1 BEFORE THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION 2 IN THE MATTER OF: ) 3 ) RENDERED SERVICES, INC., ) 4 an Illinois corporation, ) ) Respondent. 5 ) ) б ) No. 74 RTV-R Sub 15 ) 7 Hearing on fitness to hold a ) Commercial Vehicle Relocator's ) License pursuant to Section 401 8 ) of the Illinois Commercial ) 9 Relocation of Trespassing ) Vehicles Law, ) 10 625 ILCS 5/18a-401. ) 11 Chicago, Illinois September 1, 2016 12 Met pursuant to notice at 10:00 a.m. 13 **BEFORE:** 14 Ms. Latrice Kirkland-Montaque, Administrative Law Judge. 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

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1 JUDGE KIRKLAND-MONTAQUE: By the power vested in me by State of Illinois and the Illinois Commerce 2 Commission, I now call Docket No. 74 RTV-R Sub 15 for 3 4 hearing. This is in the matter of Rendered Services, 5 Inc., and this is regarding the hearing on fitness to hold a commercial vehicle relocator's license. б May I have appearances, please. Let's 7 start with Staff. 8 9 MS. ANDERSON: Thank you, your Honor. 10 My name is Jennifer Anderson. I appear on behalf of the Staff of the Illinois 11 12 Commerce Commission. My address is 160 North LaSalle 13 Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601. My phone number is 14 312-814-1934. 15 MR. BARR: Good morning, your Honor. My name 16 is Benjamin Barr. I also appear on behalf of the 17 Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission. My office 18 is located at 160 North LaSalle Street, Suite 800, Chicago, Illinois 60601. And my phone number is 19 312-814-2859. 20 JUDGE KIRKLAND-MONTAQUE: Mr. Rothschild? 21

22 MR. ROTHSCHILD: Good morning, your Honor.

1 Donald S. Rothschild. Business address is 835 McClintock Drive, Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527. 2 I'm an attorney licensed by the 3 4 Supreme Court, and I appear on behalf of the respondent, Rendered Services, Inc. 5 б JUDGE KIRKLAND-MONTAQUE: Okay. Thank you. This is a status hearing. So what 7 I'll do is open the floor, and I'll ask Staff to give 8 me an update on where things stand with discovery. 9 10 MS. ANDERSON: Thank you, your Honor. 11 Since the last time we had a status 12 hearing, Staff has made its production to Rendered 13 Services, Inc. I was a few days late with that, so 14 I'm not sure if counsel has had an opportunity to 15 fully review it. It did involve some large 16 documents. 17 In terms of Rendered Services' production to Staff since the last hearing, I did 18 have the opportunity to review that. I feel that it 19 20 has mostly been complied with. I think we narrowed 21 it down to about four requests roughly where we want to try to resolve differences but have not been able 22

to have that discussion yet. Although, counsel has indicated to me that he's willing to have that discussion, so I hope we will be able to do that and try to resolve differences shortly.

5 JUDGE KIRKLAND-MONTAQUE: Okay.

6 Mr. Rothschild, did you receive the production?

7 MR. ROTHSCHILD: Yes. And, you know, from our 8 perspective, excuse the fact that they were tardy, 9 but I did not get them until last week and have not 10 had a chance to go through them or even speak with 11 Ms. Anderson about our production.

12 And as is historically true, we've 13 been able to resolve discovery disputes in the main. 14 And if we can't, we will bring them to you. I 15 believe that we're going to have some issues with what I looked at in terms of the written response, 16 17 not the documents because we still maintain that we're entitled to know the evidence that will be used 18 against us and the witnesses that -- who will be 19 testifying against Rendered, and I don't believe 20 21 that's clear in the responses.

22 I want to work with Ms. Anderson to

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see if we can come to an accord. I probably will
 file a notice for a bill of particulars regarding the
 fitness issue and make progress in terms of working
 through discovery issues.

5 I may be requesting leave to take 6 several depositions of certain individuals that I 7 believe will be key to our defense. With that in 8 mind, I would agree with the characterization that 9 it's moving along.

JUDGE KIRKLAND-MONTAQUE: Ms. Anderson, this case is -- isn't it the renewal of the license? Or is this an -- if I'm recalling correctly, the Commission's order was -- was it based on the renewal application, or is it a separate matter?

MS. ANDERSON: It is a fitness hearing tied to a renewal application.

JUDGE KIRKLAND-MONTAQUE: So ordinarily in a renewal application, the burden is on the applicant, just as it would be for a new application, correct? MS. ANDERSON: Yes, your Honor.

JUDGE KIRKLAND-MONTAQUE: Okay. All right.
 MR. ROTHSCHILD: Well, I'm not sure in light of

1 the order that was entered that I agree with that, but let me try to work that out with Ms. Anderson. 2 JUDGE KIRKLAND-MONTAQUE: Okay. 3 4 MR. ROTHSCHILD: Because we did not even 5 receive anything until very late in the game, after a press release was issued by the Commission announcing б that a fitness hearing would occur. And I have asked 7 for and I did receive one sheet of paper that relates 8 to that. 9 10 But I'm going to drill down and try to 11 find out a little bit more, and if I have an issue 12 regarding how this matter is postured or the burden 13 of proof, I will address it to you. But I want to 14 speak to Ms. Anderson first. 15 JUDGE KIRKLAND-MONTAQUE: Okay. All right. 16 Well, things appear to be moving along. The 17 information is going back and forth. I understand you'll need time to review what you received last 18 19 week. 20 MR. ROTHSCHILD: May I say one other thing? 21 JUDGE KIRKLAND-MONTAQUE: Sure. 22 MR. ROTHSCHILD: We did spend the better part

of the last six weeks working on the back load of
 administrative citations.

3 So I think that that was certainly my 4 focus, my client's focus, and Ms. Anderson and 5 Mr. Barr's focus. So that has slowed down the 6 process, but I believe we'll be able to move along 7 more expeditiously in the future.

3 JUDGE KIRKLAND-MONTAQUE: Okay. Well, we have 9 another date of September 20th for ad cites already 10 on the calendar. So I suggest that we use that date 11 as another status hearing for this matter that we can 12 start.

MR. ROTHSCHILD: I'm going out of town that week.

15 JUDGE KIRKLAND-MONTAQUE: The 20th of 16 September?

MR. ROTHSCHILD: So I could do the following Tuesday, I believe. Let me check the date of that, Judge. If you're available Tuesday the 27th? Is that good for you?

21 MS. ANDERSON: I'm available.

22 MR. BARR: I'm also available.

JUDGE KIRKLAND-MONTAQUE: Okay. But we had ad
 cites that day. We'd have to kick those out.

3 MR. ROTHSCHILD: Without --

4 JUDGE KIRKLAND-MONTAQUE: Oh, you're trying to 5 resolve --

6 MR. ROTHSCHILD: We anticipate without getting 7 into a big, deep discussion about those because I ask 8 we don't use that hearing for this purpose. I do 9 want to say that I believe that there won't be any 10 for you to hear by that date.

JUDGE KIRKLAND-MONTAQUE: Okay. Well, then the 27th works for me, but it would have to be a later time. I have a 10:00 o'clock.

14 MR. ROTHSCHILD: What would be the very latest 15 you could do, so I don't have to go back to my 16 office?

17 JUDGE KIRKLAND-MONTAQUE: Oh. I could do 18 3:00 o'clock. Is that too late?

19 MS. ANDERSON: That is fine.

20 JUDGE KIRKLAND-MONTAQUE: We'll do 3:00 o'clock
21 then.

22 MR. ROTHSCHILD: That would be great. I

appreciate that. Then I won't ask you for a note. JUDGE KIRKLAND-MONTAQUE: Oh, okay. To go back to work. Okay. This matter will be continued to Tuesday, September 27th at 3:00 p.m. here in Chicago. And I'm sure you will continue to communicate with one another to try to work out as many issues as you can before then. Thank you. That's it for today. (Whereupon, the matter was continued September 27, 2016, at 3:00 p.m.)