it was a serious injury crash. We always -- we usually ask when someone 17 18 is seriously hurt, we ask whoever the drivers 19 were for a voluntary urine sample. 20 Ο. Did you receive a voluntary urine 21 sample here? 2.2 Α. Yes. 23 Have you received training in Q. 24 collection of urine specimens? 25 Α. Yes.

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1	Q. What type of training?	
2	A. During training we collected urine	
3	samples from many suspects.	
4	Q. Where was the defendant when you	
5	collected her, I am sorry, the Respondent when	
6	you collected her urine?	
7	A. I went to Reed Hospital. She was a	
8	female, it was collected by a nurse, female, at	
9	the hospital.	
10	Q. Do you recall about what time you	
11	collected the urine specimen?	
12	A. I do not, no.	
13	Q. Did you personally observe the	
14	Respondent as she provided her urine specimen?	
15	A. I did not, no.	
16	Q. How did you collect this specimen?	
17	A. I was provided a urine sample from	
18	the nurse. I packaged the evidence and it was	
19	packaged and sent to the OSP crime lab via USPS.	
20	Q. So was the test done in accordance	
21	with these processes?	
22	A. It was sent to the OSP crime lab.	
23	Q. Was there writing on the label of	
24	the container?	
25	A. I believe I put the collector's name	

16 1 and my name also. 2 After sealing the container and Ο. completing the label what did you do next? 3 It was dropped to the USPS drop off. 4 Α. 5 Ο. Was the container assigned a log 6 number? 7 It was just a cab number that we use Α. for evidence. 8 9 MS. WNEK: Your Honor, may I 10 approach with Staff Exhibit 2? 11 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. This is 12 Internal Chain of Custody? 13 MS. WNEK: Yes. 14 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: We will mark it as Exhibit 2. 15 (EXHIBIT HEREBY MARKED FOR 16 17 IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES) 18 Q. So do you recognize this? No. That is not what I used for a 19 Α. 20 chain of custody. 21 Ο. Okay. Put that aside. Was the 22 urine, once it was submitted to the property room was the urine specimen kept under 23 24 refrigeration? A. After it was collected it was 25

17 dropped to the USPS drop box. 1 2 Thank you. At any time while Q. 3 handling the urine specimen did you allow for any foreign object to makes its way into the 4 container? Was the seal broken? 5 No, ma'am. 6 Α. 7 Did you have any further contact Q. with either the urine specimen or the 8 9 Respondent? 10 Α. No, ma'am. MS. WNEK: I am going to approach 11 12 the witness with Staff Exhibit 3. 13 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. 14 Ο. Do you recognize this document? 15 Α. Yes, ma'am. Okay. Could you please explain to 16 Q. 17 me what you see? 18 This is Property Control form that Α. 19 we use. 20 Q. And why is that used? 21 Α. It would show the time that the 22 urine was collected, and would show the time that the urine was dropped to the USPS drop box. 23 24 Thank you. So I see your name. Ο. 25 Could you verify that, that was the appropriate

18 time and signature? 1 2 A. Yes, ma'am. 3 Q. Thank you. ATTORNEY EXAMINER: We will mark 4 Exhibit 3 for the record. 5 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION) 6 7 MS. WNEK: Nothing further for this 8 witness, your Honor. 9 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you. 10 MS. WNEK: Thank you. Your Honor, 11 at this time we would like to call the lab 12 technician Heidi Tincher. 13 (WITNESS SWORN) 14 HEIDI A. TINCHER 15 called as a witness, being first duly sworn, 16 17 testified as follows: 18 DIRECT EXAMINATION 19 By Ms. Wnek: 20 Q. Would you please state and spell 21 your name for the record? 22 My name is Heidi Tincher. And my Α. 23 last name is spelled T-I-N-C-H-E-R. 24 Thank you. Where are you employed? 0. 25 Α. At the time of this case I was

19 employed as criminalist with the Ohio State 1 2 Highway Patrol crime lab here in Columbus. 3 How long were you employed there? Q. Α. About five and a half years. 4 5 Ο. Were you employed on the day of this 6 analysis? 7 Α. Yes. 8 Ο. What were your duties and 9 responsibilities then? 10 Α. There I performed analysis in 11 toxicology, specifically alcohol testing, and I 12 also was qualified in the discipline of drug 13 chemistry as well. 14 Could you describe your educational Ο. 15 background for alcohol analysis? 16 Yes. To be a criminalist in any Α. 17 discipline you have had to have a certain 18 educational background. Mine is I have a 19 Bachelors of Arts in political science and a 20 Bachelor of Science in biology, both from Ohio 21 State University. 2.2 I also have an Associate of Applied 23 Science and Forensic Science Technology from 24 Central Ohio Technical College. And finally I 25 have my Master's of Science and Biomedical

Forensic Science from Boston University School 1 2 of Medicine. 3 So were you trained to analyze urine Ο. samples to determine their concentration of 4 5 alcohol? 6 Α. T was. 7 What type of training did you Q. receive? 8 9 Α. In addition to my education there is 10 also an apprenticeship program at the Patrol 11 where in each discipline you are qualified you 12 have specified readings, mock cases. You go 13 through mock testimony, and that's all under the supervision of a qualified criminalist. 14 15 Ο. Did you have a proficiency 16 examination? 17 Α. Yes. I take one every year. 18 On this date in question could you Ο. 19 please describe the process and your 20 responsibilities with respect to this sample? 21 Α. Do you want the specific chain of 22 custody or just the general process? 23 The general process, please. Q. 24 Okay. Usually what happens is we Α. have various refrigerators throughout the lab. 25

1	I have acces to a specific refrigerator, so when	
2	I am ready to analyze samples I will take them	
3	from the refrigerator. And for every sample a	
4	form saying I received it sealed, I received it	
5	refrigerated, and I checked administratively if	
6	the names matched and the collection times	
7	matched, things of that matter.	
8	From that point I will take a small	
9	sample, in this case from a urine tub, where I	
10	put on instruments, review the data from that	
11	instrument, and then write a report based	
12	on that data.	
13	Q. Thank you. What were your findings	
14	in this case?	
15	A. May I refer to my report? I have	
16	it with me, but didn't	
17	Q. Yes. If you would like to look at	
18	it to refresh your memory.	
19	A. Okay. So in this case as determined	
20	by gas chromatography the findings were .057	
21	grams by weight of alcohol per 100 milliliters	
22	or grams percent of urine.	
23	ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Are you going to	
24	have this as an exhibit, or have you already	
25	marked it?	

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                 MS. WNEK: We can, yes. We can mark
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     that as exhibit, I think I have that marked
     originally as 6.
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                 Actually if we could, it would be
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     related to this topic, I have Ms. Tincher's
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     certificate, if we could move that into
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     evidence.
                 ATTORNEY EXAMINER:
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                                     Yes. Let's
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     just go ahead, whatever exhibits you have for
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     her right now, just go ahead and mark them and
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     then we will go from there.
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                 So 4 is her certificate on alcohol
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     and drug testing; correct?
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                 MS. WNEK: That's correct.
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                 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So that will
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     be marked.
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                 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)
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                 MS. WNEK: And then Exhibit 5 will
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    be the testing site generally.
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                 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So I think 6 is
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     what you have pre-marked as the Report Of
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     Analysis, Alcohol Analysis?
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                 MS. WNEK: Yes.
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                 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So that will be
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    marked as Exhibit 6.
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23 1 (EXHIBIT HEREBY MARKED FOR 2 IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES) 3 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: We will just verify the report is the same you are working 4 from? 5 6 THE WITNESS: Yes. 7 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Go ahead. 8 Q. With regard to the toxicology 9 report, so could you restate your findings? 10 Α. Yes. As determined by gas 11 chromatography there was .05 grams by weight of 12 alcohol per 100 milliliters grams percent in the 13 urine. 14 Q. And is this a standard record kept in the ordinary course of business? 15 16 Yes. We produce a report for every Α. 17 case. I would like to move back to Staff 18 Ο. Exhibit 2, the Internal Chain of Custody. 19 Do 20 you recognize this? 21 I have my copy. It looks like this Α. 22 (indicating). 23 What was the question? 24 Do you recognize this chain of Ο. 25 custody?

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1	A. Yes, I do.	
2	Q. Thank you. Could you point out	
3	the entries where you completed the testing?	
4	A. Yes. So kind of midway down the	
5	page you will see "Reliquished By: Evidence	
6	Receiving Refrigerator." That was the	
7	refrigerator I was talking about before where I	
8	took the samples from.	
9	And that was on September 1st, 2020	
10	at 8:48 A.M. That was when I was taking	
11	the sample out to start my analysis.	
12	Q. Thank you. With the testing itself,	
13	what analytical techniques or methods approved	
14	by the Director of Health are used to analyze	
15	controlled substances or alcohol and bodily	
16	substances?	
17	A. For alcohol specifically we use gas	
18	chromatology.	
19	Q. Thank you. For each testing are the	
20	analytical techniques and methods used to	
21	analyze alcohol in urine?	
22	A. Yes.	
23	Q. You check for proper calibration	
24	under the general direction of the designated	
25	laboratory director?	

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1	A. Yes.	
2	Q. Does the laboratory have a written	
3	procedure manual for analytical techniques or	
4	methods used for testing alcohol or drug use and	
5	bodily substances?	
6	A. Yes.	
7	Q. Is a copy of the written procedural	
8	manual for performing urine tests on file and in	
9	the area where analytical tests are performed?	
10	A. Yes.	
11	Q. Does the laboratory director use,	
12	sign and date the procedure manual as certifying	
13	that the manual is in compliance with the Ohio	
14	Department of Health regulations?	
15	A. Yes.	
16	Q. Are the results that you found in	
17	this case indicative of alcohol consumption as	
18	the level that you found in the testing?	
19	A. Indicative that Ms. Washington had	
20	consumed alcohol?	
21	I can't speak to consumption, I can	
22	only speak to in that urine that was the	
23	concentration of alcohol that was determined.	
24	Q. So there was a concentration of	
25	alcohol determined in her bodily fluids?	

26 Yes. In the urine. 1 Α. 2 MS. WNEK: Thank you. Nothing 3 further. 4 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: I just have a 5 quick question. 6 EXAMINATION 7 By the Attorney Examiner: 8 Q. What, if you can, in layman's terms, what exactly does .057 equate to? 9 10 So, that's how it's expressed in the Α. 11 OAC. So, when you hear about like, typically 12 people hear about .08, the .08 is the grams 13 percent. 14 So, it's just how it's expressed in the OAC. But it's in those same terms as when 15 you hear people say, oh, they were .08. It's 16 17 all that same unit of measurement. 18 Q. So this one was .057? 19 Α. Yes. 20 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. That's 21 the only question I had. 2.2 MS. WNEK: We would like to move those exhibits into evidence. 23 24 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: You want to move 25 everything so far, so 1, 2, 3, 4, 6.

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1	MS. WNEK: Yes.	
2	ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. So those	
3	will all be admitted.	
4	(EXHIBITS HEREBY ADMITTED INTO	
5	EVIDENCE)	
6	MS. WNEK: And at this time we would	
7	like to call Mr. Moser to the stand.	
8	(WITNESS SWORN)	
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10	ROD MOSER	
11	called as a witness, being first duly sworn,	
12	testified as follows:	
13	DIRECT EXAMINATION	
14	By Ms. Wnek:	
15	Q. Would you please state your name for	
16	the record, please.	
17	A. My name is Rod Allen Moser, last	
18	name is M-O-S-E-R.	
19	Q. Where are you employed?	
20	A. I am employed as the Chief of the	
21	Transportation and Compliance sections, for the	
22	Compliance and Registration sections for	
23	the Transportation Department of the Public	
24	Utilities Commission of Ohio.	
25	Q. How long have you been in that	

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1	position?	
2	A. Six and a half years.	
3	Q. What are your duties?	
4	A. As it pertains to this particular	
5	incident I administer the civil forfeiture	
6	process for the Transportation Department.	
7	Q. What are your expert qualifications	
8	in the violations of the subject matter	
9	violation?	
10	A. I spent just shy of 30 years with	
11	the Ohio State Highway Patrol focused primarily	
12	on commercial vehicle enforcement. My last	
13	assignment there was the Commercial Enforcement	
14	Coordinator for District 6, which encompasses	
15	Franklin County and all adjacent counties.	
16	I have been trained in North	
17	American Standards Parts A and B, general	
18	hazmat, bulk and non-bulk, cargo tank and motor	
19	coach.	
20	Q. Could you please explain how you	
21	determine the amounts of a forfeiture?	
22	A. Sure. It's largely an automated	
23	process. Violations are divided into categories	
24	or groups depending upon whether or not the	
25	violation was a hazardous material violation,	

driver behavior, or equipment violation. 1 2 Does the Commission apply Q. the process uniformly to everyone? 3 Α. It is, particularly for 4 5 non-hazardous materials violations it is a fully 6 automated process. So all those violations are 7 treated the same regardless of the respondent. Thank you. And Staff's Exhibit 7 is 8 Q. 9 the Notice of Apparent Violation and Intent to 10 Assess Forfeiture. 11 What is the reason that a person 12 would receive that? What does that advise them? 13 Α. In general that NIF letter, which we 14 call it, that is a notice to the Respondent that 15 the Commission is assessing a forfeiture amount 16 because of a violation noted on the roadside 17 inspection. 18 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Just for the 19 record we will mark the Notice of Apparent 20 Violation as Staff Exhibit 7. 21 And then Staff Exhibit 8 will be the Notice of Preliminary Determination. So 22 23 marked. 24 (EXHIBITS HEREBY MARKED FOR 25 IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES)

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1	Q. And I think you began discussing it,	
2	but would you please explain the Notice of	
3	Preliminary Determination, when that is sent to	
4	a respondent?	
5	A. A Notice of Preliminary	
6	Determination is sent to a respondent after the	
7	respondent or their representative has had a	
8	phone conversation with the assigned compliance	
9	officer and during the conversation they were	
10	unable to reach a settlement.	
11	The Notice of Preliminary	
12	Determination advises the respondent of two	
13	options essentially. Either pay the civil	
14	forfeiture amount or request a formal	
15	administrative hearing.	
16	Q. Is this the document that was sent	
17	to the Respondent?	
18	A. Notice of Preliminary Determination	
19	actually was sent to the Respondent's	
20	representative, an attorney named Jessica Reese.	
21	Q. Did you review it in preparation	
22	for this hearing?	
23	A. I did, yes.	
24	Q. Is this document a Commission	
25	record?	

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1	A. It is.	
2	Q. Is it kept in the ordinary course of	
3	business?	
4	A. Yes, it is.	
5	Q. Could you explain how the forfeiture	
6	amount was derived in this case?	
7	A. Sure. Again, there is a non-hazmat	
8	violation. Those are divided in to five groups.	
9	Group zero, through Group 1, 2, 3 and 4.	
10	Group Zero violations are equipment	
11	violations that are not likely at all to cause a	
12	crash. They never receive a civil forfeiture	
13	amount.	
14	Groups 1, 2 and 3 are equipment	
15	violations that could cause a crash, the most	
16	likely which would be Group 1. The less likely	
17	Group 2, and least likely of those Group 3.	
18	Those receive civil forfeiture	
19	assessments if they are marked as out of service	
20	on the inspection.	
21	And then Group 4 violations, which	
22	this particular case is, are driver behavior,	
23	insurance, authority, those kind of things.	
24	Group 4 violations always get a civil forfeiture	
25	assessment.	

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1	Q. Is the penalty consistent with the	
2	recommended fine schedule and recommended civil	
3	penalty procedure adopted by the Commercial	
4	Motor Vehicle Alliance?	
5	A. Yes, it is.	
6	Q. What is the forfeiture amount here?	
7	A. \$1,000.00.	
8	Q. And is that the correct amount for	
9	this case?	
10	A. Yes.	
11	Q. Would you recommend this amount to	
12	the Commission?	
13	A. Yes, I would.	
14	Q. Is here anything else you would like	
15	to note for the record?	
16	A. No, ma'am.	
17	MS. WNEK: Thank you. No further	
18	questions.	
19	ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.	
20	MS. WNEK: Staff would ask that	
21	Exhibit 7 and 8 be moved into the record.	
22	ATTORNEY EXAMINER: They will both	
23	be admitted.	
24	(EXHIBITS HEREBY ADMITTED INTO	
25	EVIDENCE)	

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1	MS. WNEK: Thank you, your Honor.	
2	At this time given our witness testimony and	
3	Exhibits, we would like to move for a default	
4	judgement pursuant ORC 4901:2-7-14 E, request	
5	that everything become part of the record and	
6	that, you know, this violation found to be a	
7	violation.	
8	ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. So just	
9	before we close things up to verify, we did not	
10	use Staff Exhibit 5; correct? Just wanted to	
11	make sure I did not miss it.	
12	MS. WNEK: I would like to have	
13	entered that as we were discussing the	
14	laboratory. That is the certification of the	
15	testing.	
16	ATTORNEY EXAMINER: I am not	
17	telling whether you should, I just want to make	
18	sure we didn't miss it.	
19	MS. WNEK: We don't need this.	
20	ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So the record	
21	will reflect that you moved for default	
22	judgement, and the Commission will take that	
23	under advisement.	
24	If there is nothing else from Staff	
25	then we will wrap things up and we are	

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     adjourned.
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                 MS. WNEK: Thank you. Nothing
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     further.
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                 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thanks.
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                 (At 2:50 P.M. the hearing was
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     adjourned)
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1	CERTIFICATE	
2	I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the	
3	proceedings taken by me in this matter on	
4	November 16, 2023, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.	
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6	Michael O. Spencer, Registered Professional	
7	Reporter.	
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