

1 GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
2 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION
3 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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6 IN THE MATTER OF: :
7 Queen Bee, LLC, :
8 t/a Quality Convenience : Show Cause
9 Store : Hearing (Status)
10 2922 Martin Luther King, :
11 JR Ave., SE :
12 License #ABRA-83074 :
13 Retailer Class B :
14 ANC-8C Case #15-CMP-00801 :
15 Sold Go-Cups :

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17 Wednesday, March 23, 2016

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19 Whereupon, the above-referenced matter
20 came on for hearing at the Alcoholic Beverage
21 Control Board, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street,
22 N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009.

1 CHAIRPERSON:

2 DONOVAN ANDERSON, Presiding

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4 BOARD MEMBERS:

5 RUTHANNE MILLER

6 NICK ALBERTI

7 MICHAEL SILVERSTEIN

8 JAMES SHORT

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10 ALSO PRESENT:

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12 AMY SCHMIDT

13 On behalf of the District of Columbia

14 TOQAB AZGRIA,

15 On behalf of Quality Convenience Store

16 LUULA HAGOS,

17 On behalf of Quality Convenience Store

18 MARTHA JENKINS, ESQ.

19 On behalf of ABRA

20 DANETTE WALKER,

21 On behalf of ABRA

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1 APRIL RANDALL,
2 On behalf of ABRA
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 CHAIRMAN DONOVAN ANDERSON: All right.
4 The next case on our show cause hearing status
5 calendar is Case #15-CMP-00801, Quality
6 Convenience Store, License #83074. Will the
7 parties please approach and identify themselves
8 for the record, please? Yes.

9 MS. AMY SCHMIDT: Good morning. Amy
10 Schmidt, Assistant Attorney General, standing in
11 for Walter Adams, Assistant Attorney General.

12 CHAIRMAN DONOVAN ANDERSON: Good morning.

13 MR. TOQAB AZGRIA: Good morning. My name
14 is Toqab Azgria, the manager of Quality
15 Convenience Store.

16 CHAIRMAN DONOVAN ANDERSON: Good morning.

17 MS. LUULA HAGOS: Good morning. My name
18 is Luula Hagos. I'm the owner of Quality
19 Convenience Store.

20 CHAIRMAN DONOVAN ANDERSON: Good morning.
21 Could you sign -- sign your name in on that sign-
22 in sheet in front of you? Can you sign your name

1 in, please? Are there any preliminary matters?

2 MS. AMY SCHMIDT: None from the
3 Government.

4 CHAIRMAN DONOVAN ANDERSON: Uh, what --
5 what is it? Do you have any preliminary matters,
6 sir?

7 MR. TOQAB AZGRIA: Uh, yes, the owner --
8 I mean, uh, back on, uh, 2015 -- I mean, 2015,
9 uh, uh, uh, like, on December, or January, I
10 guess, uh, the gentleman from ABRA came in the
11 store. He say we sold a cup of ice. So I am
12 always present in the store. So he came to give
13 us a ticket on, uh -- in, uh -- on, uh, October -
14 - I mean, in, uh, February, I guess, 2016, to
15 give us a ticket.

16 I was present in the store. I said, "What
17 was this ticket for?" He told me, "You sold a cup
18 of ice." When I asked him when, "One month ago."
19 I am always present in the store.

20 So, what I ask is, "Well, who was to sell
21 the cup of ice from this store? I am the manager
22 of the store. I am always present, all. Myself or

1 the owner at the same time." What he said is, "I
2 have the photo, too." So I -- I say, "If somebody
3 sold a cup of ice, which is -- nobody sold a cup
4 of ice, why you didn't show the -- your badge at
5 the same time given to the -- the person that has
6 sold the cup of ice the citation?"

7 He came back after 1 month. He just
8 showed me the photo that he says he purchased the
9 cup of ice from Quality. I mean, that's not fair.

10 CHAIRMAN DONOVAN ANDERSON: All right.
11 One of the things I'll say to you, sir: This is
12 just a status, so this is not the hearing for you
13 to discuss the merits of the case. Um, so
14 basically, um, the purpose of this hearing is for
15 both parties to show up.

16 Um, my assumption, a lot of times what
17 happens during these proceedings is that you have
18 had a conversation with the Government, and you
19 would explain, with the Government, where you are
20 in the case, and if -- if -- if the Government
21 decide not to pursue the matter, then they can.
22 But since -- since it does -- it's not apparent

1 that you and the Government have come -- come to
2 an agreement -- And, Ms. Schmidt, you said this
3 case belongs to Mr. Adams?

4 MS. AMY SCHMIDT: Yes. And he spoke to
5 the -- he spoke to the owner, and -- and they
6 said that they -- that they did refuse to settle
7 this matter, and they wanted to go --

8 CHAIRMAN DONOVAN ANDERSON: All right.
9 And so -- so the purpose of this is just a status
10 hearing. And so basically, all I'm going to do is
11 to tell you when is it you're going to have your
12 next hearing, and the hearing is scheduled for
13 May the 11th, at 1:30.

14 And when we have this hearing, then this
15 is your opportunity to give your explanation, um,
16 to the Board. The Government will -- will bring
17 the investigator. Um, they will -- you'll get a
18 copy of the report the investigator has written.
19 You'll read that. Um, the Government will
20 question the investigator, and then you would
21 have an opportunity to question the investigator.
22 If you have documents that you -- that you

1 believe prove your point, then you bring that
2 here, and then that's when you -- you -- you'll -
3 - you'll -- you'll present your case, and then
4 the Board will make its decision.

5 But today is just to say, Did you and the
6 Government talk? Did you agree? And since you
7 didn't agree, um, the date for the hearing is,
8 um, May the 11th, at 1:30.

9 MR. TOQAB AZGRIA: Yes, sir.

10 CHAIRMAN DONOVAN ANDERSON: Okay?

11 MR. TOQAB AZGRIA: Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN DONOVAN ANDERSON: Thank you
13 very much. And you can be just as passionate on
14 May the 11th, and then the Board will listen
15 intently and make a decision based on -- based --
16 based on the -- the case that the -- the
17 Government makes. Okay?

18 MS. AMY SCHMIDT: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN DONOVAN ANDERSON: Thank you.

20 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter was
21 concluded.)