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Kobi Foster, Safety Director HAMM, Inc. 609 Perry Pl Perry, KS 66073



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NOTICE OF PENALTY ASSESSMENT 22-TRAM-167-PEN

This is a notice of a penalty assessment against HAMM, Inc. (HAMM) for violation(s) of Kansas Motor Carrier Safety Statutes, Rules, and Regulations discovered during a compliance review conducted on October 6, 2021, by Kansas Corporation Commission Special Investigators, Wade Patterson and Matt Adams. Penalties are assessed in accordance with the FY 2022 Uniform Penalty Assessment Matrix, approved by the Commission on June 29, 2021. 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: HAMM has been assessed a \$2,000 penalty. You have thirty (30) days from the date of service of the Penalty Order to pay the penalty. Please remit payment of \$2,000, through your personal account with the Kansas Corporation Commission's Kansas Trucking Regulatory Assistance Network (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 HAMM 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 http://www.kcc.state.ks.us/trans/safety_meetings.htm.

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. HAMM 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 Executive Director at 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604, and mail a copy to the undersigned Litigation Counsel.¹

IF YOU FAIL TO ACT: Failure to pay the penalty of \$2,000 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, *Iol Ahoan A. Latif* Ahsan A. Latif Litigation Counsel (785) 271-3118 a.latif@kcc.ks.gov

¹ K.A.R. 82-1-215; K.S.A. 77-542.

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:	Andrew J. French, Chairp Dwight D. Keen Susan K. Duffy	person
In the Matter of the Invest	stigation of HAMM,)	
Inc., of Perry, KS, Regard	ding the Violation(s))	
of the Motor Carrier Safety	y Statutes, Rules and)	
Regulations and the Comm	ission's Authority to) I	Docket No. 22-TRAM-167-PEN
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Revocation of Motor Carrier Authority.

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:

I. JURISDICTION

1. Pursuant to K.S.A 66-1,108b, 66-1,111, 66-1,112, and 66-1,114b, the Commission is given full power, authority and jurisdiction to supervise and control motor carriers, as defined in 49 C.F.R. Part 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 K.S.A. 66-1,129a, 66-1,130 and 66-1,142b, 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.

II. BACKGROUND

4. HAMM, Inc. (HAMM or Carrier) operates under USDOT number 634172.

5. Robert Wilkinson attended the Procedures for Safety Compliance Seminar presented by the Kansas Corporation Commission, on December 9, 2019 on behalf of HAMM.

6. HAMM is a common motor carrier which primarily hauls garbage, refuse, trash, construction, and aggregate materials.

III. STATEMENT OF FACTS

7. Pursuant to the jurisdiction and authority cited above, on October 6, 2021, Commission Staff (Staff) Special Investigators, Wade Patterson and Matt Adams, conducted a safety compliance review of the operations of HAMM. 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 three (3) violation(s) of the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

> a. On August 5, 2021, HAMM required or permitted its driver, Chris Erickson, to operate a CDL-required commercial motor vehicle, a 2008 Peterbilt, VIN ending in 769512, GVWR 33,000 lbs., in intrastate commerce in from Perry, Kansas to Louisburg, Kansas. This trip is

evidenced by an hours of service log for Chris Erickson, dated August 5, 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment "B" and is hereby incorporated by reference. At the time of this transportation, HAMM failed to implement a random controlled substance or alcohol testing program. The Carrier's failure to require its drivers to be enrolled in a random alcohol and controlled substance testing program is a violation of 49 C.F.R. 382.305(a) and (i)(2), adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3c, and authorized by K.S.A. 66-1,129. Staff recommends a fine of \$1,000.

- b. During the transportation described in paragraph a., above, HAMM failed to maintain a copy of the driver's, Mr. Erickson, motor vehicle report (MVR). The Special Investigators found five (5) violations of this type. The Carrier's failure to inquire into the driving record of each of its drivers at least annually and to maintain the MVR in the driver's qualification file is a violation of 49 C.F.R. 391.25(c)(1), adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3g, and authorized by K.S.A. 66-1,129. Staff recommends a fine of \$250.
- c. During the transportation described in paragraph a., above, HAMM failed to require its driver, Mr. Erickson, to prepare a record of duty status. The Special Investigators found thirty (30) violations of this type. The Carrier's failure to require its drivers to prepare a record of duty status is a violation of 49 C.F.R. 395.8(a)(1), adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3a, and authorized by K.S.A. 66-1,129. Staff recommends a fine of \$750.

IV. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS

8. Staff submitted a Report and Recommendation (R&R), dated October 8, 2021, attached hereto as Attachment "C" and is hereby incorporated by reference. In its R&R, Staff made recommendation regarding the above-mentioned violations.

9. Based upon the available facts, Staff recommends the Commission finds HAMM committed three (3) 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.

10. Additionally, Staff recommends a civil penalty of \$2,000 for three (3) violation(s) of the Motor Carrier Safety Statutes, Rules and Regulations.

11. Staff further recommends that a representative from HAMM 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.

12. Staff further recommends HAMM submit a written, comprehensive corrective action plan (CAP) to Transportation Staff within thirty (30) days of the date of this order, documenting the violation(s) described in this Penalty Order, including specific and detailed information explaining Carrier's efforts and concrete steps taken to ensure the violation(s) do not occur in the future.

13. Finally, Staff recommends that HAMM 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.

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V. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

14. The Commission finds it has jurisdiction over HAMM pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,108b because it is a motor carrier as defined in 49 C.F.R. Part 390.5 as adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3f.

15. The Commission finds HAMM committed three (3) 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.

THE COMMISSION THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

A. HAMM, Inc., of Perry, KS is hereby assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty for three (3) 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. HAMM 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. Carrier is hereby ordered to submit a written, comprehensive corrective action plan (CAP) to Transportation Staff within thirty (30) days of the date of this order, documenting the violation(s) described in this Penalty Order, including specific and detailed information explaining Carrier's efforts and concrete steps taken to ensure the violation(s) do not occur in the future. D. HAMM 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.

E. Pursuant to K.S.A. 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 Executive Director 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 HAMM's right to a hearing, and this Penalty Order will become a Final Order.

F. 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.²

G. If you do not request a hearing, the payment of the civil penalty of \$2,000 is due in thirty (30) days from the date of service of this Order. Payment of \$2,000 must be made through your personal account with the Kansas Corporation Commission's Kansas Trucking Regulatory Assistance Network (KTRAN) system located at <u>https://puc.kcc.ks.gov/ktran/</u>. You must have an account through KTRAN to pay the penalty.

². K.S.A. 77-515(c); K.A.R. 82-1-228(d)(2); K.A.R. 82-1-202(a).

H. Failure to pay the \$2,000 civil penalty within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this Penalty Order and/or failure to comply with the provisions of this Order may result in suspension of HAMM's motor carrier operating authority without further notice.³ 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.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Dated: _____10/14/2021

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³ K.S.A. 66-1,105.

ATTACHMENT "A"

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Investigat	tion Type: Offsite Investigati	on		
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609 PERRY PERRY, KS United Sta	66073-4201		609 PERRY PL PERRY, KS 66073 United States	
Contact l	nformation			
Email: Phone: (7	lame: KOBI FOSTER 85)597-7430 Cell: ()-	Fax: (785)597-5142		
Business a	and Financial			
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Name: KOBI FOSTER			Title: SAFETY DIRECTOR			
Questions						
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be addressed to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Phone: (785) 271-1260 Fax: (877) 547-0378

Administration at:

This report will be used to assess your safety compliance.

Violations

1. Primary: 382.305 Failing to implement a random controlled substance and/or an alcohol testing program.		tions overed	I	BASIC Impacted Controlled	Rating Factor 2: Driver = Part 382	
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required vehicle in intrastate commerce. Mr. Erickson operated a 2008 Peterbilt 92151X	1	7		
truck (Construction of Section 9512) from Perry Kanas to Louisburg Kansas. This vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of over 26,001 pounds. This trip is evidenced by an				
incomplete hours of service record. At the time of this trip and during the investigation,				
carrier failed to require driver to prepare a record of duty status.				

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3. Primary: 391.25(c)(1)
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Violations Discovered

Failing to maintain a copy of the motor vehicle record or response from each State agency in the driver qualification file.	Fed	State	Total
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Drivers/Vehicles			
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Primary: 391.51(h)(5)		Violations Discovered			
4. Primary: 391.51(b)(5) Failing to maintain a note relating to the annual review of the driver's driving record as required by 391.25(c)(2).	Fed Checked Fed	State 5 d State 8	Total5Total8		
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required vehicle in intrastate commerce. Mr. Erickson operated a 2008 Peterbilt 92151X truck 69512) from Perry Kanas to Louisburg Kansas. This vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of 33,000 pounds. This trip is evidenced by an incomplete hours of service record. At the time of this trip and during the investigation, carrier failed to maintain notation of annual review.

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This Investigation is Not Rated

Crash Rate:

Total Miles Operated: 6,288,000 Recordable Accidents: 4 Recordable Accidents/Million Miles: 0.64

You must take corrective actions for any violations (deficiencies) identified in the Violations section of this report.

This was an offsite investigation. An offsite investigation allows FMCSA to evaluate your safety compliance with minimal disruption to your business. An offsite investigation will not result in a safety rating.

DataQs: If you dispute the violations recorded in the Violations section of this investigation report, and the violations were not used in the calculation of your safety rating, you may submit a Request for Data Review (RDR) through DataQs. The DataQs system is the method to remove violations that did not affect your safety rating. DataQs is an online system that allows a motor carrier or driver to request and track a review of Federal and State issued data that it believes to be incomplete or incorrect. To submit an RDR, go to https://dataqs.fmcsa.dot.gov.

BASIC: Hours-of-Service Compliance Process Breakdown: Training and Communication

Specific Recommended Remedies

To implement Safety Improvement Practices, the following list are recommended practices related to Training and Communication:

- 1. Inform drivers that management will be monitoring and tracking Records of Duty Status (RODS).
- 2. Reinforce training about Hours-of-Service (HOS) policies, procedures, and responsibilities to drivers, dispatchers, and other employees, using job aids, post-training testing, and/or refresher training. Encourage informal feedback among them so that they can help each other to improve.
- 3. Provide training/testing program to current drivers on proper log completion, how to achieve proper rest on trips by instructing them on the difference between on-duty not driving, for example a driver waits while trailer is loaded, and off-duty, and the importance of proper rest between shifts.

BASIC: Driver Fitness Process Breakdown: Monitoring and Tracking

Specific Recommended Remedies

To implement Safety Improvement Practices, the following list are recommended practices related to Monitoring and Tracking:

- 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 qualification file after review.
- 2. 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.

1. Acute and Critical Violations

Acute and/or Critical violations were recorded on this investigation report. These violations will impact your safety record. NOTICE: A pattern and/or repeated violations of the same or related acute or critical regulations (violations of the same Part in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations) will cause the maximum penalties allowed by law to be assessed under Section 222 of the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 (MCSIA). A pattern of violations means two or more violations of acute and/or critical regulations in three or more Parts of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations discovered during any eligible investigation. Repeated violations means violation(s) of an acute regulation of the same Part of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations discovered in an investigation after one or more closed enforcement actions within a six-year period and/or violation(s) of a critical regulation in the same Part of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations discovered in an investigation after two or more closed enforcement actions within a six-year period.

2. Carrier Crashes

The Division Administrator/State Director will continue to consider preventability when a motor carrier contests a proposed safety fitness rating. The motor carrier may deem that the recordable accident rate is not a fair means of evaluating its accident factor (Factor 6) on the CR report. If so, the motor carrier must submit the compelling evidence within seven calendar days if the proposed rating is Unsatisfactory and 10 calendar days if the proposed rating is Conditional to:

Division Administrator/State Director Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Mailing Address 1303 SW FIRST AMERICAN PL STE 200 TOPEKA, KS 66604-4040

Compelling evidence must be limited to official police accident reports and official insurance accident investigation reports.

3. Additional Information

Please visit the CSA outreach site for additional guidance: https://csa.fmcsa.dot.gov.

4. Employers are responsible for the compliance of 49 CFR Part 40.

Employers are responsible for their officers', employees', agents', consortia, and/or contractors' compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR Parts 40 and 382.

- 5. **Obtain a copy of each driver's driving record and review it.** Obtain a copy of each driver's driving record and review it annually.
- 6. Require drivers to prepare complete and accurate records.

Require all drivers to prepare complete and accurate records of duty status for each day, and to submit them within 13 days. Maintain all duty status records on file, with all supporting documents, for at least 6 months.

7. 150-mile exemption terms must be met.

If you want some drivers to use the 150 air-mile radius exemption, make sure that the drivers meet all terms of the exemption, including being released from duty no more than 14 hours from when they report for duty. Logs must be prepared if a driver does not meet the 14 hour requirement.

8. Random Test Selections

After selection of drivers for random testing, the program coordinator should send confidential correspondence to whoever is informing the selected drivers, noting the selection date, selected names, proper notification procedure, testing location, and when test results need to be completed. Drivers should be reminded that refusal to take the test will be equivalent to a positive result.

9. KCC For All Investigations

For all Investigations that could result in a Penalty Order:

PLEASE NOTE: The violations discovered during this compliance review may affect the civil penalty proposed in any subsequent Penalty Order. In addition, your history of prior violations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, Federal Hazardous Material Regulations or the Federal Motor Carrier Commercial Regulations may also affect the civil penalty proposed in HAMM INC. (U.S.DOT# 634172) - 10/6/2021 - Page 7 any subsequent Penalty Order. Your signature for receipt of this report acknowledges your understanding that the violations

discovered by the KCC during this review may be used to calculate any civil penalty proposed as a result of this review. Your

signature is not an admission of the violations identified.

Information on your compliance status, roadside inspections, regulatory changes, accident countermeasures and hazardous material incident prevention manual is available on the Internet at the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's web site at http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/ and http://www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov/.

For all Investigations that did not result in a Cooperative Safety Plan:

The KCC requires that you prepare a corrective action plan (CAP), addressing the measures taken to correct all violations identified within this report. Submit this letter within 30 days outlining the carrier's updated changes to their policies and procedures regarding all listed violations. Explain in detail how, as a carrier representative, you will rectify these deficiencies and prevent their reoccurrence going forward. Include any supporting documentation and 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. Submit the letter along with copies of your supporting evidence to:

e-mail: g.davenport@kcc.ks.gov

FAX: 785-271-3124; or mail to; Kansas Corporation Commission

Attn: Gary Davenport

1500 SW Arrowhead Road

Topeka, KS 66604-4027

I acknowledge that these requirements and/or recommendations have been discussed with me and my questions have been answered. 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 of Southwest Transport Inc.'s authority and/or the impoundment of Southwest Transport Inc.'s Commercial Motor Vehicles.

I understand that monetary penalties will be assessed as a result of violations found in this compliance review. The penalty schedule can be found at this web site: http://kcc.ks.gov/trans/penalty_assessment_table.htm

ATTACHMENT "B"

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ATTACHMENT "C"

1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Andrew J. French, Chairperson Dwight D. Keen, Commissioner Susan K. Duffy, Commissioner Phone: 785-271-3100 Fax: 785-271-3354 http://kcc.ks.gov/

Laura Kelly, Governor

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

- TO: Andrew J. French, Chairperson Dwight D. Keen, Commissioner Susan K. Duffy, Commissioner
- **FROM:** Mike Hoeme, Director of Transportation Gary Davenport, Deputy Director of Transportation
- **DATE:** October 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Docket No. 22-TRAM-167-PEN

In the Matter of the Investigation of HAMM, Inc. of Perry, Kansas Regarding the Violation of the Motor Carrier Rules and Regulations and the Commission's Authority to Impose Penalties, Sanctions and/or the Revocation of Motor Carrier Authority.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

HAMM, Inc. (HAMM or Carrier) is a motor carrier possessing common operating authority from the Commission, primarily hauling garbage, refuse, trash, construction, and aggregate materials. HAMM operates under USDOT 634172. On October 6, 2021, Commission Staff Special Investigators, Wade Patterson and Matt Adams, conducted a safety compliance review of the operations of HAMM. As a result of this investigation, the special investigator identified three (3) violation(s) of the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, resulting in a recommended penalty of \$2,000.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS:

On October 6, 2021, Commission Staff Special Investigators, Wade Patterson and Matt Adams, conducted a safety compliance review of the operations of HAMM. As a result of this investigation, the special investigator identified three (3) violation(s) of the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

Violation One (1 of 3)

On August 5, 2021, HAMM required or permitted its driver, Chris Erickson, to operate a CDL-required commercial motor vehicle, a 2008 Peterbilt, VIN ending in 769512, GVWR 33,000 lbs., in intrastate commerce in from Perry, Kansas to Louisburg, Kansas. This trip is evidenced by an hours of service log for Chris Erickson, dated August 5, 2021. At the time of this transportation, HAMM failed to implement a random controlled substance or alcohol testing



program. The Carrier's failure to require its drivers to be enrolled in a random alcohol and controlled substance testing program is a violation of 49 C.F.R. 382.305(a) and (i)(2), adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3c, and authorized by K.S.A. 66-1,129. Staff recommends a fine of \$1,000.

Violation Two (2 of 3)

During the transportation described in Violation One, above, HAMM failed to maintain a copy of the driver's, Mr. Erickson, motor vehicle report (MVR). The Special Investigators found five (5) violations of this type. The Carrier's failure to inquire into the driving record of each of its drivers at least annually and to maintain the MVR in the driver's qualification file is a violation of 49 C.F.R. 391.25(c)(1), adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3g, and authorized by K.S.A. 66-1,129. Staff recommends a fine of \$250.

Violation Three (3 of 3)

During the transportation described in Violation One, above, HAMM failed to require its driver, Mr. Erickson, to prepare a record of duty status. The Special Investigators found thirty (30) violations of this type. The Carrier's failure to require its drivers to prepare a record of duty status is a violation of 49 C.F.R. 395.8(a)(1), adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3a, and authorized by K.S.A. 66-1,129. Staff recommends a fine of \$750.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

Transportation Staff recommends the Commission find HAMM committed three (3) 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.

Additionally, Staff recommends a civil penalty of \$2,000 for three (3) violation(s) of the Motor Carrier Safety Statutes, Rules and Regulations, in accordance with the recommended penalties listed in the applicable Uniform Penalty Assessment Matrix.

Staff further recommends that a representative from HAMM be required to attend a Commission-sponsored safety seminar within ninety (90) days from the date of the 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.

Staff further recommends HAMM submit a written, comprehensive Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to Transportation Staff within thirty (30) days of the date of this order, documenting the violation(s) described in the Penalty Order, including specific and detailed information explaining the carrier's efforts and concrete steps taken to ensure the violation(s) do not occur in the future.

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

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

first class mail and electronic service on _____10/14/2021

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