

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of Millis Transfer Inc.,	:	
Notice of Apparent Violation and	:	
Intent to Assess Forfeiture	:	Case No. 13-2058-TR-CVF
	:	(OH1100004819C)
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Respondent.	:	
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**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

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**I. Introduction**

Pursuant to Rule 4901:2-7-11 of the Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) (regarding settlement agreements), Millis Transfer Inc., (Carrier or Respondent) and the Staff of the Transportation Department of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Staff) enter into this Settlement Agreement and urge the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) to adopt the Agreement.

The Respondent and the Staff understand that this Settlement Agreement is not binding upon the Commission. This agreement, however, is based on the Respondent's and the Staff's desire to arrive at a reasonable result considering the law, facts, and circumstances of the case. Accordingly, the Respondent and the Staff believe that the Commission should adopt this Settlement Agreement.

This Settlement Agreement is submitted on the condition that the Commission adopts the Agreement's terms. If the Commission rejects any part of the Settlement

Agreement, adds to the Agreement, or otherwise materially modifies the Agreement's terms, each party will have the right, within thirty days of the Commission's order, to file an application for rehearing that includes a request to terminate and withdraw from the Settlement Agreement. When the Commission grants the application for rehearing and the request to terminate/withdraw from the Settlement Agreement, the Settlement Agreement will immediately become null and void. In such event, the parties must proceed to a hearing as if the parties had never executed the Settlement Agreement.

## **II. Procedural History**

- A. On August 7, 2013, a commercial motor vehicle operated by Respondent was inspected within the State of Ohio.
- B. As a result of the inspection, Respondent was timely served with a Notice of Preliminary Determination in accordance with Rule 4901:2-7-12, O.A.C. The notice of preliminary determination notified Respondent that Staff intended to assess a civil forfeiture in the amount of \$3,220 for the following six violations:

- (1) 49 CFR 392.2-SLLSW (speeding) (\$0),
- (2) 49 C.F.R. 397.3AU (failing to comply with Alliance for Uniform Hazmat Registration requirements) (\$0),
- (3) 49 C.F.R. 172.600(c) (emergency Response information not immediately available) (\$480)
- (4) 49 C.F.R. 177.823(a) (no placards and/or markings on the vehicle when required) (\$960)

(5) 49 C.F.R. 177.834(a) (package not secure) (\$1280)

(6) 4901:2-6-03HM (carrier not registered for hazmat haul) (\$500)

- C. In response to the Notice of Preliminary Determination, Respondent made a timely formal request for an administrative hearing pursuant to Rule 4901:2-7-13, O.A.C.
- D. The parties have negotiated this Settlement Agreement which the parties believe resolves all the issues in the case.

### **III. Settlement Agreement**

The parties agree and recommend that the Commission find as follows:

- A. For purposes of settlement only, and not as an admission that the violations occurred as alleged, Respondent agrees that the violations may be included in its history of violations, insofar as it may be relevant for purposes of determining future penalty actions.
- B. Staff agrees, for purposes of settlement only, to a reduced civil forfeiture amount of \$2,004.00. This reflects a reduction of the forfeiture for the 4901:2-6-03HM violation from \$500 to \$100 and a 30% reduction of the forfeitures for the other violations. This reduction is premised upon a recognition that the Respondent is not in the business of transporting hazardous materials and that the Respondent has undertaken corrective actions. The Respondent has instructed all of its drivers to inspect loads for securement and has directed its drivers not to transport any materials not properly secured, among other actions.

- C. Within 30 days of the effective date of the Settlement Agreement, Respondent shall pay \$2,004.00. Payment shall be made by check or money order payable to: "Treasurer State of Ohio," and mailed to PUCO Fiscal, 180 E. Broad St., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. The Respondent should write the case number (OH1100004819C) on the face of the payment.
- D. This Settlement Agreement shall not become effective until the Commission adopts it through an Opinion and Order. The date of the entry of the Commission order adopting the Settlement Agreement will be the Settlement Agreement's effective date.
- E. This Settlement Agreement settles all factual and legal issues in this case. The parties do not intend the Settlement Agreement to have any affect in any other case or proceeding.

#### **IV. Conclusion**

This Settlement Agreement, which is subject to the Rules of the Commission, constitutes the entire agreement of the parties. The parties agree that this Settlement Agreement is in the best interest of all parties, and urge the Commission to adopt the Settlement Agreement and issue an entry in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

The parties consent to the Settlement Agreement by signing the Agreement below.

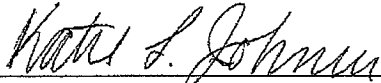
On behalf of the Respondent:



Date: 11-21-13

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Utilities Commission of Ohio:



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