

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Pat Apple, Chairman
Shari Feist Albrecht
Jay Scott Emler

In the Matter of the Investigation of **Troy L. Love, d/b/a Love's Moving Service of Topeka, 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.)
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) Docket No. 17-TRAM-416-PEN
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ORDER AMENDING PENALTY ORDER

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration. Having examined its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

BACKGROUND

1. On April 4, 2017, this Commission issued a Penalty Order to Troy L. Love, d/b/a Love's Moving Service (hereinafter Love's Moving Service), assessing it a civil penalty of \$1,300, in accordance with the FY 2017 Uniform Penalty Assessment Matrix. The penalty(s) was for three (3) 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, and is therefore subject to sanctions or fines imposed by the Commission.

2. Love's Moving Service was advised in the Penalty Order issued on April 4, 2017, that since it was a New Entrant motor carrier and being reviewed for the first time, it was eligible for a reduced penalty of fifty-percent (50%), less than what is normally assessed motor carriers

in accordance with the FY 2017 Uniform Penalty Assessment Matrix, but it must comply with the terms and obligations described in the Notice of Penalty Assessment and the Reduced Penalty Agreement.

3. On April 18, 2017, Staff filed a Motion for Amended Penalty Order, requesting the Commission assess Love's Moving Service with a fifty-percent (50%) reduced penalty of \$650, and setting out specific terms and obligations for Love's Moving Service's compliance.

4. Staff states that on April 17, 2017, Love's Moving Service submitted the Reduced Penalty Agreement and the Corrective Action Plan, which was approved by Transportation Staff. A copy of the Reduced Penalty Agreement was attached to Staff's Motion.

FINDINGS OF FACT

5. The Penalty Order issued on April 4, 2017, assessed Love's Moving Service a civil penalty(s) of \$1,300 for three (3) violation(s) of the motor carrier safety statutes, rules and regulations.

6. Staff recommended in its Motion that due to Love's Moving Service's agreement to comply with the terms and obligations for a fifty-percent (50%) reduction in the penalty assessed, an Amended Penalty Order be issued by the Commission assessing it a reduced penalty of \$650, and setting out the terms and conditions as stated in its motion.

7. K.S.A. 66-1,142c authorizes the Commission to determine the amount of civil penalty and states in pertinent part:

“Any civil penalty may be compromised by the state corporation commission. In determining the amount of the penalty or the amount agreed in compromise, the appropriateness of the penalty to the size of the business, the gravity of the violation and the good faith of the person charged in attempting to achieve compliance, shall be considered.”
(emphasis added)

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

(A) The civil penalty of \$1,300 assessed to Troy L. Love, d/b/a Love's Moving Service in the Penalty Order dated April 4, 2017, is hereby amended to \$650, which is fifty-percent (50%) less than what is normally assessed to motor carriers pursuant to the FY 2017 Uniform Penalty Assessment Matrix.

(B) This Amended Penalty Order was mailed on April 25, 2017, via certified mail, return receipt requested, Certified Receipt No. 7016 1970 0001 0574 0952. Service is complete upon the date the carrier signs the Domestic Return Receipt. Payment of the reduced amount is due within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this Amended Penalty Order. A check shall be made payable to the Kansas Corporation Commission and submitted for payment. For credit card payments, include type of card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express), account number and expiration date. Payment shall be mailed to the Transportation Division of the Kansas Corporation Commission, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604. *The payment shall include a reference to the docket number of this proceeding.*

(C) Love's Moving Service is ordered to, within thirty (30) days from the date of the Penalty Order dated «Date», send an individual responsible for safety compliance to attend a Commission-sponsored safety seminar, and submit proof of attendance to the Transportation Division.

(D) Love's Moving Service must submit to a follow-up compliance review within eighteen (18) months from the date of the Penalty Order dated April 4, 2017. Transportation Staff will contact Love's Moving Service to schedule the review.

(E) If Love's Moving Service fails to pay the reduced fine of \$650 and/or fails to comply with the terms and conditions ordered above, the Commission may order Love's Moving

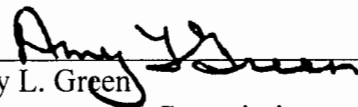
Service additional sanctions, including enforcement of an out-of-service order, revoking its authority or any further sanctions as the Commission deems necessary.

(F) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it may deem necessary and proper.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Apple, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: APR 25 2017



Amy L. Green
Secretary to the Commission

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of first class mail/hand delivered on APR 26 2017.

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