Decision No. R14-1192-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14F-0784TO

CHARLES SNYDER,

COMPLAINANT,

V.

RANDY'S HIGH COUNTRY TOWING, INC.,

RESPONDENT.

INTERIM DECISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE PAUL C. GOMEZ SETTING HEARING AND DENYING REQUEST TO APPEAR BY TELEPHONE

Mailed Date: September 30, 2014

I. <u>STATEMENT</u>

 The captioned proceeding was initiated on July 16, 2014, when Charles Snyder (Complainant) filed a formal Complaint (Complaint) against Randy's High Country Towing, Inc. (Respondent).

2. On July 23, 2014, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued an order to Respondent to answer or satisfy the Complaint. At the same time, the Commission scheduled the matter for an evidentiary hearing for October 1, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

3. On July 30, 2014, the Commission referred this matter to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) for disposition. The matter was subsequently assigned to the undersigned ALJ.

4. By Interim Decision No. R14-1124-I issued September 15, 2014, Respondent was ordered to file an Answer to the Complaint within 5 days of the effective date of that Decision. In addition, that Interim Decision vacated the hearing scheduled for October 1, 2014.

5. On September 17, 2014, Respondent filed an Answer to the Formal Complaint. As a result, the matter is now at issue and an evidentiary hearing will be scheduled.

6. An evidentiary hearing in this formal complaint will be set for **Monday**, **November 10, 2014**.

7. On July 25, 2014, Complainant filed a request that he be permitted to attend an evidentiary hearing in this matter by telephone because he winters in Mexico.

8. That request will be denied. The request to appear by telephone was in response to the October 1, 2014 hearing date. However, that hearing date has been vacated and the request to appear by telephone was directed at the October 1, 2014 hearing date. Nonetheless, the request is primarily denied because as the party bringing the complaint, it is Complainant's obligation to appear in person to prosecute his complaint. The evidentiary hearing is scheduled far enough in advance to allow Complainant to make necessary travel arrangements to appear on November 10, 2014.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. An evidentiary hearing in this Formal Complaint is scheduled as follows:

DATE: November 10, 2014
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Hearing Room Colorado Public Utilities Commission 1560 Broadway, Suite 250 Denver, Colorado

2. The request of Complainant, Mr. Charles Snyder to appear at the evidentiary hearing by telephone is denied.

3. This Decision shall be effective immediately.



ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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Doug Dean, Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PAUL C. GOMEZ

Administrative Law Judge