# BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Investigation of LK **Transport** LLC of Olathe, Kansas, ) Regarding the Violation 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. 17-TRAM-374-PEN

## **MOTION TO AMEND PENALTY ORDER**

The Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Staff and Commission, respectively), by and through its counsel Ahsan A. Latif, file this Motion requesting the Commission issue an Amended Penalty Order reducing the penalty assessed to LK Transport LLC (LK Transport), by fifty-percent (50%) less than the penalty assessed in the Penalty Order dated April 4, 2017. In support of this Motion, Staff states as follows:

1. On April 4, 2017, a Penalty Order was issued to LK Transport assessing it a penalty of \$2,650 for six (6) violation(s) of Kansas law that governs motor carriers, including various provisions of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs), as adopted by the Kansas Administrative Regulations. The violations were found during a Safety Compliance Review conducted by Special Investigator(s) Wade Patterson and Jared Smith on February 6, 2017.

1. The Notice of Penalty Assessment attached to the Penalty Order advised LK Transport it was a New Entrant carrier and was eligible for a fifty-percent (50%) reduced penalty if it submitted a signed and dated Reduced Penalty Agreement stating it will comply with the reduced penalty option terms and obligations stated therein.

2. On June 1, 2017, LK Transport submitted the Reduced Penalty Agreement. The Corrective Action Plan was submitted by the carrier and has been approved by Transportation

Staff. The Reduced Penalty Agreement is attached hereto and is hereby incorporated by reference.

3. Staff recommends the Commission issue an Amended Penalty Order assessing LK Transport a reduced penalty of \$1,325 (50% less than originally assessed) and requesting it to comply with the following terms and obligations:

- a. within thirty (30) days from the date of the Penalty Order dated April 4, 2017
  LK Transport shall send an individual responsible for safety compliance to attend a Commission-sponsored safety seminar, and proof of attendance must been submitted to Litigation Counsel;
- b. within eighteen (18) months of the Penalty Order dated April 4, 2017, LK
  Transport must submit to a follow-up Safety Compliance Review.
  Transportation Staff will contact the carrier to set up the review; and
- within (30) days from the date of service of the Amended Penalty Order, LK
  Transport must submit payment of \$1,325.

**WHEREFORE,** for the reasons set forth herein, Staff requests an Amended Penalty Order be issued by the Commission assessing LK Transport LLC a reduced penalty of \$1,325 and ordering it to comply with the proposed terms and obligations set out in paragraph 3 above.

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Respectfully submitted,

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#### REDUCED PENALTY AGREEMENT

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LK Transport LLC hereby submits this Reduced Penalty Agreement to become eligible for a fifty percent (50%) reduction in the penalty assessed in the Penalty Order dated April 4, 2017. LK Transport has agreed to comply with the following terms and obligations:

1. LK Transport has submitted, within fifteen (15) days from the date of the Penalty Order issued on April 4, 2017, this Reduced Penalty Agreement to Litigation Counsel at the above address.

2. LK Transport will, within 30 days from the date of the Penalty Order dated April 4, 2017, submit to Transportation Staff an approved Corrective Action Plan (CAP) documenting the violation(s) describing specific and detailed information explaining the carrier's efforts and concrete steps taken to ensure the violation(s) do not occur in the future.

3. LK Transport will, within thirty (30) days from the date of the Penalty Order dated April 4, 2017, send an individual responsible for safety compliance to attend a Commission-sponsored safety seminar, and proof of attendance will be submitted to the Litigation Counsel.

4. LK Transport will be available within eighteen (18) months from the date of the Penalty Order for a Safety Compliance Review. Transportation Staff will contact it to schedule the review.

LK Transport LLC understands that if approved, Transportation Litigation Counsel will file a Motion for Amended Penalty Order with the Agreement attached to the motion. The Amended Penalty Order will assess LK Transport a fifty-percent (50%) reduced penalty of \$1,325, and set out the terms and conditions stated above. Once the Amended Penalty Order is issued by the Commission, LK Transport will have thirty (30) days from the date of service of the Amended Order to pay the reduced penalty assessed.

Dated this 1st day of June\_ 2017.

LK Transport LLC

Dustin Knoche

Managing Member

(This Agreement can be mailed via U.S. Mail to the address above to the attention of Ahsan Latif, Litigation Counsel, or sent via e-mail to <u>v.jacobsen@kcc.ks.gov</u> and <u>alatif@kcc.ks.gov</u>.)

## VERIFICATION

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STATE OF KANSAS ) ) ss. COUNTY OF SHAWNEE )

Ahsan A. Latif, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and states that he is Litigation Counsel for the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas; that he has read and is familiar with the foregoing *Motion to Amend Penalty Order*, and attests that the statements therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Ahsan A. Latif. 8. Ct 24709

Litigation Counsel The State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this  $1^{5+}$  day of June, 2017.

Notary Public - State of Kansas My Appt. Expires

Vicki D. Jacobsen Notary Public

My Appointment Expires: June 30, 2018

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Motion to Amend Penalty Order was served via electronic service this 1st day of June, 2017, to the following:

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