



**ALSO PRESENT:**

**ENKENYELESH DESTA, Licensee**

**ETESGE HAGOS, Interpreter**

**JERRY JOHNSON, ANC 1B02**

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 9:54 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

4 Let's move forward. Our next case is Case No.  
5 17-PRO-00064, Eleven Market, License No. 60236.

6 Would the parties for Eleven Market,  
7 please, approach and identify themselves for the  
8 record, please?

9 Aren't you, sir, the Interpreter for  
10 Eleven Market?

11 INTERPRETER HAGOS: Yes.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So why don't  
13 you step forward, sir? And would the owner step  
14 forward, please? Ma'am, are you the owner? This  
15 is not your first rodeo. You have been here  
16 before, so you know what you need to do. Step  
17 forward, please.

18 Sir, can you raise your right hand,  
19 please? Can you state your name for the record?  
20 Not you, ma'am, him. Can you state your name for  
21 the record, sir?

22 (No audible answer.)

1                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you the  
2 Interpreter, sir?

3                   INTERPRETER HAGOS: Yes, sir.

4                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you state  
5 your name for the record, please?

6                   INTERPRETER HAGOS: Yes. Last name  
7 Hagos. My name, my full name is Etesge Hagos.

8                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let me ask you  
9 a question, sir. And I don't mean to be light on  
10 this.

11                   INTERPRETER HAGOS: Yes.

12                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you  
13 understand me?

14                   INTERPRETER HAGOS: I do, sir.

15                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Because  
16 the reason why is you are supposed to interpret  
17 for this lady and I'm speaking to you and it  
18 doesn't appear that you are understanding me. So  
19 I just want to make sure that you are  
20 understanding these proceedings, so you can  
21 interpret for her.

22                   So what is your name for the record?

1 Your name again, sir?

2 INTERPRETER HAGOS: Etesge Hagos.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you spell  
4 your name for the record, please, sir?

5 INTERPRETER HAGOS: E-T-E-S-G-E H-A-  
6 G-O-S.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Do  
8 you swear or affirm that you will faithfully  
9 interpret these proceedings from English to --  
10 what's the language, sir?

11 INTERPRETER HAGOS: English to  
12 Amharic.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And from  
14 Amharic to English?

15 INTERPRETER HAGOS: I will do.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Have a  
17 seat, please.

18 Can the parties, please, introduce  
19 themselves for the record, please? With the ANC?

20 MR. JOHNSON: Jerry Johnson. I am the  
21 Commissioner for Single Member District 1B02.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

1 Yes, ma'am, can you state your name for the  
2 record?

3 INTERPRETER HAGOS: Me?

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, I need --  
5 she -- you are here to interpret for her. She  
6 doesn't understand me, so I need you, sir, to  
7 tell her to state her name for the record.

8 INTERPRETER HAGOS: Okay.

9 MS. DESTA: Desta, D-E-S-T-A.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is your name  
11 Desta? What's your full name, ma'am?

12 MS. DESTA: Enkenyelesh, E-N-K-E-N-Y-  
13 E-L-E-S-H.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you,  
15 ma'am. Have a seat. Thank you.

16 Are there any preliminary matters in  
17 this case? Sir?

18 INTERPRETER HAGOS: Yes?

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I need you to  
20 interpret everything I say to her.

21 INTERPRETER HAGOS: Okay.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The question I

1 asked are there any preliminary matters in this  
2 case?

3 MR. JOHNSON: Not to my knowledge.  
4 Although, I don't think you should hold me to  
5 that, but I'm not aware of any preliminary  
6 matters.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you guys  
8 working on a settlement agreement?

9 MR. JOHNSON: There is a pretty  
10 substantial language barrier here, Chair, and so  
11 -- and it's a very simple issue. It's regarding  
12 the spirit of the existing agreement, which  
13 prohibited the sale of singles. Unfortunately,  
14 that language was explicit.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, hold  
16 on, sir. Hold on, hold on, hold on. Sir?

17 INTERPRETER HAGOS: Yes? Yes, Your  
18 Honor?

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You are  
20 supposed to interpret everything he is saying for  
21 she to understand.

22 INTERPRETER HAGOS: Okay. Okay.

1 Claimant states that it's -- we are not against  
2 the law. We have the right to sell singles less  
3 than 20 ounces. We have the right to sell. We  
4 have no -- I didn't see the law.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

6 From what I'm told -- all right, all right.

7 That's why they protest this matter. Okay?

8 INTERPRETER HAGOS: Yes, sir.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: From what I'm--  
10 it's my understanding that it's a simple issue.

11 It's single sale, right?

12 MR. JOHNSON: It is, right.

13 INTERPRETER HAGOS: Yes.

14 MR. JOHNSON: Right. In amending the  
15 language of the existing agreement, so as to  
16 reflect the current marketplace, you know, where  
17 singles are now sold in much larger sizes than 12  
18 ounces. You're exactly right.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

20 INTERPRETER HAGOS: Yes, we --

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

22 INTERPRETER HAGOS: -- the Claimant

1 says yes, we do.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry? She  
3 said what?

4 INTERPRETER HAGOS: She said yes, we  
5 get into an argument about the sale.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can't hear  
7 you, sir. Can you -- I can't hear you.

8 INTERPRETER HAGOS: She agreed. The  
9 Claimant agreed.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Agreed to what?

11 INTERPRETER HAGOS: Agreed to what you  
12 stating that it was --

13 MS. DESTA: According to agreement, we  
14 are not selling 16 and 12, 24 ounces. 12, 12.  
15 12 and 16 ounces.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
17 Okay. We -- there is a dispute between the  
18 parties, that's one of the reasons why they are  
19 challenging your license.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's all for  
21 the D.C. Government.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. All

1 right. I don't need to get in the middle of  
2 this. This is what we are going to do. We have  
3 -- this is a preliminary issue.

4 INTERPRETER HAGOS: Okay.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I was told that  
6 there is a substantial language issue. Okay?  
7 The Agency will provide a translator so you guys  
8 can negotiate. Okay? So we will provide it,  
9 because it appeared that both sides are not  
10 communicating. All right?

11 INTERPRETER HAGOS: Okay. Shall I  
12 tell her the statement?

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, it's not  
14 up to you to ask me to tell her. You are  
15 supposed to automatically tell her everything I  
16 say.

17 INTERPRETER HAGOS: Okay.

18 MS. DESTA: Yes.

19 INTERPRETER HAGOS: The Claimant agree  
20 on that.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm not even  
22 going to -- do you guys understand the process

1 for a protest, what needs to be done?

2 INTERPRETER HAGOS: Well, she said if  
3 you can tell us. If you can't tell us the  
4 process, maybe we would need to know that.

5 That's what she said.

6 MEMBER ALBERTI: Could we possibly  
7 call her back in after they talk to Martha?

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I'm  
9 going to say this for the record. Okay. I am  
10 concerned even with the translation services that  
11 are being provided today. Okay? I'm concerned.

12 And I am not comfortable that the  
13 Licensee even understands what is going on here  
14 today.

15 So I'm going to -- I think that -- I'm  
16 not sure where we can go with this. The Agency  
17 will provide appropriate translation services for  
18 both parties.

19 And I'm going to say this, this matter  
20 is scheduled for a Protest Hearing on February  
21 the 7th at 1:30 and I will ask the Agency once  
22 they have provided appropriate translation

1 services for both parties to reschedule this,  
2 because I don't think that -- I think there is a  
3 substantial language barrier here.

4 Okay. All right. So you guys can --  
5 so this matter is scheduled for a Protest Hearing  
6 on February 7th at 1:30. And so you guys can  
7 step back and our attorney will talk to you about  
8 the next step. Okay.

9 (Whereupon, the Protest (Status)  
10 Hearing was concluded at 10:05 a.m.)

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