

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

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

In the Matter of the Investigation of )  
**Varco Motors, LLC of Denison,** )  
**Kansas,** Pursuant to the Kansas ) Docket No. 16-GIMM-480-KHP  
Highway Patrol Issuance of a Notice of )  
Violation for Violations of the Federal )  
Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, as )  
adopted by K.S.A. 66-1,129, and )  
implemented by K.A.R. 82-4-3. )

**ORDER SUSPENDING MOTOR CARRIER OPERATIONS IN KANSAS**

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

**I. JURISDICTION AND BACKGROUND**

1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 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. 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, 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. FINDINGS OF FACTS**

4. Varco Motors, LLC of Denison, Kansas (Respondent) is a motor carrier as defined in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 66-1,108, that operates commercial motor vehicle(s) in commerce.

5. Respondent operates under USDOT Number 1170641.

6. On February 29, 2016, the Commission issued Respondent a Notice and Invoice (Invoice No. H000560937) assessing Respondent a civil fine in the amount of \$300 for violation(s) of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, as adopted by K.S.A. 66-1,129, and implemented by K.A.R. 82-4-3, discovered during a routine motor carrier stop and inspection on February 22, 2016, by a Kansas Highway Patrolman. The Notice gave Respondent 30 days to pay the fine or to request an administrative hearing.

7. On April 27, 2016, the Respondent filed a request for hearing, contesting the violation(s) set out in the Notice and Invoice.

8. On June 30, 2016, Transportation Staff filed a Joint Motion to Dismiss Respondent's Request for Hearing, as Respondent advised Staff that it no longer wanted to contest the issue and was willing to pay the fine.

9. The Commissioners issued an order on July 12, 2016, upholding the civil fine of \$300 and dismissing Respondent's Request for Hearing.

10. Commission records indicate Respondent has not complied with requirements of the Order dated July 12, 2016, in that Respondent has not paid the civil fine assessed in Invoice No. H000560937.

11. On March 6, 2017, Commission Staff filed a Motion to Suspend Motor Carrier Operations in Kansas due to the carrier's failure to pay.

### **III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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

10. A Notice and Invoice (Invoice No. H000560937) was issued to Varco Motors, LLC on February 29, 2016, in the amount of \$300 for violation(s) of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, as adopted by K.S.A. 66-1,129, and implemented by K.A.R. 82-4-3, discovered during a routine motor vehicle stop and inspection on February 22, 2016, by a Kansas Highway Patrolman. The Notice gave Respondent 30 days to pay the civil fine or request an administrative hearing.

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14. Current records of the Commission indicate that the Respondent has not complied with the Order dated July 12, 2016, in that the civil fine is unpaid.

15. The Commission finds Respondent's failure to comply with the Notice and Invoice and the Order dated July 12, 2016, is intentional and therefore this Commission orders the Respondent to suspend all motor carrier operations in Kansas other than such motor carrier operations excepted from the Commission's regulation under K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 66-1,129, until such time as the carrier takes the necessary steps to become compliant.

**THE COMMISSION THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

A. Varco Motors, LLC of Denison, Kansas is to be immediately suspended from all commercial motor carrier operations in Kansas other than such motor carrier operations excepted from the Commission's regulation under K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 66-1,129, until such time as Respondent pays the civil fine of \$300 and brings its motor carrier operation into compliance with motor carrier safety statutes, rules and regulations. This Suspension of Motor Carrier Operations Order in Kansas may also attach and apply to the operations of successor entities, including any motor carrier entity or entities established or used to avoid the consequences of any Order to cease operations or suspending operating authority.

B. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 77-537 and K.S.A. 77-542, any party may request a hearing on the above issues by submitting a written request, setting forth the specific grounds upon which relief is sought, to the Commission's Secretary, at 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road Topeka, Kansas 66604 within fifteen (15) days from the date of service of this Order. Service of this order is by certified mail,

return receipt requested, and service is complete when Respondent signs the Domestic Return Receipt. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,129a, hearings will be held within ten (10) days upon written request. Failure to timely request a hearing will result in a waiver of Respondent's right to a hearing, and this Order will become a Final Order against Respondent, suspending Respondent's motor carrier operations in Kansas.

D. 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 of \$500 or less, a corporation may appear by a duly authorized representative of the corporation. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 66-1,142b(e) and amendments thereto.

E. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Order may result in further sanctions to include, but not limited to, the assessment of civil penalties and/or the impoundment of commercial motor vehicles found operating in violation of this Order and any other remedies available to the Commission by law, without further notice.

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

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Apple, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: MAR 09 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 MAR 09 2017.

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