BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Investigation of David J.)	
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- 3. On November 9, 2018, Heartland Trucking submitted the Reduced Penalty Agreement. The Corrective Action Plan was submitted by the carrier and has been approved by Transportation Staff. The Reduced Penalty Agreement is attached hereto and is hereby incorporated by reference.
- 4. Staff recommends the Commission issue an Order Amending Penalty Assessment assessing Heartland Trucking a 50% reduced penalty of \$2,350 and requesting it to comply with the following terms and obligations:
 - a. within thirty (30) days from the date of the Penalty Order dated October 25,
 2018, Heartland Trucking shall send an individual responsible for safety
 compliance to attend a Commission-sponsored safety seminar, and proof of
 attendance must been submitted to Litigation Counsel;
 - b. within eighteen (18) months of the Penalty Order, Heartland Trucking must submit to a follow-up Safety Compliance Review. Transportation Staff will contact the carrier to set up the review; and
 - c. within thirty (30) days from the date of service of the Order Amending Penalty Assessment, Heartland Trucking must make the payment of \$2350 through the KTRAN system located at https://puc.kcc.ks.gov/ktran/.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, Staff requests an Order Amending Penalty Assessment be issued by the Commission assessing David J. Bascom, d/b/a Heartland Trucking a reduced penalty of \$2,350 and ordering it to comply with the proposed terms and obligations set out in paragraph 4 above.

Respectfully submitted,

Ahsan A. Latif, S. Ct. #24709

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VERIFICATION

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STATE OF KANSAS)
) ss
COUNTY OF SHAWNEE)

Ahsan A. Latif, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and states that he is Litigation Counsel for the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas; that he has read and is familiar with the foregoing *Motion for Order Amending Penalty Assessment*, and attests that the statements therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Ahsan A. Latif, S. Ct. # 24709

Litigation Counsel

The State Corporation Commission

of the State of Kansas

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this _____day of November, 2018.

VICKI D. JACOBSEN

Notary Public - State of Kansas

My Appt. Expires (-30-22

My Appointment Expires: June 30, 2022

STATE OF KANSAS



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REDUCED PENALTY AGREEMENT

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David J. Bascom, d/b/a Heartland Trucking (Heartland Trucking) hereby submits this Reduced Penalty Agreement for approval of a fifty percent (50%) reduction in the penalty assessed in the Penalty Order dated October 25, 2018. Heartland Trucking has agreed to comply with the following terms and obligations:

- 1. Heartland Trucking has submitted, within fifteen (15) days from the date of the Penalty Order this signed and dated Reduced Penalty Agreement to Litigation Counsel.
- 2. Heartland Trucking will, within thirty (30) days from the date of the Penalty Order, submit to Transportation Staff a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) documenting the violation(s) and describing specific and detailed information explaining its efforts and concrete steps taken to ensure the violation(s) do not occur in the future. I understand the CAP must be approved by Transportation Staff to become eligible for the 50% reduced penalty.
- 3. Heartland Trucking will, within thirty (30) days from the date of the Penalty Order, send an individual responsible for safety compliance to attend a Commission-sponsored safety seminar, and proof of attendance will be submitted to the Litigation Counsel.
- 4. Heartland Trucking will be available within eighteen (18) months from the date of the Penalty Order for a follow-up Safety Compliance Review. Transportation Staff will contact the carrier to schedule the review.

David J. Bascom, d/b/a Heartland Trucking understands that if approved, an Order Amending Penalty Assessment will be issued by the Commission assessing a reduced penalty of \$2,350, and will set out the terms and conditions stated above. Once the Order Amending Penalty Assessment is issued by the Commission, Heartland Trucking will have thirty (30) days from the date of service of that Order to pay the reduced penalty assessed.

Dated this $\underline{9}$ day of \underline{NOV} , 2018.

David J. Bascom, d/b/a Heartland Trucking

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(This Agreement can be mailed via U.S. Mail to the address above to the attention of Ahsan Latif, Litigation Counsel, or sent via e-mail to <u>v.jacobsen@kcc.ks.gov</u> and <u>alatif@kcc.ks.gov</u>.)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Motion to Amend Penalty Assessment was served via electronic service this 15th day of November, 2018, to the following:

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