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NOTICE OF PENALTY ASSESSMENT

24-TRAM-709-PEN

May 14, 2024 Bradley Roy Wood Sr., Owner BC Technologies d/b/a Long Arm Cycles 13750 126th Road Hoyt, Kansas 66440-9318

This is a notice of a penalty assessment against BC Technologies d/b/a Long Arm Cycles (Long Arm Cycles) for violations of Kansas Motor Carrier Safety Statutes, Rules, and Regulations discovered during a compliance review conducted May 3, 2024, by a Kansas Corporation Commission Special Investigator. Penalties are assessed in accordance with the FY 2024 Uniform Penalty Assessment Matrix, approved by the Commission on June 29, 2023. 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: Long Arm Cycles has been assessed a \$350 penalty. You have thirty (30) days from the date of service of the Penalty Order to pay the penalty. Please remit payment of \$350, through your personal account with the Kansas Corporation Commission's Kansas Trucking Regulatory Assistance Network (KTRAN) systemlocated 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 Long Arm Cycles 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>.

IF YOU CONTEST THE PENALTY ORDER: You have the right to request a hearing. A request for a hearing must be made in writing, setting forth the specific grounds upon which relief is sought. Long Arm Cycles 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 \$350 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, /s/ Ahsan 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, Chairperson
	Dwight D. Keen
	Annie Kuether

In the Matter of the Investigation of **BC**) **Technologies d/b/a Long Arm Cycles, of Hoyt,**) **Kansas.** Regarding the Violation(s) of the Motor) Carrier Safety Statutes, Rules and Regulations) Docket and the Commission's Authority to Impose) Penalties, Sanctions and/or the Revocation of) Motor Carrier Authority.)

Docket No. 24-TRAM-709-PEN

PENALTY ORDER

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:

1. On May 3, 2024, a Commission Staff ("Staff") Special Investigator ("SI") completed a safety compliance investigation of the operations of BC Technologies d/b/a Long Arm Cycles (Long Arm Cycles or Carrier). Long Arm Cycles is a motor carrier as defined in 49 C.F.R. 390.5, and operates under USDOT number 3981212.

2. On May 6, 2024, Staff submitted its Report and Recommendation ("R&R"), attached hereto as Attachment "A" and is hereby incorporated by reference, recommending a penalty of \$350 to be issued to Long Arm Cycles based on the frequency, timeline and severity of the violations discovered. Staff's R&R indicates that as a result of the safety compliance investigation, the SI identified one (1) violation(s), accounting for one (1) count(s), of the Motor

Carrier Safety Regulations (MCSRs), which carries a penalty according to the FY2024 Uniform Penalty Assessment Matrix.²

3. Additionally, Staff recommends that Long Arm Cycles be required to have a representative responsible for the Carrier's safety compliance 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.³ 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.

4. Staff further recommends Long Arm Cycles 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.⁴

5. Finally, Staff recommends that Long Arm Cycles submit to one follow-up safety compliance review within eighteen (18) months from the date of this Order.⁵ Transportation Staff will contact the motor carrier at a later date to determine an appropriate time for this review.

6. 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

² Order Designating Guidance Document and Approving Staff's Use of the Transportation Division's Uniform Penalty Assessment Table, pp. 11–26 (Jun. 29, 2023) ("Penalty Matrix").

³ See Staff's Report and Recommendation, p.2 (May 6, 2024).

⁴ *Id*.

⁵ Id.

Kansas, and is empowered to do all things necessary and convenient for the exercise of such power, authority and jurisdiction.

7. 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.

8. 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.

IT IS THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Long Arm Cycles is hereby assessed a \$350 civil penalty for one (1) violation(s), accounting for one (1) count(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. Long Arm Cycles is hereby ordered to have a representative responsible for the Carrier's safety compliance 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. Long Arm Cycles 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

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information explaining Carrier's efforts and concrete steps taken to ensure the violation(s) do not occur in the future.

D. Long Arm Cycles 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 Long Arm Cycles' 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.⁶ For civil penalties of \$500 or less, a corporation may appear by a duly authorized representative of the corporation.⁷

⁶. K.S.A. 77-515(c); K.A.R. 82-1-228(d)(2); K.A.R. 82-1-202(a).

⁷ K.S.A. 66-1,142b(e) and amendments thereto.

G. If you do not request a hearing, the payment of the civil penalty of \$350 is due in thirty (30) days from the date of service of this Order. Payment of \$350 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.

H. Failure to pay the \$350 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 Long Arm Cycles' motor carrier operating authority without further notice.⁸ 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; Kuether, Commissioner Dated: 05/14/2024

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Lynn M. Retz Executive Director

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⁸ K.S.A. 66-1,105.

ATTACHMENT "A"

Transportation Division 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka, KS 66604-4027

Andrew J. French, Chairperson Dwight D. Keen, Commissioner Annie Kuether, Commissioner



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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

- TO: Andrew J. French, Chairperson Dwight D. Keen, Commissioner Annie Kuether, Commissioner
- **FROM:** Gary Davenport, Deputy Director of Transportation Jared Smith, Public Service Executive
- **DATE:** May 6, 2024
- SUBJECT: Docket No. 24-TRAM-709-PEN In the Matter of the Investigation of BC Technologies LLC d/b/a Long Arm Cycles of Hoyt, 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:

BC Technologies LLC is a motor carrier (MC) possessing public for-hire operating authority from the Commission, primarily hauling motor vehicles. BC Technologies LLC operates under USDOT 3981212. On May 3, 2024, a Commission Staff Special Investigator (SI) completed a safety compliance investigation of the operations of BC Technologies LLC. A copy of the safety compliance report is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and is hereby incorporated by reference. As a result of this investigation, the SI identified one (1) violation, accounting for one (1) specific count, of the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (MCSRs), which carries a penalty according to the FY2024 Uniform Penalty Assessment Matrix approved by the Commission. Based on the frequency, timeline and severity of the violations discovered by the SI, Staff recommends penalty of \$350 be issued to the MC.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS:

On May 3, 2024, the Commission Staff SI conducted a safety compliance investigation of the operations of BC Technologies LLC. The investigation covers a 365-day period. Each specific count is detailed below.

Count One (1 of 1)

Jurisdiction: 49 C.F.R. 391.51(a), adopted by K.A.R. 82-4-3g, and authorized by K.S.A. 66-1,129.

Intent of Law: The MC must maintain a driver qualification file pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 391.51. **Supporting Documents**: On June 7, 2023, BC Technologies LLC required or permitted its owner and driver, Bradley Wood, to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV), a 2021 Dodge Ram 3500, VIN ending in 7834, GVWR 12,300 lbs., in intrastate commerce from Overland Park, Kansas to Olathe, Kansas. This trip is evidenced by a Driver Vehicle Inspection Report, attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**, and a tow invoice, attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**. The MC could not provide a driver qualification file for Mr. Wood.

<u>Violation</u>: BC Technologies failed to maintain a driver qualification file on Mr. Wood (Exhibit 1, Page 3). One (1) violation was discovered.

Recommendation: Staff recommends a fine of \$350.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

Transportation Staff recommends the Commission find BC Technologies LLC committed one (1) violation accounting for one (1) specific count of Kansas law that governs MCs, including various provisions of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs), as adopted by the Kansas Administrative Regulations (K.A.R.s), and is therefore subject to sanctions or fines imposed by the Commission.

Due to the frequency, timeline and severity of the violations, Staff recommends a civil penalty of \$350 for one (1) violation of the MC Safety Statutes, Rules and Regulations, in accordance with the recommended penalties listed in the applicable Uniform Penalty Assessment Matrix.

Staff further recommends BC Technologies LLC require a representative responsible for the company's safety 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 <u>http://kcc.ks.gov/trans/safety_meetings.htm</u>.

Staff further recommends BC Technologies LLC 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 does not occur in the future.

Finally, Staff recommends that BC Technologies LLC 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.

EXHIBIT

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

U.S. DOT#: 3981212 MC/MX#: 0	Legal: BC TECHNOLOGIES LLC Operating (DBA): LONG ARM CYCLES	CYCLES	Investigation Date: 05/03/2024
Investigation Type: Onsite Comprehensive Investigation		Location of Investigation: Company principal place of business (PPOB) Extent of Operations: Entire Operation	ny principal place of business ation
Physical Address	2	Mailing Address	
13570 126TH RD HOYT, KS 66440-9318 United States	C I -1	13570 126TH RD HOYT, KS 66440-9318 United States	
Contact Information			
Contact Name: BRADLEY ROY WOOD SR. Email: BRADLEY_R_WOOD@YAHOO.COM Phone: (785)633-9545 Cell: (785)633-9545	5 Fax: ()-		
Business and Financial			
Business Type: Limited Liability Corporation Name of Gross Revenue Provider: Bradley Wood Title of Gross Revenue Provider: Owner Gross Revenue: For Year Ending: 12/31/2023 Federal Tax ID:	/ood 12/31/2023		
Operation Classification and Type	0	Cargo	
Type of Operation: HM Intrastate Carrier	2	Motor Vehicles	
Operation Classification For-Hire Motor Carrier Property Hazardous Materials			
Hazardous Materials			
Which of the following hazardous materials requiring a Safety Permit does the company transport?		None	
Does the company have a satisfactory security program in place as required in 49 CFR Part 385, Subpart E?	r program in place as		
Is an HM Permit required by any State?	7	No	
Hazardous Materials	0	Class 9 Miscellaneous Hazardous M	1aterials = C, NB

Equipment					Driver Information	on	
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Name: BRADLE	roy wood sr.				Title: OWNER		
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Violations

1. Primary: 391.51(b)	Violatio	ns Discovere	ed
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Driver: Bradley Wood	i cu	1	1
Trip date: 6/7/2023 Hoyt, KS to Olathe, KS	Checke	 d	
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Safety Fitness Rating

This Investigation is Not Rated

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.

Process Breakdown and Remedies

None

Recommendations

1. Additional Information

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

2. Maintain a complete file documenting the qualification process.

Maintain a complete file as required for each driver, documenting the qualification process.

3. 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 and/or the Federal Motor Carrier Commercial Regulations may also affect the civil penalty proposed for *BC TECHNOLOGIES, USDOT 3981212*. 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: j.smith@kcc.ks.gov FAX: 785-271-3124; or mail to;

Kansas Corporation Commission

Attn: Jared Smith

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 *BC TECHNOLOGIES'* authority and/or the impoundment of *BC TECHNOLOGIES* Commercial Motor Vehicles.

Table 1: Violations Discovered During Review/Inspection

Violation Date Identifying Information Description							
391.51(b) - Failing to maintain qual. file per 391.51(b)							
1	06/07/2023	Driver: Bradley Wood					

EXHIBIT

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DRIVER'S VEHICLE INSPECTION REPORT

Check any defective item and give details under "Remarks."

10/7/23 Date:

Truck/Tractor Number: _____

	Service brakes including trailer brake connections	-	Windshield wipers
	Parking (hand) brake	/	Rear vision mirrors
	Steering mechanism	13 13 19	Coupling devices
~	Lighting devices and reflectors		Wheels and rims
1	Tires		Emergency equipment
1	Horn	M Blackgory	

Trailer(s) Number(s):

Brake connections	Landing gear
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Coupling chains	Springs
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Condition of the above vehicle is satisfactory -

Driver's Signature

Above defects corrected

Above defects need not be corrected for safe operation of vehicle

Mechanic's Signature

Date

Driver's Signature

Date

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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 05/14/2024

AHSAN LATIF, LITIGATION COUNSEL KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION 1500 SW ARROWHEAD RD TOPEKA, KS 66604 a.latif@kcc.ks.gov Bradley R Wood, SR., OWNER BC Technologies LLC D/B/A Long Arm Cycles 13570 126th Rd Hoyt, KS 66440 bradley_r_wood@yahoo.com

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