THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF HARJINDER SINGH, NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION AND INTENT TO ASSESS FORFEITURE.

CASE NO. 22-624-TR-CVF (OH0519000849D)

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on March 21, 2024

- {¶ 1} Staff served a notice of preliminary determination upon Harjinder Singh (Respondent) in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-12, alleging a violation of the Commission's transportation regulations.
- **{¶ 2}** On June 21, 2022, Respondent requested an administrative hearing in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-7-13.
- {¶ 3} By Entry issued August 26, 2022, the attorney examiner scheduled a prehearing teleconference for September 13, 2022. During the prehearing teleconference, the attorney examiner attempted to contact the Respondent but was unsuccessful. By Entry issued September 14, 2022, the attorney examiner scheduled a second prehearing teleconference to be held September 29, 2022. During the prehearing teleconference, Staff and Respondent were unable to resolve the matter.
- $\{\P 4\}$ By Entry issued on May 16, 2023, the attorney examiner scheduled the hearing to take place on August 3, 2023, at the Commission's offices.
- {¶ 5} By Entry issued July 25, 2023, after being advised that the Respondent informally requested a continuance of the hearing to allow him time to obtain counsel prior to the hearing, the attorney examiner continued the hearing to a date to be determined by subsequent Entry.
- {¶ 6} On October 5, 2023, counsel for Respondent filed a notice of appearance in the docket.

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 $\{\P 7\}$ Accordingly, the hearing shall take place on April 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at

the Commission offices, Hearing Room 11-D, 11th Floor, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus,

Ohio 43215-3793. Visitors should register at the lobby desk and then proceed to the 11th

floor in order to participate in the hearing.

§§ 8 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.

 $\{\P 9\}$ 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).

[¶ 10] Following Staff's presentation of evidence at the hearing, it shall be the

responsibility of Respondent to present evidence supporting Respondent's contentions

regarding the alleged violation in this matter.

 $\{\P 11\}$ It is, therefore,

[¶ 12] ORDERED, That a hearing be scheduled for April 24, 2024, as discussed in

Paragraph 7. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/ Matthew Sandor

By: Matthew Sandor

Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry that the hearing shall take place on April 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission offices, Hearing Room 11-D, 11th Floor, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 electronically filed by Ms. Donielle M. Hunter on behalf of Matthew J. Sandor, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.