BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Investigation of **Bar M**) **Trucking LLC of Iola, 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. 20-TRAM-117-PEN

MOTION FOR ORDER AMENDING PENALTY ASSESSMENT

The Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Staff and Commission, respectively), by and through its counsel, Ahsan A. Latif, files this Motion requesting the Commission issue an Order Amending Penalty Assessment reducing the penalty assessed to Bar M Trucking LLC (Bar M Trucking), fifty-percent (50%) less than the penalty assessed in the Penalty Order dated September 17, 2019. In support of its Motion, Staff states as follows:

1. On September 17, 2019, a Penalty Order was issued to Bar M Trucking assessing it a penalty of \$250 for one (1) 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 on August 14, 2019, by Special Investigator Michael Heenan.

2. The Notice of Penalty Assessment advised Bar M Trucking it was a New Entrant carrier and may be eligible for a fifty-percent (50%) reduced penalty if it submitted a signed and dated Reduced Penalty Agreement within fifteen (15) days from the date of the Penalty Order, stating it will comply with the reduced penalty option terms and obligations stated therein.

3. On September 26, 2019, Bar M Trucking 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.

4. Staff recommends the Commission issue an Order Amending Penalty Assessment assessing Bar M Trucking a 50% reduced penalty of \$125 and requesting it to comply with the following terms and obligations:

- a. within thirty (30) days from the date of the Penalty Order dated September 17, 2019, Bar M Trucking 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, Bar M Trucking must submit to a follow-up Safety Compliance Review. Transportation Staff will contact the carrier to set up the review; and
- c. within thirty (30) days from the date of service of the Order Amending Penalty Assessment, Bar M Trucking must make the payment of \$125 through the KTRAN system located at https://puc.kcc.ks.gov/ktran/.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, Staff requests an Order Amending Penalty Assessment be issued by the Commission assessing Bar M Trucking LLC a reduced penalty of \$125 and ordering it to comply with the proposed terms and obligations set out in paragraph 4 above.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorney for Commission Staff

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 for Order Amending Penalty Assessment*, and attests that the statements therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Ahsan A. Latif, S. Ct. # 24709 Litigation Counsel The State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this <u>30</u> day of September, 2019.

VICKI D. JACOBSEN Notary Public - State of Kansas

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REDUCED PENALTY AGREEMENT

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Bar M Trucking LLC (Bar M Trucking) hereby submits this Reduced Penalty Agreement for approval of a fifty percent (50%) reduction in the penalty assessed in the Penalty Order dated September 17, 2019. Bar M Trucking has agreed to comply with the following terms and obligations:

1. Bar M Trucking has submitted, within fifteen (15) days from the date of the Penalty Order this signed and dated Reduced Penalty Agreement to Litigation Counsel.

2. Bar M Trucking will, within thirty (30) days from the date of the Penalty Order, submit to Transportation Staff a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) documenting the violation(s) and describing specific and detailed information explaining its efforts and concrete steps taken to ensure the violation(s) do not occur in the future. I understand the CAP must be approved by Transportation Staff to become eligible for the 50% reduced penalty.

 Bar M Trucking will, within thirty (30) days from the date of the Penalty Order, 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. Bar M Trucking will be available within eighteen (18) months from the date of the Penalty Order for a follow-up Safety Compliance Review. Transportation Staff will contact the carrier to schedule the review.

Bar M Trucking LLC understands that if approved, an Order Amending Penalty Assessment will be issued by the Commission assessing a reduced penalty of \$125, and will set out the terms and conditions stated above. Once the Order Amending Penalty Assessment is issued by the Commission, Bar M Trucking will have thirty (30) days from the date of service of that Order to pay the reduced penalty assessed.

Dated this 26 day of Sept. 2019.

Bar M Trucking LLC

Rhoda Morrison 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>vjacobsen@kcc.ks.gov</u> and <u>alatif@kcc.ks.gov</u>.)

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 Assessment was served via electronic service this 30th day of September, 2019, to the following:

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