## STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Jay Scott Emler, Chair

Shari Feist Albrecht

Pat Apple

In the Matter of the Investigation of Solomon

Valley Feeders, LLC of Beloit, Kansas,

Pursuant to the Kansas Highway Patrol

Issuance of a Notice of Violation(s) and

Docket No. 16-GIMM-527-KHP

Invoice for the Violations of the Kansas Motor

Carrier Safety Statutes, Rules and Regulations.

#### NOTICE OF FILING OF PROPOSED ORDER

Staff hereby submits the attached Order to Dismiss Request for Hearing and Waive Civil Penalty, which is concurrently filed with Staff's Motion to Dismiss.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### ORDER TO DISMISS REQUEST FOR HEARING AND WAIVE CIVIL PENALTY

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 fully advised on the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

- 1. On May 12, 2016, the Kansas Highway Patrol issued a Notice of Violation against Solomon Valley Feeders (Respondent), for alleged violations found during a March 17, 2016, routine motor carrier stop and inspection conducted by the Kansas Highway Patrol. Respondent was assessed an \$850.00 civil fine for the following violations: (1) a \$150 fine for "No/Improper Breakaway or Emergency Braking," citing 393.43, (2) a \$150 fine for "Flat tire or fabric exposed," citing 393.75A, (3) a \$150 fine for "Inoperable Required Lamp," citing 393.9, (4) a \$150 fine for "Operating a CMV without a CDL," citing 383.23A2 and (5) a \$250 fine for "No drivers record of duty status," citing 395.8A.
- 2. On April 21, 2016, Respondent initiated a formal challenge, claiming the violation was not valid because the truck and trailer were not commercial motor vehicles and was hauling pipe to be used for "farm purposes and not for commercial purposes."

- On April 26, 2016, the Kansas Highway Patrol denied Respondent's challenge and advised Solomon Valley Feeders of its right to an administrative hearing before the Commission.
  - 4. On May 6, 2016, Respondent requested a hearing before the Commission.
- 5. On June 7, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Setting Hearing for July 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
- 6. Staff has reviewed the facts surrounding the March 17, 2016, traffic stop and has determined that the available evidence does not support a violation and civil penalty against Respondent and the hearing on July 13, 2016 in this docket is no longer necessary.
- 7. On June 22, 2016, Staff filed a Motion to Dismiss, recommending the Commission find that Respondent's request for hearing be dismissed, the \$850 in civil penalties assessed against Respondent be waived and the status of this docket be changed to "closed."
- 8. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,129 and K.A.R. 82-4-3, et seq.
- 9. The Commission finds that Staff's requests are reasonable and hereby dismisses Respondent's request for hearing, waives the \$850 in civil penalties assessed against Respondent, with prejudice, and closes the above docket.

# IT IS THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

- (A) Staff's Motion to Dismiss Request for Hearing and Waive Civil Penalty is hereby granted.
- (B) The \$850 in civil penalties assessed against Respondent are hereby waived, with prejudice.
  - (C) Respondent's Request for Hearing is hereby dismissed, with prejudice.

	(D)	The parties have fif	teen days, plus	three days if	service of thi	s order is by	mail,
from	the date	this order was serve	d in which to p	etition the Cor	mmission for	reconsideration	on of
any is	sue or is	sues decided herein.	K.S.A. 66-1181	o; K.S.A. 2014	Supp. 77-52	9(a)(1).	

(E) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it may deem necessary and proper.

# BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Emler, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Apple,	Commissioner
Dated:	
	Amy I. Green
	Amy L. Green Secretary to the Commission

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Notice of Filing of Proposed Order was served via electronic service this 22nd day of June, 2016, to the following:

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