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

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In the Matter of the Investigation of Helt) Supply, LLC of Cherryvale, Kansas, Regarding the Violation of the Motor Carrier Safety Statutes, Rules and Regulations and the Commission's Authority to Impose Penalties, Sanctions and/or the Revocation of Motor Carrier Authority.

Docket No. 18-TRAM-086-PEN

MOTION FOR ORDER AMENDING PENALTY ASSESSMENT

The Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Staff and Commission, respectively), by and through its counsel Ahsan A. Latif, file this Motion requesting the Commission issue an Order Amending Penalty Assessment reducing the penalty assessed to Helt Supply, LLC (Helt Supply), by fifty-percent (50%) than the penalty assessed in the Penalty Order dated August 29, 2017. In support of this Motion, Staff states as follows:

1. On August 29, 2017, a Penalty Order was issued to Helt Supply assessing it a penalty of \$1,450 for five (5) violation(s) of Kansas law that governs motor carriers, including various provisions of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs), as adopted by the Kansas Administrative Regulations. The violations were found during a Safety Compliance Review conducted by Special Investigator(s) Michael Heenan on August 9, 2017.

2. The Notice of Penalty Assessment advised Helt Supply it was a New Entrant carrier and was eligible for a fifty-percent (50%) reduced penalty if it submitted a signed and dated Reduced Penalty Agreement within fifteen (15) days from the date of the Penalty Order, stating it will comply with the reduced penalty option terms and obligations stated therein.

3. On September 8, 2017, Helt Supply 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 Helt Supply a 50% reduced penalty of \$725 and requesting it to comply with the following terms and obligations:

- a. within thirty (30) days from the date of the Penalty Order dated August 29,
 2017 Helt Supply 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 dated August 29, 2017, Helt
 Supply must submit to a follow-up Safety Compliance Review.
 Transportation Staff will contact the carrier to set up the review; and
- c. within (30) days from the date of service of the Amended Penalty Order, Helt Supply must make the payment of \$725 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 Helt Supply, LLC a reduced penalty of \$725 and ordering it to comply with the proposed terms and obligations set out in paragraph 4 above.

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Respectfully submitted,

Ahsan A. Latif, S. Ct. #24709

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Attorney for Commission Staff

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 12^{+1} day of September, 2017.

Notary Public - State of Kansas My Appt. Expires 6-30-18

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REDUCED PENALTY AGREEMENT

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Helt Supply, LLC (Helt Supply) hereby submits this Reduced Penalty Agreement to become eligible for a fifty percent (50%) reduction in the penalty assessed in the Penalty Order dated August 29, 2017. Helt Supply has agreed to comply with the following terms and obligations:

1. Helt Supply has submitted, within fifteen (15) days from the date of the Penalty Order issued on August 29, 2017, this signed and dated Reduced Penalty Agreement to Litigation Counsel at the above address.

2. Helt Supply will, within 30 days from the date of the Penalty Order dated August 29, 2017, submit to Transportation Staff a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) documenting the violation(s) and describing specific and detailed information explaining the 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 before my company can be eligible for the 50% reduced penalty.

3. Helt Supply will, within thirty (30) days from the date of the Penalty Order dated August 29, 2017, 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. Helt Supply 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.

Helt Supply, LLC understands that if approved, Transportation Litigation Counsel will file a Motion for Amended Penalty Order with this Agreement attached to the motion. The Amended Penalty Order will assess Helt Supply a fifty-percent (50%) reduced penalty of \$725, and set out the terms and conditions stated above. Once the Amended Penalty Order is issued by the Commission, Helt Supply will have thirty (30) days from the date of service of the Amended Order to pay the reduced penalty assessed.

Dated this 5 day of September, 2017.

Helt Supply, LLC	
Christopher L. Helt	

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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 for Order Amending Penalty Assessment was served via electronic service this 12th day of September, 2017, to the following:

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