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2 11:04 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, the
4 next case on our calendar is Case Number 22-CC-
5 00019, Dodge Market, License Number 99565.

6 Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate
7 the rights of the Government and the Licensee in
8 this case, please?

9 MR. ORELLANA: Alex Alemu, your access
10 has been elevated. That is all Chairman.

11 (Pause.)

12 MR. ALEMU: Hello.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, do
14 you have a camera, sir?

15 MR. ALEMU: Yes, my camera is on. I do
16 not know why it is not showing there.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, that
18 is fine. Mr. Lutes, can you please identify
19 yourself for the record, please?

20 MR. LUTES: Of course, Mr. Chairperson,
21 this is Assistant Attorney General Kevin Lutes,
22 that is K-E-V-I-N, L-U-T-E-S, for the District.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.

24 MR. LUTES: Good morning.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. --

1 (Simultaneous speaking.)

2 MR. ALEMU: My name is Alex Alemu. I
3 am representing New Dodge Market on behalf of the
4 licensee.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Can
6 you please spell your name, please, sir.

7 MR. ALEMU: Alex, A-L-E-X, last name,
8 A-L-E-M-U, Alemu.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Alemu. Good
10 morning, Mr. Alemu. Are you the owner, or are
11 you just the representative?

12 MR. ALEMU: I am just representing.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you an
14 attorney, sir, or -

15 MR. ALEMU: No, I am just the manager.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You are the
17 manager, and do we - what do you mean you are
18 the manager?

19 MR. ALEMU: Oh, I am a store manager
20 there.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any
22 ownership in this establishment, sir?

23 MR. ALEMU: No.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Did you provide
25 the Agency with a letter stating that you an

1 represent them at this matter?

2 MR. ALEMU: No, but I can - no.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, Mr.
4 Lutes, do we have any preliminary matters in
5 this?

6 MR. LUTES: Yes, Mr. Chairperson. As
7 preliminary matter in OIC was extended to the
8 licensee, and over the phone yesterday the
9 licensee and the District were able to come to an
10 agreement in principal, and the district is
11 prepared to read the terms of the OIC onto the
12 record for the licensee's acceptance.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who is it that
14 you - and who did you have - who did you speak
15 to yesterday, sir?

16 (Simultaneous speaking.)

17 MR. LUTES: I spoke with Alex over the
18 phone, apologies for cutting you off, Mr.
19 Chairperson.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, what
21 -

22 MR. ALEMU: Yes.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, what
24 is your last name, again, sir? I apologize.

25 MR. ALEMU: Alemu.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Alemu.

2 MR. ALEMU: Yes.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, Mr. Alemu
4 is not an owner. He is not an owner, and he has
5 not informed us that he has written authorization
6 from the owner to accept an offer in compromise,
7 so unless you are satisfied - unless you have
8 some type of written authorization, Mr. Lutes,
9 because we have not - the Board is not in a
10 position, at least at this juncture, to accept an
11 OIC, because I do not know whether or not Mr. --
12 I do not have any written authority saying that
13 this manager can accept this offer in compromise.

14 MR. LUTES: Understood, Mr.
15 Chairperson, and the District would be happy to
16 reduce the OIC to writing for signature to an
17 authorized agent or to the licensee.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This was
19 supposed to be a show cause hearing status, and
20 so I will just move on to schedule this for a
21 show cause hearing, a show cause hearing on
22 November 30, 2022 at 10:30 a.m., and the parties
23 can, if they have an offer in compromise, then
24 they can provide the Board with that written
25 offer in compromise and then we will consider

1 that on our legal agenda, okay?

2 MR. LUTES: Of course.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so
4 unless this matter settled then this matter is
5 scheduled for a show cause hearing on November
6 30, 2022, but it was my understanding that there
7 is an offer in compromise, however, as long as
8 the owner signs off on this offer in compromise
9 then we will accept this. One of the things I
10 will ask Mr. Lutes, if there are days to be
11 served on the offer in compromise, the days to be
12 served should be in the offer in compromise,
13 okay?

14 MR. LUTES: Of course, Mr. Chairperson,
15 I will make sure the days to be served are
16 included in the offer in compromise, and it is my
17 expectation that the District and the licensee
18 should be able to execute the offer in compromise
19 shortly.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Have
21 a great day everyone. Thank you.

22 MR. ALEMU: Thank you.

23 MR. LUTES: Thank you.

24 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
25 went off the record at 11:12 a.m.)

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