

Decision No. R04-0304-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 04G-061EC

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO,

COMPLAINANT,

V.

LAWRENCE TORREZ, D/B/A ABSOLUTELY DEVINE LIMOUSINES,

RESPONDENT.

**INTERIM ORDER OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
DALE E. ISLEY
SETTING HEARING**

Mailed Date: March 25, 2004

I. STATEMENT

1. The captioned proceeding was initiated on February 5, 2004, when the Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (Staff) issued Civil Penalty Assessment Notice No. 28402 to the Respondent, Lawrence Torrez, doing business as Absolutely Devine Limousines (Torrez).

2. The matter was originally scheduled for hearing on March 16, 2004, but the hearing was continued at Torrez' request in order to afford him time to retain legal counsel. *See*, Decision No. R04-0268-I. That decision provided that any counsel so retained should formally enter his/her appearance in this matter on or before March 23, 2004. A review of the Commission's records indicates that no legal counsel entered their appearance on Torrez' behalf on or before that date. Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of Decision No. R04-0268-I, it will be presumed that Torrez will be representing himself in this matter on a *pro se* basis.

3. Decision No. R04-0268-I also ordered the parties to advise the administrative law judge of their availability for a one-day hearing of this matter to be held prior to April 30, 2004, on or before March 23, 2004. Staff proved its advisement on that date. A review of the Commission's records indicates that Torrez failed to do so. As a result, it will be presumed that Torrez is available for hearing on any of the days Staff indicated that it was available.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. This matter is re-scheduled for hearing as follows:

DATE: April 14, 2004

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Commission Hearing Room
1580 Logan Street, Office Level 2
Denver, Colorado

2. This Order shall be effective immediately.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Administrative Law Judge