## 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 Suspension of Operating	)	
Authority of SPF Logistics LLC of Andover,	)	
Kansas, for Failure to Comply with New Entrant	)	
Safety Requirements as Required by the Motor	)	Docket No. 25-TRAM-151-OOS
Carrier Safety Statutes, Rules and Regulations.	)	
	)	

# ORDER ADOPTING THE FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S ORDER AND SUSPENDING OPERATING AUTHORITY

NOW, the above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Commission") for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the records and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

### I. Background

- 1. On August 19, 2024, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration ("FMCSA") forwarded a notice of violation(s) of the federal motor carrier safety regulations to SPF Logistics LLC ("Carrier"), wherein Carrier was given 10 days to comply with the regulations or its New Entrant Registration would be revoked.<sup>1</sup>
- 2. On August 30, 2024, FMCSA issued Carrier an Order to Revoke "New Entrant" Registration and Cease All Interstate Transportation ("Federal Order"), attached hereto as Attachment "A" and is hereby incorporated by reference, due to Carrier's failure to agree to the FMCSA's safety audit.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Attachment A.

3. Pursuant to the Federal Order, Carrier's operations were placed out of service immediately and Carrier must immediately cease all interstate motor carrier operations in the United States.<sup>2</sup>

### II. Legal Standards

- 4. 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. 390.5 and 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,129(a)(7), the Commission has adopted motor carrier transportation regulations (K.A.R. 82-4-3f) consistent with the federal motor carrier safety assistance program and other federal requirements concerning transportation of hazardous waste.

#### III. Analysis

7. Carrier is a motor carrier as defined in 49 C.F.R. 390.5 and as adopted in K.A.R. 82-4-3f, which operates commercial motor vehicle(s) in interstate commerce in a manner that requires Commission authority.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Attachment A.

- 8. Carrier is registered as a motor carrier with the U.S. Department of Transportation ("USDOT"), and operates under USDOT Number 4118326.
- 9. The Commission considers Carrier received sufficient notice from the FMCSA of the violation(s) of motor carrier safety rules and regulations, and a requisite opportunity to correct the violation(s) and to obtain compliance. However, Carrier failed to act upon the FMCSA's notice.
- 10. The Commission considers Carrier's failure to comply with requirements of a new entrant audit is sufficient evidence of unsafe motor carrier operations, and as such poses a potential immediate threat to the safety and welfare of the public of the state of Kansas.
- the public of the state of Kansas that the Federal Order be adopted and that the Carrier's intrastate motor carrier operations be suspended, other than such motor carrier operations excepted from the Commission's regulation under K.S.A. 66-1,129, until such time as the carrier takes the necessary steps to become compliant. This includes submitting to the Commission verifiable evidence of the correction of the violation(s) noted in Federal Order including, but not limited to, proof of federal reinstatement and attendance of a Commission-sponsored safety seminar within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order. A schedule of dates and locations for the safety seminar can be found at the Commission's website http://www.kcc.state.ks.us/trans/safety\_meetings.htm. The proof of attendance at the safety seminar should be submitted to Litigation Counsel.

#### THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Order to Revoke "New Entrant" Registration and Cease All Interstate Transportation issued on August 30, 2024 is hereby accepted and adopted.

- B. SPF Logistics LLC of Andover, Kansas is to be immediately suspended from all intrastate Kansas commercial motor carrier operations, other than such motor carrier operations excepted from the Commission's regulation under K.S.A. 66-1,129, until such time as Carrier presents to Staff verifiable evidence, including, but not limited to, proof of federal reinstatement documenting the correction of the safety concerns identified in the FMCSA's August 30, 2024 Order to Revoke "New Entrant" Registration and Cease All Interstate Transportation. This Order 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 suspend operating authority.
- C. SPF Logistics LLC is hereby ordered 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.
- D. Pursuant to K.S.A. 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 Executive Director, at 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road Topeka, Kansas 66604, within fifteen (15) days from the date of service of this Order. 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 Carrier's right to a hearing, and this Order will become a Final Order.
- 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.

## BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, C	nairperson; Keen, Con	nmissioner; Kuetner, Commissioner
Dated:	09/10/2024	
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		Lynn M. Retz
		Executive Director

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U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590

**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration** 

SPF LOGISTICS LLC 820 N FAIROAKS PL ANDOVER, KS 67002 August 30, 2024

In reply refer to:

USDOT Number: **4118326** MC Number: MC1574570

## ORDER TO REVOKE "NEW ENTRANT" REGISTRATION AND CEASE ALL INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION U.S. DOT Number: 4118326

This Order is issued pursuant to 49 CFR 385.337(b). In a letter dated August 19, 2024 SPF LOGISTICS LLC was notified that its New Entrant Registration would be revoked unless it agreed in writing within 10 days of August 19, 2024 to permit a Safety Audit to be performed. Because SPF LOGISTICS LLC has failed to agree to the safety audit its New Entrant Registration is hereby revoked and SPF LOGISTICS LLC's operations are placed out of service effective immediately. SPF LOGISTICS LLC must immediately cease all Interstate motor carrier operations in the United States.

Failure to comply with this order may subject the carrier to a penalty in accordance with 49 USC 521 (b)(2)(a) and the minimum/maximum penalty schedule in 49 CFR Part 386 Appendix A and B.

Under section 385.329, SPF LOGISTICS LLC may reapply for new entrant registration no earlier than 30 days from the date of this Order. In accordance with 49 CFR 385.329, in order to reapply SPF LOGISTICS LLC must submit an updated MCS-150 (Motor Carrier Identification Report), submit to a safety audit, and restart the 18-month new entrant monitoring period. Reapplication may be made via the FMCSA web site (http://safer.fmcsa.dot.gov) or by submitting a MCS-150 form. The form may be obtained by calling FMCSA support services at 1-800-832-5660 or via the FMCSA web site.

Sincerely,

David J. Yessen

Chief, Compliance Division

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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 _	09/10/2024		
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