

**Varco Motors, LLC
16948 Hwy K16
Denison, KS 66419**

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Kansas Highway Patrol
122 SW 7th St
Topeka, KS 66603

Docket No. 16-GIMM-480-KHP

RE: Invoice #H000560937

I am asking for an administrative hearing with the KCC.

Issue #1 - inoperative turn signal
I would like to acknowledge as I did on the previous appeal, that I was informed by a customer that my right tail light was not working.

While the light was not working at the roadside inspection, it was working on the pretrip inspection, and began to work as I was escorted back to our Holton location. I did more checking at our Denison location, but could not get the light to fall. I have done nothing to correct the problem, but it has not failed since.

I am not denying the turn light was inoperative at the roadside inspection, but do not feel the \$150.00 fine does anything to improve my inspection procedures.

Issue #2 - no breakaway

My frustration with the breakaway fine is that I was stopped by the same officer 4 month's earlier and was surprised she did not check my breakaway. It may seem odd that I am complaining about the breakaway not being checked on the previous stop, but more sobering to realize that my breakaway possibly was not working since installing a new one on 4/2/15.

I learned as a result of the stop on 2/15/16, that it is not enough to check for a fully charged battery on the breakaway. I found that when I installed the breakaway, the ground wire was not making contact with the trailer (due to a layer of paint). I am wondering if your inspectors may choose which items to check or if there are some general guidelines to follow. I don't recall another inspection that the officer did not check the breakaway.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Richard Varner, Owner

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