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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Proposed )  
Rules to Require Manufactured )  
Housing and Modular Unit )  
Manufacturers and Dealers to ) Case No. MX-2003-0187  
Pay Inspection Fees when the )  
Commission Receives Complaints)  
Or Requests for Inspection of )  
Manufactured Housing or )  
Modular Units )

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
  
Public Hearing  
April 24, 2003  
Jefferson City, Missouri  
Volume I

MORRIS WOODRUFF, Presiding  
SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE  
  
REPORTED BY:  
JENNIFER L. LEIBACH, Court Reporter  
ASSOCIATED COURT REPORTERS

1 PROCEEDINGS

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Let's go on the  
3 record. Good morning everyone. We're here for a  
4 public hearing on two proposed rules that have been  
5 proposed by the Manufactured Housing Section of the  
6 Public Service Commission. They are rules 4 CSR  
7 240-123.030, which involves seals and 4 CSR  
8 240-120.140, which involves New Manufactured Home  
9 Manufacturer's Inspection Fee.

10 This hearing was scheduled to begin at  
11 9:00 o'clock on April 23, 2003. It's now about 9:02  
12 and we'll go ahead and get started.

13 There was only one comment filed, and I  
14 don't see anyone in the audience, other than Staff  
15 Counsel and members of the Staff. There was, as  
16 indicated, one comment filed by Skyline -- Skyline,  
17 so Mr. Bates, if you'd like to -- well, let me back  
18 up here first and let you enter your appearance for  
19 Staff.

20 MR. BATES: Thank you, your Honor. My  
21 name is Bruce H. Bates. My address is Post Office  
22 Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102, and I'm  
23 here this morning representing the Director of the  
24 Manufactured Housing and Modular Units Program of the  
25 Public Service Commission.

1 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, Mr. Bates.  
2 Now, before I get ahead of myself, I was talking  
3 about a response to the comment that was filed by  
4 Skyline, and would you like to call a witness to  
5 respond to that?  
6 MR. BATES: Yes, sir, I call Ron Pleus  
7 to the stand.  
8 THE COURT: Please come forward, Mr.  
9 Pleus.  
10 RON PLEUS,  
11 of lawful age, having been produced, sworn and  
12 examined on the part of the Public Service Commission  
13 testified as follows:  
14 DIRECT EXAMINATION  
15 QUESTIONS BY MR. BATES:  
16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Mr. Bates, would you  
17 like to ask him some questions?  
18 MR. BATES: Thank you, your Honor.  
19 Q. Would you state your name for the  
20 record, please?  
21 A. My name is Ron Pleus, I'm the Manager  
22 of the Manufactured and Modular Unit Program of the  
23 Public Service Commission.  
24 Q. And would you spell your last name for  
25 the record, please?

1           A.       P-L-E-U-S.

2           Q.       And what is your business address?

3           A.       P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri,

4           Public Service Commission, Jefferson City,

5           Manufactured and Modular Unit Program.

6           Q.       Mr. Pleus, in your capacity as the

7           Director of the Program, have you studied a

8           submission by Skyline dated March 19th, 2003, and

9           filed in this case yesterday, April 22nd, 2003?

10          A.       Yes, sir.

11          Q.       What is your response to that, please?

12          A.       It appears that based on the

13          information received from other states in my

14          discussion with the company, that their request may

15          have merit and if the Commission would so desire,

16          that we may consider moving their requested filing

17          date back, if that's the Commission decision.

18          Q.       I should have asked you this before,

19          will you briefly summarize what their comment was?

20          A.       Yes, their comment is that the new fee

21          that's in place is due the 10th of the month

22          following the month that it applies to. The 10th of

23          the month is a very tight date for them to get in all

24          of their documentation from their various plants that

25          they have throughout the country, and they would like

1 to move that 10th due date back to, say, the 20th or  
2 the 30th of the month following the month in which  
3 the fee is accrued, and that does appear to be  
4 consistent with some other states who have similar  
5 fees, that the date is later than the 10th.

6 Q. And I understand that you would be  
7 changing this not just for Skyline, but for all the  
8 dealers?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And does this --

11 A. I'm sorry, all the manufacturers.

12 Q. I'm sorry, manufacturers, thank you.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And this pertains to proposed rule 4  
15 CSR 240-120.140?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Okay. Do you have any additional  
18 comments?

19 A. No, sir.

20 MR. BATES: Thank you, your Honor.

21 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. Skyline  
22 cooperation is a manufacturer of manufactured  
23 housing; is that correct?

24 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

25 JUDGE WOODRUFF: They have plants

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1       around the country?

2                   THE WITNESS:  Yes, sir.

3                   JUDGE WOODRUFF:  Okay.  So do they have

4       any plants here in Missouri?

5                   THE WITNESS:  No, sir.

6                   JUDGE WOODRUFF:  All right.  And I

7       noticed the comment was actually addressed to you and

8       was dated March 19th; is that correct?

9                   THE WITNESS:  Yes, sir.

10                  JUDGE WOODRUFF:  Can you explain why it

11       wasn't filed until yesterday?

12                  THE WITNESS:  It was, I guess, just an

13       error in how it was routed through the Commission

14       staff.

15                  JUDGE WOODRUFF:  Okay.

16                  THE WITNESS:  Yes.

17                  JUDGE WOODRUFF:  It was, I believe, the

18       Notice indicated the comments were supposed to be

19       filed with the Secretary of the Commission; is that

20       correct?

21                  THE WITNESS:  Yes.

22                  JUDGE WOODRUFF:  And this came to you

23       directly?

24                  THE WITNESS:  Yes.

25                  JUDGE WOODRUFF:  So that's the reason

1       why it wasn't filed --

2                       THE WITNESS:  -- sooner.

3                       JUDGE WOODRUFF:  Which I think the

4       deadline was the 14th; is that right?

5                       THE WITNESS:  Yes, sir, I think so.

6                       JUDGE WOODRUFF:  The 14th of April.

7       Okay.  I don't have any other questions, so you can

8       go ahead and step down.

9                       THE WITNESS:  Thank you.

10                      JUDGE WOODRUFF:  Mr. Bates, any other

11       witnesses that you wanted to call?

12                      MR. BATES:  No, your Honor.

13                      JUDGE WOODRUFF:  All right.  Anyone

14       else wishing to testify in this case?  I don't see

15       any response.  The time is now about approximately

16       9:08, and at this time, we will adjourn this hearing.

17       Thank you.

18                      WHEREUPON, the record was concluded.

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