

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

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

In the Matter of the Emergency Suspension of)
Operating Authority of **Ventures Contracting,**)
Inc. of McPherson, Kansas, for Failure to) Docket No. 15-TRAM-140-OOS
Comply with New Entrant Safety Requirements as)
Required by the Motor Carrier Safety Statutes,)
Rules and Regulations.)

ORDER REINSTATING MOTOR CARRIER OPERATING AUTHORITY

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

I. JURISDICTION

12. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 66-1,108b, 66-1,111, 66-1,112, 66-1,114, 66-1,114b and 66-1,115, and amendments thereto, the Commission is given full power, authority and jurisdiction to supervise and control motor carriers, as defined in K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 66-1,108, 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.

13. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 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.

14. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 66-1,129(a)(7), the Commission has adopted motor carrier transportation regulations (K.A.R. 82-4-1 *et seq.*) consistent with the federal motor carrier safety assistance program and other federal requirements concerning transportation of hazardous waste.

II. BACKGROUND

15. Ventures Contracting, Inc. is a motor carrier as defined in K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 66-1,108 that operates commercial motor vehicle(s) in both intrastate and interstate commerce in a manner that requires authority.

16. Ventures Contracting, Inc. is registered as a motor carrier with the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and operates under USDOT Number 1992656.

17. The Commission received notice from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration that Ventures Contracting, Inc.'s New Entrant Registration had been revoked effective September 25, 2014 for failure to comply with safety requirements.

18. Pursuant to the above authority, on October 2, 2014, the Commission entered an Emergency Suspension of Operating Authority Order on Ventures Contracting, Inc. in the above-referenced docket, until such time that Staff recommended reinstatement.

III. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

19. On February 25, 2015, the Staff of the Transportation Division of the Kansas Corporation Commission (Staff) received notice from the U.S. Department of Transportation,

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, that Ventures Contracting, Inc. has submitted evidence of compliance with safety requirements as required in 49 C.F.R. 385.329. As a result, the carrier's reapplication for New Entrant registration under USDOT No. 1992656 has been approved and the carrier's authority to operate in interstate operations has been reinstated. See attached FMCSA reinstatement documentation.

20. Based on the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's reinstatement, it is Staff's recommendation to reinstate Ventures Contracting, Inc.'s motor carrier operating authority in Kansas.

IV. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

21. The Commission finds it has jurisdiction over Ventures Contracting, Inc. because it is a motor carrier as defined in K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 66-1,108.

22. Based on the available facts, the Commission finds that Staff's recommendation to reinstate Ventures Contracting, Inc.'s operating authority in Kansas is reasonable.

THE COMMISSION THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

(D) Ventures Contracting, Inc.'s certificate, permit or license that is necessary to carry on the business of a private and/or public motor carrier in Kansas is hereby reinstated.

(E) Ventures Contracting, Inc. remains obligated to attend a Commission-sponsored safety seminar pursuant to the Emergency Suspension of Operating Authority Order at paragraph B., entered on October 2, 2014.

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

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: _____

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U.S. Department of
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USDOT Number: 1992656
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According to Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) records, thirty days have elapsed since VENTURES CONTRACTING INC's USDOT New Entrant registration was revoked on September 25, 2014, based on a failed safety audit conducted on July 23, 2014. Our records also indicate that VENTURES CONTRACTING INC has reapplied in accordance with 49 CFR section 385.329. VENTURES CONTRACTING INC's reapplication for USDOT New Entrant registration has been approved.

VENTURES CONTRACTING INC's 18-month new entrant safety monitoring period restarts as of February 25, 2015. FMCSA will continue to monitor and evaluate VENTURES CONTRACTING INC's safety management practices and on-road performance to ensure VENTURES CONTRACTING INC has basic safety management controls that are operating effectively and is complying with Federal requirements including the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) and applicable Federal Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMRs). Failure to comply with applicable requirements may result in the revocation of VENTURES CONTRACTING INC's USDOT New Entrant or permanent registration.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. DeLorenzo, Director, Office of
Enforcement and Compliance

PLEASE FORWARD THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT (S) ISSUED IN THE ABOVE-REFERENCED DOCKET TO THE FOLLOWING:

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The Docket Room hereby certified that on this _____ day of _____, 20____, it caused a true and correct copy of the attached ORDER to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the above persons.