4901:2-7-01 **Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

- (A) "Commission" means the public utilities commission of Ohio.
- (B) "Days," when used to compute any period of time prescribed or allowed by these rules, shall not include the date of the act or event from which the designated period of time begins to run. The last day of the period so computed shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.
- (C) "Director" means the director of the commission's transportation department or the director's designee.
- (D) "Filing" means delivery to the commission's docketing division in accordance with rule 4901-1-02 of the Administrative Code.
- (E) "Hearing" means all proceedings before the commission involving a violation, commencing with the filing of a request for administrative hearing and concluding with the issuance of a final order of the commission.
- (F) "Notice" means a notice of apparent violation as defined in rule 4901:2-7-05 of the Administrative Code; a notice of intent to assess forfeiture as defined in rule 4901:2-7-07 of the Administrative Code; a notice of intent to make compliance order as defined in rule 4901:2-7-08 of the Administrative Code; a combined notice as described in rule 4901:2-7-09 of the Administrative Code; or a notice of preliminary determination as defined in rule 4901:2-7-12 of the Administrative Code.
- (G)(F) "Parties" means the staff, and a the respondent, and any persons permitted to intervene in accordance with rule 4901-1-11 of the Administrative Code, after commencement of a proceeding hearing.
- (G) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of the Revised Code.
- (H) "Report of violation" means the information provided to staff in accordance with rule 4901:2-7-04 of the Administrative Code, or as a result of an inspection conducted pursuant to rule 4901-2-5-13 of the Administrative Code, including any documentary, photographic, or other evidence collected regarding the violation.
- (I) "Respondent" means the shipper, carrier, individual, or several such persons, which a person that the staff has determined may be responsible for a violation.

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(J) "Staff" means those employees of the commission's transportation department of the commission to whom responsibility has been delegated for administering the provisions of sections 4905.83, 4919.99, 4921.99, and section 4923.99 of the Revised Code, as applicable.

(K) "Violation" means any conduct, act, or failure to act, prohibited by statute Chapters 4921 and 4923 of the Revised Code, and rules adopted thereunder, or commission rule or order.

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