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Application of Smith Bus Company :
a Corporation of the Commonwealth : Docket No.
of Pennsylvania : A-00105786F0001 AmA

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PREHEARING ORDER

The above captioned matter is scheduled for a hearing on Friday, April 3, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. in an 11th floor-hearing room, Pittsburgh State Office Building, 300 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. The parties are directed to comply with the following:

1. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§1.21 and 1.22, you may represent yourself, if you are an individual, or you may have an attorney represent you. However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association or governmental agency or subdivision, you must have an attorney represent you in this proceeding. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else.

2. If you wish to offer into evidence at the hearing material in the form of documents (letters, bills, canceled checks and the like), you should bring with you the required number of copies (an original and two copies for the Commission, one copy for every other party in the case, and a copy for yourself). 52 Pa. Code §5.409. Documents should be properly pre-marked for identification.

3. Be aware that there often is a delay in my receiving documents filed in Harrisburg. Therefore, serve me directly with any documents that you file in this proceeding.

4. In order to facilitate the conduct of the hearing, on or before Friday, March 20, 1998, counsel for Applicant and for Protestant(s) are directed to confer in person or by telephone and to exchange in writing the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all

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witnesses they intend to have testify. In the course of conferring, counsel also shall informally request copies of any documents deemed relevant so that any such document(s) may be reviewed before, rather than during, the hearing.

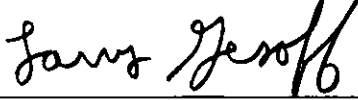
5. If you need to subpoena witnesses for the hearing, you should review 52 Pa. Code §5.421. You should submit your written application for subpoenas sufficiently in advance of the hearing so that the other parties will have the requisite ten days' notice to answer your application, and so that you will have enough time to receive the subpoenas and serve them.

6. Protestants should be prepared to begin presentation of their direct case immediately upon the conclusion of the presentation of the Applicant's direct case.

7. A request for a change of the scheduled hearing date must be submitted in writing no later than five (5) days before hearing. Requests for changes of initial hearings must be sent to the Chief Administrative Law Judge, P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265. Only the Chief Administrative Law Judge may grant a request for a change of an initial hearing. Such changes are granted only in rare situations where sufficient cause exists. Requests for changes of subsequent hearings, if any, should be served directly on me.

8. It is the Commission's policy to encourage settlements. 52 Pa. Code §5.231(a). You are urged to discuss among yourselves the possible settlement of this case at least one week before the hearing. If you are unable to settle this case, you may still resolve as many questions or issues as possible during your informal discussion.

Dated: February 2, 1998



LARRY GESOFF
Administrative Law Judge