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#### NOTICE OF PENALTY ASSESSMENT 19-TRAM-278-PEN

January 31, 2019

Todd Schafer, President Custom Neon and Vinyl Graphics, Inc. 530 NW Broad Street Topeka, KS 66608

This is a notice of a penalty assessment against Custom Neon and Vinyl Graphics, Inc. (Custom Neon) for violation(s) of Kansas Motor Carrier Safety Statutes, Rules, and Regulations discovered during a compliance review conducted on December 19, 2018, by Kansas Corporation Commission Special Investigator Jared Smith. Penalties are assessed in accordance with the FY 2019 Uniform Penalty Assessment Matrix, approved by the Commission on August 7, 2018. For a full description of the penalty(s) and terms and obligations please refer to the Order attached to this notice.

**IF YOU ACCEPT THE PENALTY:** Custom Neon has been assessed a \$700 penalty. You have thirty (30) days from the date of service of the Penalty Order to pay the penalty. Please remit payment of \$700, through your personal account with the Kansas Corporation Commission's KTRAN system located at https://puc.kcc.ks.gov/ktran/. If you have not received a letter from the Transportation Division assigning you a PIN, please contact that Division at 785-271-3145. You must have an account through KTRAN to pay the penalty owed.

The attached Order requires a representative of Custom Neon to attend a Commission-sponsored safety seminar within ninety (90) days from the date of the Order and to provide the undersigned Litigation Counsel with written proof of attendance. A schedule of dates and locations for safety seminars can be found at the Commission's website <u>http://www.kcc.state.ks.us/trans/safety\_meetings.htm</u>. The Order also requires your company to submit to one follow-up safety compliance review within 18 months from the date of the Order. Transportation Staff will contact your company at a later date to determine an appropriate time for this review.

**IF YOU CONTEST THE PENALTY ORDER: You have the right to request a hearing.** A request for hearing must be made in writing, setting forth the specific grounds upon which relief is sought. Custom Neon must file, within fifteen (15) days from the date of service of this Order, the request for hearing with the Commission's electronic filing system found at https://puc.kcc.ks.gov/e-filing/e-express/, and mail a copy of the request for hearing to the undersigned at the above address. If you do not have access to the internet, you can mail an original and seven copies of the request to the Secretary to the Commission at 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604, and mail a copy to the undersigned Litigation Counsel. K.A.R. 82-1-215; K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 77-542.

**<u>IF YOU FAIL TO ACT</u>**: Failure to pay the penalty of \$700 within thirty (30) days from the date of service of the Penalty Order or failure to comply with the terms of the Order, or in the alternative, failure to provide a timely written request for a hearing, will result in the Order becoming final and may result in additional sanctions of suspension and/or revocation of your motor carrier operating authority.

Respectfully, Ahsan A. Latif

Litigation Counsel (785) 271-3118

## THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:	Dwight D. Keen, Chair
	Shari Feist Albrecht
	Jay Scott Emler

In the Matter of the Investigation of **Custom**) Neon and Vinyl Graphics, Inc., of Topeka, ) KS, 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. 19-TRAM-278-PEN

#### PENALTY ORDER

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The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having examined its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

#### **JURISDICTION** I.

1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 66-1,108b, 66-1,111, 66-1,112, 66-1,114, 66-

1,114b and 66-1,115, the Commission is given full power, authority and jurisdiction to supervise and control motor carriers, as defined in K.S.A. 2018 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.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 66-1,129a, 66-1,130 and 66-1,142b, the 2. 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. The Commission has the authority, pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-237, to investigate an entity under the Commission's jurisdiction and issue an order on the Commission's own motion when the Commission believes the entity is in violation of the law or any order of the Commission.

# II. BACKGROUND

4. Custom Neon and Vinyl Graphics, Inc. (Custom Neon) has private operating authority with the Commission and further operates under USDOT number 784684.

5. Todd Schafer attended a Commission-sponsored Motor Carrier Education and Safety Instructional Meeting on March 16, 2017, on behalf of Custom Neon.

6. Custom Neon is a private motor carrier which primarily hauls signs.

# **III. STATEMENT OF FACTS**

7. Pursuant to the jurisdiction and authority cited above, on December 19, 2018, Commission Staff (Staff) Special Investigator Jared Smith conducted a safety compliance review of the operations of Custom Neon. A copy of the safety compliance review is included in this Penalty Order as Attachment "A" and is hereby incorporated by reference. As a result of this investigation, the special investigator identified two (2) violation(s) of the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

> a. On April 9, 2018, Custom Neon required or permitted its driver, Timothy Robitaille, to operate a CDL-required commercial motor vehicle, a 2000 International, VIN ending in 2833820, GVWR 36,000 lbs., in intrastate commerce in and around the area of Topeka, Kansas. This trip is

evidenced by a record of duty status, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment "B" and is hereby incorporated by reference. At the time of this transportation, Custom Neon failed to make an inquiry every 12 months into the annual motor vehicle record (MVR) of its driver and maintain the response(s) of each state agency in the driver qualification file. This carrier was cited for the same violation in a compliance review conducted on January 11, 2017. Custom Neon's failure to inquire into its driver's MVR at least once every 12 months and maintain a copy of the MVR in the driver qualification file is a violation of 49 C.F.R. Part 391.25(a) and (c)(1), adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3g, and authorized by K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 66-1,112. Staff recommends an enhanced fine of \$500.

b. During the transportation described in paragraph a, above, Custom Neon failed to designate a person to supervise staff for the purposes of making reasonable suspicion determinations regarding alcohol and drug usage. This designated person must then undergo reasonable suspicion training to include 60 minutes of alcohol training and 60 minutes of controlled substance training. This carrier was cited for the same section of 49 C.F.R. 382 in a prior safety compliance review conducted on January 11, 2017. Custom Neon's inability to produce documentation of this training and its failure to have a designated person to attend 60 minutes of training on alcohol misuse and an additional 60 minutes of training on controlled substances use is a violation of 49 C.F.R. 382.603, adopted by K.A.R. 82-

4-3c, and authorized by K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 66-1,129. Staff recommends an enhanced fine of \$200.

#### IV. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS

8. Based upon the available facts, Staff recommends the Commission finds Custom Neon committed two (2) violation(s) of Kansas law that governs motor carriers, including various provisions of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs), as adopted by the Kansas Administrative Regulations, and is therefore subject to sanctions or fines imposed by the Commission.

9. Additionally, Staff recommends a civil penalty of \$700 for two (2) violation(s) of the Motor Carrier Safety Statutes, Rules and Regulations.

10. Staff further recommends that a representative from Custom Neon be required to attend a Commission-sponsored safety seminar within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, and provide Litigation Counsel with written proof of attendance. A schedule of the dates and locations for safety seminars can be found on the Commission's website at http://kcc.ks.gov/trans/safety\_meetings.htm.

11. Finally, Staff recommends that Custom Neon submit to one follow-up safety compliance review within eighteen (18) months from the date of this Order. Transportation Staff will contact the motor carrier at a later date to determine an appropriate time for this review.

### V. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

12. The Commission finds it has jurisdiction over Custom Neon because it is a motor carrier as defined in K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 66-1,108.

13. The Commission finds Custom Neon committed two (2) violation(s) of Kansas law that governs motor carriers, including various provisions of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety

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# THE COMMISSION THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

A. Custom Neon and Vinyl Graphics, Inc., of Topeka, KS is hereby assessed a \$700 civil penalty for two (2) violation(s) of Kansas law governing the regulation of motor carriers, the Kansas Administrative Regulations and provisions of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, as adopted by the Kansas Administrative Regulations.

B. Custom Neon is hereby ordered to attend a Commission-sponsored safety seminar within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, and is to provide Litigation Counsel with written proof of attendance.

C. Custom Neon is ordered to submit to one follow-up safety compliance review within eighteen (18) months from the date of this Order. Transportation Staff will contact the carrier to set up the appointment.

D. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 77-537 and K.S.A. 77-542, any party may request a hearing on the above issue(s) by submitting a written request setting forth the specific grounds upon which relief is sought. The request may be electronically filed with the Commission's electronic filing system at https://puc.kcc.ks.gov/e-filing/e-express/, within fifteen (15) days from the date of service of this Order, and a copy of the request mailed to the Litigation Division. If you do not have access to the internet, you can mail an original and seven copies of the request to the Secretary to the Commission, at 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604, and mail a copy of the request to Litigation Counsel. A hearing will be scheduled only upon written request. Failure to timely request a hearing will result in a waiver of Custom Neon's right to a hearing, and this Penalty Order will become a Final Order assessing a \$700 civil penalty against Custom Neon, and ordering a representative from Custom Neon to attend a Commissionsponsored safety seminar within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order and provide Litigation Counsel with written proof of attendance, and to submit to a safety compliance review within 18 months from the date of this Order.

E. If a request for hearing is filed, attorneys for all parties shall enter their appearances in Commission proceedings by giving their names and addresses for the record. For civil penalties exceeding \$500, a corporation shall appear before the Commission by its attorney, unless waived by the Commission for good cause shown and a determination that such waiver is in the public interest. K.S.A. 77-515(c); K.A.R. 82-1-228(d)(2); K.A.R. 82-1-202(a). For civil penalties less than \$500, a corporation may appear by a duly authorized representative of the corporation. K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 66-1,142b(e) and amendments thereto.

F. If you do not request a hearing, the payment of the civil penalty of \$700 is due in thirty (30) days from the date of service of this Order. Payment of \$700 must be made through your personal account with the Kansas Corporation Commission's KTRAN system located at <u>https://puc.kcc.ks.gov/ktran/</u>. You must have an account through KTRAN to pay the penalty.

G. Failure to pay the \$700 civil penalty within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this Penalty Order, *see* K.S.A. 66-1,105, and/or failure to comply with the provisions of this Order, may result in suspension of Custom Neon's motor carrier operating authority without further notice. Additionally, the Commission may impose further sanctions to include, but not limited to, the issuance and enforcement of revocation of authority and/or cease and desist orders, and any other remedies available to the Commission by law, without further notice.

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

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# BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Keen, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: \_\_\_\_01/31/2019

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# **ATTACHMENT "A"**

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Cargo Tank:	N/A			
Company Physical Add	ress:			
TOPEKA, KS 66608				
Contact Name: To	odd Schafer			
Phone numbers: (1)			Fax	
E-Mail Address:				
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TOPEKA, KS 66608				
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CUSTOM NEON AND VINYL GRAPHICS INC

U.S. DOT #: 784684

Part A

QUESTIONS regarding this report or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety or Hazardous Materials rules may be addressed to the Office of Motor Carriers at.

#### This report will be used to assess your safety compliance.

Person(s) Interviewed Name: Todd Schafer Name:

Title: President Title:





# CUSTOM NEON AND VINYL GRAPHICS INC U.S. DOT # 784684

# Part B Violations

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# Safety Management Process Breakdowns and Remedies

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The data preview may be found at http://csa.fmcsa dot.gov/. During the data preview period, the Agency requests comments on the impacts of the changes.

#### 2. For all Investigations

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#### Safety Management Process Breakdowns and Remedies

evidence as indicated in the recommendations above, (example: vehicle inspections performed, proof of drug and alcohol testing in place, etc.) necessary to prove that corrective action has been taken. Mail the letter along with copies of your supporting evidence to

Kansas Corporation Commission Attn Gary Davenport 1500 SW Arrowhead Rd Topeka, KS 66604-4027

- 3. Ensure that all persons designated to supervise CDL drivers receive at least 60 minutes of training on alcohol misuse and receive at least an additional 60 minutes of training on controlled substance use.
- 4. DRIVER FITNESS BASIC PROCESS BREAKDOWN. Monitoring and Tracking

DESCRIPTION OF PROCESS BREAKDOWN. Custom Neon and Vinyl Graphics Inc's violations occurred due to a breakdown regarding the monitoring and tracking elements within this section. It is the carrier's responsibility to execute all annual requirements and to verify that all drivers are qualified to operate commercial motor vehicles.

BASIC SPECIFIC RECOMMENDED REMEDIES. New Motor Vehicle Reports (MVR) need to be obtained within 365 days from the date of the previous MVR. Additionally, make sure that you have drivers complete a listing of driver violations when you run the MVR's. Then sign the certificate qualifying them for another year if they meet the standards. Utilize the documents provided to you at the time of this investigation.

Implement Safety Improvement Practices<sup>-</sup> The following are recommended practices related to Monitoring and Tracking Processes.

• Implement an effective process for monitoring and documenting all drivers' job functions, training, qualifications, renewal dates, disclosed medical conditions, and operational restrictions, including those of drivers on a waiver program or with impairments that may be satisfied by a Skill Performance Evaluation certificate, to ensure that assignments are covered by qualified drivers.

• Review and retain each driver's Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) at least annually to ensure compliance with company policies, Federal regulations, and State and local laws and ordinances related to driver fitness. If a driver seems to have numerous violations, the MVR should be reviewed more often. Random MVR checks in addition to annual checks are also effective. File the MVR in each driver's driver gualification file after review.

• Maintain each driver's investigation history file in a secure location with limited and controlled access for as long as the driver is employed and for three years thereafter.

• Maintain roadside inspection reports, moving violation records, training records, the Commercial Driver's License (CDL), the dispatch schedule, bills of lading, and the medical report to help evaluate the performance of all staff involved in qualifying drivers (dispatchers and managers) and the effectiveness of the policies and procedures.

 Implement a system for keeping accurate records of employee driver fitness training needs, such as entry-level and HAZMAT training, and completed training, via software, a checklist in the driver's file, and/or another appropriate method.

• Evaluate personnel who are monitoring driver fitness performance by making sure they are reviewing driver-assignment and qualification files; applying the performance standards fairly, consistently, and equitably, and documenting the evaluations.

• Regularly evaluate the company's driver fitness-related inspection results via the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) website at http://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/SMS. Assess violations for process breakdowns and how to remedy them. Use data to help implement an effective process beyond self-reporting to monitor, document, and evaluate compliance with driver-fitness regulations and company policies.

• When monitoring and tracking any driver-fitness-related issue, always assess whether it is individual or represents a systemic breakdown in one of the Safety Management Processes (Policies and Procedures, Roles and Responsibilities, etc.).

Seek Out Resources:

• You are encouraged to review your company's record at the following website: http://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/SMS. You will need to use your PIN Number that has been provided by the FMCSA.





### Safety Management Process Breakdowns and Remedies

• Contact industry associations to get resources and ideas on safety improvement practices from other carriers in the industry.

5. I acknowledge that the requirements and/or recommendations resulting from this off-site, focused review have been discussed with me and my questions have been answered. I further acknowledge that KCC recommendations only cover the scope of this focused review, and that areas not reviewed by the KCC have not necessarily been endorsed as compliant. I understand that failure to satisfactorily remedy the above-listed requirements, and/or failure to comply with Kansas Motor Carrier Safety Statutes and Regulations could result in the suspension Custom Neon and Vinly Graphics Inc's operating authority and/or the impoundment of Custom Neon and Vinyl Graphics Inc's. commercial motor vehicle

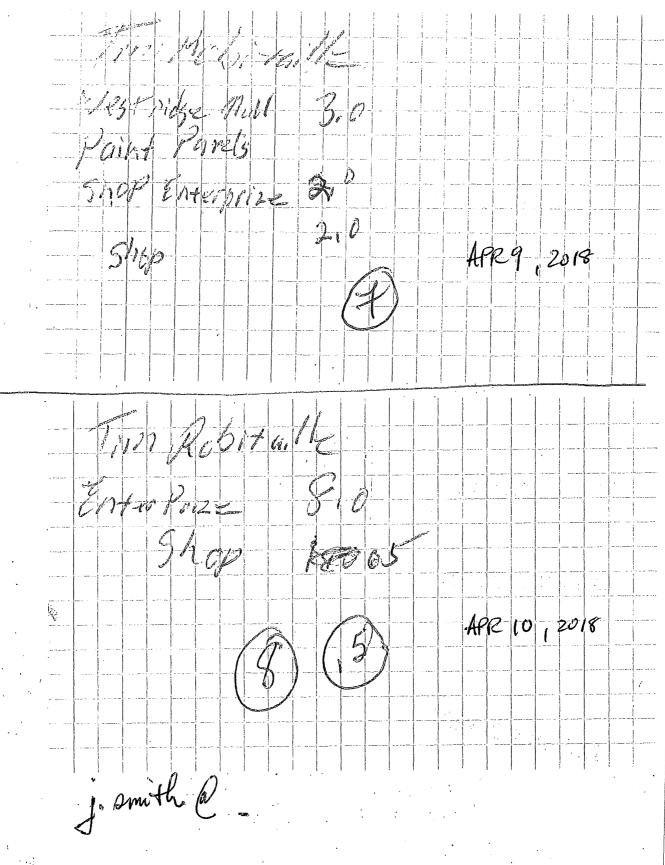
Carrier Representative

Date

After reviewing these Requirements and/or Recommendations, please sign and date where indicated, and return to the Kansas Corporation Commission, ATTN Verna Jackson, Transportation Division, 1500 SW Arrowhead Rd, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027, or fax 785-271-3124



# **ATTACHMENT "B"**



# **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 \_\_\_\_02/01/2019

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