

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson
 Dwight D. Keen
 Annie Kuether

In the Matter of the Investigation of **Wooten**)
Trucking LLC of Emporia, Kansas. Regarding)
the Violation(s) of the Motor Carrier Safety)
Statutes, Rules and Regulations and the) Docket No. 25-TRAM-476-UCR
Commission's Authority to Impose Penalties,)
Sanctions and/or the Revocation of Motor Carrier)
Authority.)

ORDER GRANTING STAFF'S MOTION TO WAIVE CIVIL FINE

The above-captioned matter comes on for consideration and determination by the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission), on Transportation Staff's motion. The Commission, being fully advised in the premises, finds as follows:

I. JURISDICTION

1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,111, 66-1,112, and 66-1,114b, and amendments thereto, the Commission is given full power, authority and jurisdiction to supervise and control motor carriers, as defined in 49 C.F.R. 390.5 and as adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3f, doing business or procuring business in Kansas, and is empowered to do all things necessary and convenient for the exercise of such power, authority, and jurisdiction.

2. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,129a, 66-1,130, and 66-1,142b, and amendments thereto, the Commission may suspend operations, revoke, or amend certificates, and initiate sanctions or fines against every motor carrier and every person who violates any provision of Kansas law in regard to

the regulation of such motor carriers and persons, or who fails to obey any order, decision, or regulation of the Commission.

3. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,129(a)(7), the Commission has adopted motor carrier transportation regulation (K.A.R. 82-4-3f) consistent with the federal motor carrier safety assistance program and other federal requirements concerning transportation of hazardous waste.

4. Wooten Trucking LLC, of Emporia (“Carrier”), is a motor carrier as defined in K.A.R. 82-4-3f that operates commercial motor vehicles in interstate commerce.

5. Carrier is registered as a motor carrier with the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and operates under USDOT Number 2960020.

6. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,139a and K.A.R. 82-4-30a, motor carriers operating interstate commerce must pay Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) fees annually, by January 1. Carrier failed to pay its annual UCR fees by January 1, 2025, as required by 49 C.F.R 367.40 and adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-30a.

7. On July 22, 2025, the Commission issued Carrier a Penalty Order.¹ The Penalty Order assessed Carrier a \$300 civil fine for failing to pay its 2025 UCR fees by January 1, 2025, as required by 49 C.F.R. 367.40 and adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-30a. The Commission’s Penalty Order is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Order.

8. On September 2, 2025, Carrier contacted Staff regarding the Penalty Order and Carrier’s unpaid UCR fees. Carrier stated that it ceased operations and requested Staff inactivate its USDOT profile.

¹ See Penalty Order, (Jul. 22, 2025).

9. Staff inactivated Carrier's USDOT profile. Furthermore, after a review of records, Staff could not find evidence the Carrier had operated in interstate commerce in 2025.

10. Staff determined that the Commission should waive the \$300 civil fine.

11. On September 30, 2025, Staff filed a Motion to Waive Civil Fine.

12. The Commission finds it has jurisdiction over Carrier because it is a motor carrier as defined in 49 C.F.R. 390.5 and as adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3f.

13. Based on the available facts in the record, the Commission finds that Staff's recommendation to waive the \$300 civil fine to be reasonable.

14. The Commission concludes that Carrier does not operate in interstate commerce and therefore the \$300 civil fine issued in the July 22, 2025, Penalty Order should be waived.

THE COMMISSION THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

A. The \$300 civil fine in the Penalty Order issued to Wooten Trucking LLC on July 22, 2025, is hereby waived.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 10/07/2025



Celeste Chaney-Tucker
Executive Director

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of electronic service on 10/07/2025.

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