BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Investigation of **Middleton**) **Trucking LLC, of Downs, Kansas**, Regarding the) Violation(s) of the Motor Carrier Safety Statutes, Rules) and Regulations and the Commission's Authority to) Impose Penalties, Sanctions and/or the Revocation of) Motor Carrier Authority.

Docket No. 24-TRAM-867-UCR

STAFF'S MOTION TO VACATE PENALTY ORDER

The Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Staff), by and through its counsel, files its Motion to Vacate the Penalty Order issued to Middleton Trucking LLC (Carrier). In support of its Motion, Staff states as follows:

1. On June 17, 2024, Commission Staff submitted a Report and Recommendation regarding Carrier's failure to pay its Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) fees for year 2024. As explained by Staff, motor carriers must pay annual UCR fees in order to lawfully operate in interstate commerce.¹

2. On June 20, 2024, the Commission issued a Penalty Order in this docket assessing a \$300 civil penalty against Carrier for failure to pay its 2024 UCR fees.

3. Carrier contacted Staff after the issuance of the Penalty Order stating that Carrier is no longer operating and requested inactivation of its USDOT Number.

4. Staff inactivated the Carrier's USDOT Number. Additionally, after reviewing available records, Staff could not find evidence the carrier was found operating in interstate commerce. Staff therefore determined the Penalty Order issued for not paying their 2024 UCR fees should be vacated.

¹ Staff's R&R, p. 1 (Jun. 17, 2024).

5. Therefore, based on the facts stated above, Staff requests the Commission vacate the Penalty Order issued to Carrier on June 20, 2024.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, Staff respectfully requests the Commission vacate the Penalty Order issued to Middleton Trucking LLC in this docket on June 20, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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For Commission Staff

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Motion has been served to the following by means of

electronic service on July 18, 2024.

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