

**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 **Richard W )  
Coomes d/b/a Coomes Plumbing & Htg, of Saint )  
Paul, Kansas**, Regarding the Violation of the )  
Motor Carrier Safety Statutes, Rules and )     Docket No. 25-TRAM-420-UCR  
Regulations and the 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, 66-1,112g, 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 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. Richard W Coomes d/b/a Coomes Plumbing & Htg, of Saint Paul, Kansas (“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 1465811.

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 10, 2025, the Commission issued Carrier a Penalty Order.<sup>1</sup> 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 July 17, 2024, Carrier contacted Staff regarding the Penalty Order and Carrier’s unpaid UCR fees. Carrier stated that it does not operate in interstate commerce and requested Staff update its USDOT profile accordingly.

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<sup>1</sup> See Penalty Order, (Jul. 10, 2025).

9. Staff updated 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 July 21, 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 10, 2025, Penalty Order should be waived.

**THE COMMISSION THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

A. The \$300 civil fine in the Penalty Order issued to Richard W Coomes d/b/a Coomes Plumbing & Htg on July 10, 2025, is hereby waived.

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 07/24/2025



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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 07/24/2025.

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