Decision No. R14-0223-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14F-0125TO

CHARLES SNYDER,

COMPLAINANT,

V.

RANDY'S HIGH COUNTRY TOWING, INC.,

RESPONDENT.

INTERIM DECISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE MELODY MIRBABA PERMITTING COMPLAINANT TO APPEAR BY TELEPHONE AT HEARING ON COMPLAINT

Mailed Date: February 28, 2014

I. <u>STATEMENT</u>

1. Only those portions of the procedural history necessary to understand this Decision are included.

2. On February 6, 2014, Charles Snyder filed a formal Complaint (Complaint) against Randy's High Country Towing, Inc. (Respondent). In the Complaint, Mr. Snyder asks that a hearing be held regarding his Complaint and that he be permitted to appear by telephone at the hearing. According to the Complaint, Mr. Snyder resides out of state.

3. On February 21, 2014, Respondent filed an Answer to the Complaint. Respondent's Answer does not object to Mr. Snyder's request to appear by telephone at the hearing on the Complaint.

4. Because Respondent has not objected to Mr. Snyder's request to appear by telephone, despite having had the opportunity to do so, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) deems Respondent's failure to object a confession of the request. In other words, since Respondent did not object to the request, he has essentially consented to the request. *See* Rule 1400(d) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1.

For good cause shown and because there is no objection, the ALJ will grant Mr. Snyder's request to appear by telephone at the hearing on the merits of the Complaint in this proceeding.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. Mr. Charles Snyder may appear by telephone at the hearing on the merits of the Complaint in this proceeding.

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2. This Decision is effective immediately.





THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

MELODY MIRBABA

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean

Doug Dean, Director