

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

In the Matter of the General Investigation of)
Field Services LLC, of Haysville, Kansas,)
Pursuant to the Kansas Highway Patrol) Docket No. 25-GIMM-345-KHP
Issuance of a Notice of Violation(s) and)
Invoice for the Violations of the Kansas)
Motor Carrier Safety Statutes, Rules and)
Regulations.)

**JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

The Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Staff and Commission, respectively) by and through its counsel Ahsan A. Latif, and Field Services LLC (Carrier) by and through its President, Kelvin Shepard, file this Joint Motion requesting the Commission issue an Order approving the attached Settlement Agreement. In support of this Motion, Staff and Carrier state as follows:

1. On January 8, 2025, the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) issued a Notice of Violation(s) to Field Services LLC, for an alleged violation found during a December 17, 2024, routine motor carrier stop and inspection conducted by the KHP.

2. As a result of this inspection, Carrier was assessed \$450.00 in civil fines, comprised of the following six violations:

- a. a \$150.00 fine for “TIRES- ALL OTHERS, LEAKING OR INFLATION LESS THAN 50% OF THE MAXIMUM INFLATION PRESSURE,” citing 49 C.F.R. 393.75A3-TA;
- b. a \$0.00 fine for “TIRES- ALL OTHERS, LEAKING OR INFLATION LESS THAN 50% OF THE MAXIMUM INFLATION PRESSURE,” citing 49 C.F.R. 393.75A3-TA;
- c. A \$150.00 fine for “LIGHTING – STOP LAMPS – BOTH MISSING WHEN REQUIRED TO BE ON,” citing 49 C.F.R. 393.11A1-LSLM WR;
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- f. A \$150.00 fine for “COUPLING – “DRIVEAWAY SAFETY DEVICES NOT ATTACHED/NOT ABLE TO BE SECURED,” citing 49 C.F.R. 393.7510-CDDS DNS.

- 3. On February 3, 2025, the Carrier submitted a challenge to the KHP.
- 4. On February 24, 2025, the KHP sent a denial of the challenge to the Carrier.
- 5. On March 4, 2025, the Carrier requested a hearing before the Commission.
- 6. On March 12, 2025, Brian Schneider, Owner of Field Services LLC, and Litigation

Counsel for Staff, discussed the possibility of a settlement. During this and subsequent discussions, the parties were able to reach mutually agreeable terms in anticipated settlement of the issues. It was agreed that Staff would subsequently reduce the terms to writing and forward the draft to Carrier’s counsel for approval and signature.

7. The resulting signed Settlement Agreement is attached hereto as Attachment “A” and is hereby incorporated by reference. This Agreement resolves all issues in this proceeding between Staff and Carrier. The parties believe that the Agreement represents a reasonable and fair resolution of this matter and that the Commission should approve the Agreement in full.

8. Should the Commission accept the terms of the attached Settlement Agreement, the parties waive their respective rights to cross-examine witnesses and present oral arguments or written briefs to the Commission. The parties also waive their rights to request reconsideration of the Commission Order approving the Agreement and waive their rights to seek judicial review of said Order.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, Staff and Field Services LLC request this Joint Motion be granted, and that the attached Settlement Agreement be approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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/s/ Brian Schneider

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I. JURISDICTION

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

4. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,129(a), sanctions imposed against motor carriers must be done in accordance with the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act.

5. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-505, nothing in the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act shall preclude the informal settlement of matters that may make other proceedings unnecessary.

6. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,142c, a civil penalty may be compromised by the Commission. In determining the amount of the penalty or the amount agreed in compromise, the appropriateness of the penalty to the size of the business, the gravity of the violation, and the good faith of the person charged in attempting to achieve compliance shall be considered.

II. BACKGROUND

7. Field Services LLC is a common motor carrier operating under USDOT Number 2542140 that hauls motor vehicles and drive away/towaway.

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III. TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

14. The parties agree that the Commission has jurisdiction and authority over this matter.

15. The parties also agree that adoption of this Agreement is in the public interest and that the Commission should approve the stipulations as set forth below.

16. Carrier agrees to operate commercial motor vehicles subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction in a safe manner.

17. Staff agrees to recommend to the Commission that this Agreement be approved. Staff further agrees that upon approval by the Commission this Agreement shall constitute a final resolution of this matter.

18. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-504, the Carrier waives all rights to a hearing on, or appeal of the Invoice, and withdraws its request for a hearing previously filed herein.

19. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-526, the Commission expressly reserves and maintains the right and authority to enforce the terms of this Agreement.

20. Pursuant to the Kansas Judicial Review Act, K.S.A 77-601 *et seq.*, Carrier waives all rights to a hearing on, or appeal of, this Agreement.

IV. MODIFICATION OF EXAMINATION AND INVOICE

21. Staff agrees to reduce the \$150.00 civil fine alleging “TIRES- ALL OTHERS, LEAKING OR INFLATION LESS THAN 50% OF THE MAXIMUM INFLATION PRESSURE,” to \$0.00.

22. Staff’s recommendation for reduction of this civil assessment is based upon the specific circumstances of the alleged violation as well as the Carrier’s efforts to remediate the violation and attempts to ensure compliance.

23. Carrier agrees to withdraw its Request for Hearing before the Commission and pay the remaining \$300.00 in civil fines within thirty (30) days of Commission approval of this settlement agreement.

24. Carrier shall, when applicable, comply with 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.

VI. RESERVATIONS

25. This Agreement fully resolves issues specifically addressed between the parties. The terms of this Agreement constitute a fair and reasonable resolution of the issues addressed herein.

26. The terms and provisions of this Agreement have resulted from negotiations between the signatories and are interdependent. In the event the Commission does not approve the terms of the Agreement in total, any party has the option to terminate this Agreement and, if so terminated, none of the signatories hereto shall be bound by, prejudiced, or in any way affected by any of the terms or provisions hereof, unless otherwise provided herein.

27. Unless (and only to the extent) otherwise specified in this Agreement, the signatories to this Agreement shall not be prejudiced, bound by, or affected in any way by the terms of this Agreement: (1) in any future Commission or court proceeding; (2) in any proceeding currently pending before the Commission under a separate docket; and/or (3) in this proceeding, if the Commission decides not to approve this Agreement in total or in any way conditions its approval of the same. This paragraph is not meant to limit future enforcement of this Agreement, should either party fail to fulfill all terms and provisions.

28. Unless (and only to the extent) otherwise specified in this Agreement, this Agreement does not prejudice or waive any party's legal rights, positions, claims, assertions or arguments in any proceedings in this docket, or any other proceeding before the Commission or in any court. If the Commission approves this Agreement in its entirety and incorporates the same into a Final Order in this docket, the parties agree to be bound by its terms and the Commission's Order incorporating its terms as to all issues addressed herein, and will not appeal the Commission's Order.

29. This Agreement shall be binding on all parties upon signing.

IN WITNESS WHERETO, Staff and Field Services LLC hereby execute and approve this Settlement Agreement by subscribing their signatures below.

/s/ Ahsan Latif

/s/ Brian Schneider

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Motion has been served to the following by means of electronic service on March 13, 2025.

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