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

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

In the Matter of the Investigation of **Cow Town**) Nutrition LLC, of Abilene, 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.

Docket No. 17-TRAM-217-PEN

ORDER REINSTATING INTRASTATE MOTOR CARRIER OPERATIONS

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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

Pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 66-1,108b, 66-1,111, 66-1,112, 66-1,114, 66-1,114b 1. 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. 2016 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.

2. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 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.

3. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 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

4. Cow Town Nutrition LLC, of Abilene, Kansas (Respondent), is a motor carrier as defined in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 66-1,108 that operates commercial motor vehicles in intrastate commerce.

5. Respondent is registered as a motor carrier with the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and operates under USDOT Number 2166363.

6. On January 25, 2017, the Commission issued an Order suspending Respondent's intrastate motor carrier operations, other than such motor carrier operations excepted from the Commission's regulation under K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 66-1,129, due to non-compliance with a Penalty Order issued in this docket on November 29, 2016. The Penalty Order also assessed Respondent a \$950 civil fine. The Commission's Penalty Order is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Order.

7. On February 2, 2017, Respondent submitted evidence to Transportation Staff (Staff) of bringing its motor carrier operation into compliance with Kansas motor carrier safety statutes, rules and regulations pursuant to the above-referenced Penalty Order. Respondent also paid the \$950 civil assessment.

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III. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

8. Based on Respondent's compliance with the November 29, 2016, Penalty Order issued in this docket, Staff recommends the Commission reinstate Respondent's Kansas motor carrier operations.

IV. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

9. The Commission finds it has jurisdiction over Respondent because it is a motor carrier as defined in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 66-1,108.

10. Based on the available facts, the Commission finds that Staff's recommendation to reinstate Cow Town Nutrition LLC's motor carrier operations is reasonable.

THE COMMISSION THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

A. Cow Town Nutrition LLC's ability to carry on motor carrier operations in the state of Kansas is hereby reinstated.

B. Cow Town Nutrition LLC remains obligated to attend a Commission-sponsored safety seminar within the next ninety (90) days pursuant to the above-referenced Penalty Order at paragraph B, entered on November 29, 2016. Respondent must also provide Staff with written proof of attendance.

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders, as necessary.

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BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Apple, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: _____ FEB 0 9 2017

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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 _____ FEB 0 9 2017

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