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Mr. Gary E. Vigorito, Secretary
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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street, 10th Floor
Columbus, OH 43266-0573

96-577-TR-CVF

Re: Request for Administrative Hearing, The Aetna Freight Lines, Inc.

Dear Secretary Vigorito:

Enclosed herewith please find a Request for Administrative Hearing filed on behalf of The Aetna Freight Lines, Inc. Please accept same for filing.

Should you need any further information, please advise. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Michael Spurlock

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Alfred P. Agler, Director
Transportation Department
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
The Aetna Freight Lines, Inc.

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BEFORE THE PUBLICIANTINES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of The Actna Freight Lines, Inc. JUN 1 0 1996

96-577-TR-CVF

Case No. 0H0D033435C

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REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

Comes Now The Aetna Freight Lines, Inc. (hereinafter "Respondent"), by counsel, and respectfully submits its Request For Administrative Hearing in the above-referenced case, in accordance with Rule 4901:2-7-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code, and in support thereof states as follows:

Respondent submits that (1) the attached Notice of Preliminary Determination is erroneous and unlawful, and (2) the attached Notice of Apparent Violation and Intent to Assess Forfeiture, including but not limited to, the monetary assessment based upon the history factor of alleged prior violations, is erroneous and unlawful. Respondent and Respondent's counsel and their addresses and telephone numbers are as follows:

The Aetna Freight Lines, Inc. 2507 Youngstown Road P.O. Box 350 Warren, OH 44482 (216) 369-5201

Michael Spurlock Beery & Spurlock Co., L.P.A. 275 East State Street Columbus, OH 43215 (614) 228-8575

WHEREFORE, Respondent respectfully requests that its counsel be served with all future notices, entries and orders, and that this case be assigned for hearing at a date and time mutually agreeable to Respondent and staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Spurlock (0008767)

BEERY & SPURLOCK CO., L.P.A.

275 East State Street

Columbus, OH 43215

(614) 228-8575

Counsel for Respondent

The Aetna Freight Lines, Inc.

cc: Mr. Alfred P. Agler, Director
Transportation Department
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
The Aetna Freight Lines, Inc.



The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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May 17, 1996

MR MICHAEL SPURLOCK
ATTORNEY THE AETNA FREIGHT LINES, INCORP
275 EAST STATE STREET
COLUMBUS, OH 43215

RE: NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
Case No. OHODO33435C

Dear MR SPURLOCK:

On November 17, 1995, a vehicle operated by THE_AETNA FREIGHT LINES, INCORPORAT and driven by DAVID R STEWART, was inspected within the State of Ohio. As the result of discovery of the following apparent violations the Staff timely notified Respondent pursuant to Rule 4901:2-7-07, O.A.C., that it intended to make a civil monetary assessment against Respondent in the following amount:

Code	Violation
393.209D	SYSTEM COMPONENT, STEERING LOOSE OR DEF.
396.3A1BA	ADJUSTMENT, BRAKE OUT OF (PUSH ROD)
396.3A1BA	ADJUSTMENT, BRAKE OUT OF (PUSH ROD)
393.47	BRAKE LINING OR PAD INADEQUATE
393.207A	AXLES-POSITIONING PART CRACKED, BROKEN, ETC.

Total Forfeiture Assessed: \$700.00

A conference was conducted pursuant to Rule 4901:2-7-10(B), O.A.C., at which the Respondent had a full opportunity to present any reasons why the violations did not occur as alleged, mitigating circumstances regarding the amount of any forfeiture, and any other information relevant to the action proposed to be taken by Staff.

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MR MICHAEL SPURLOCK ATTORNEY THE AETNA FREIGHT LINES, INCORP May 17, 1996 OHODO33435C

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As a result of the conference, Staff has made a **Preliminary Determination** that the Commission should make a civil monetary assessment against THE AETNA FREIGHT LINES, INCORPORAT in the following forfeiture:

Code	Violation
393.209D	SYSTEM COMPONENT, STEERING LOOSE OR DEF.
396.3A1BA	ADJUSTMENT, BRAKE OUT OF (PUSH ROD)
396.3A1BA	ADJUSTMENT, BRAKE OUT OF (PUSH ROD)
393.47	BRAKE LINING OR PAD INADEQUATE
393.207A	AXLES-POSITIONING PART CRACKED, BROKEN, ETC.

Total Forfeiture Agreed: \$700.00

Please include a certified check or money order for the total forfeiture Agreed, made payable to "Treasurer State of Ohio," and mail to: PUCO FISCAL, 180 E. Broad St, 10th floor, Cols. OH 43215-3793. FOR PROPER CREDIT, BE SURE TO PUT THE CASE NUMBER ON THE FACE OF THE CHECK.

Please consult the enclosed additional information concerning this Notice of Preliminary Determination.

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Alfred P. Agler, Director Transportation Department Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio - 180 E. Broad St. - Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 - (614) 466-0369

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Transportation Department

George V. Volnovich, Governor

Craig A. Glazer, Chairman

January 30, 1996

THE ARTNA FREIGHT LINES, INCORPORAT 2507 YOUNGSTOVN ROAD S.E. VARREN, OH 44482

Re: MOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION AND INTENT TO ASSESS FORFEITURE Case No. OBODO33435C

Dear Carrier: .

On November 17, 1995 vehicle numbers 4025 (UNIT #1), 4025A (UNIT #2), operated by THE ABTNA FREIGHT LINES, INCORPORAT and driven by DAVID R STEVART vere inspected within the state of Ohio by staff of the Ohio Highway Patrol, Commercial Motor Carrier Enforcement Section. As the result of discovery of the following apparent out-of-service violation(s), the Commission intends to make a civil monetary assessment against THE AETNA FREIGHT LINES, INCORPORAT in the following amount:

CODE	UNIT	VIOLATION	VIOL. CROUP
393.209D	1	STSTEM COMPONENT, STEERING LOOSE OR DEF.	1
396.3A1BA		ADJUSTMENT, BRAKE OUT OF (PUSE ROD)	ž
396.3A1BA		ADJUSTMENT, BRAKE OUT OF (PUSH ROD)	2
393.47	2	BRAKE LINING OR PAD INADEQUATE	2
393.207A		AXLES-POSITIONING PART CRACKED, BROKEN, BTC.	2

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE VITH HISTORY FACTOR: \$700.00 [Payment must be received within 30 days of receipt of this notice.]

violation(s) and to take appropriate measures to ensure that It is not sep-

If you would prefer for any future notices to be delivered to a particular person or different address that what is shown on this "Notice", please complete the "Carrier Information Section" of the instruction sheet and, enclose it with your payment.

Please consult the enclosed additional information on the instruction sheet in regard to your rights and responsibilities concerning this Notice of Apparent Violation and Notice of Intent to Assess Forfeiture.

Sincerely

Lennie R. Glass, Administrator Motor Carrier Safety Division

INSTRUCTION SHEET

NOTICE OF APPARENT VIOLATION AND

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ASSESS FORFEITURE

You have received a combined "Notice of Apparent Violation" and "Notice of Intent to Assess Forfeiture" as described in Rule 4901:2-7-09, Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.). WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE, YOU MUST EITHER: (1) Pay the forfeiture amount indicated in the notice, or (2) Make a written request for conference. If you do not pay the forfeiture or request a conference within 30 days, your case will be referred to the Attorney General for collection.

Both procedures are described below. Please read them carefully.

1. How to Pay the Forfeiture

You may make payment of the forfeitures indicated in the Notice by certified check or money order (no Canadian postal money orders) made payable to: "PUCO Fiscal Division", and must indicate the case number(s) for which payment is being made. Please use the ENCLOSED ENVELOPE to make the payment. If the envelope is missing, payments must be mailed to the following address:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Attention: Fiscal Division 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793

THE CASE NUMBER (OR INSPECTION NUMBER) AND THE COMPANY NAME MUST BE WRITTEN ON THE FACE OF YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.

2. How to Make a Request for Conference

If you believe that any of the violations described in the Notice did not occur as alleged, that any of the occurrences described did not constitute a violation of the safety rules, or that you were not responsible for the apparent violations, or if you wish to contest the amount of the forfeiture indicated in the Notice, you should make a "Request for Conference" as described in Rule 4901-2-7-10, O.A.C., in lieu of payment for the forfeiture(s). Your "Request for Conference" must be IN WRITING and must be mailed or otherwise delivered within thirty days of your receipt of the "Notice of Intent to Assess Forfeiture" to the following address:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Motor Carrier Safety Division - CFS 180 East Broad Street, 5th Floor Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Your request for conference must contain the "Case Number" at the top of the notice letter, and the name, address and telephone number of the person to whom further

Notice of Apparent Violation and Notice of Intent to Assess Forfeiture

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communications regarding this matter should be directed. It should be designated a "Request for Conference", should indicate your preference whether this matter be discussed by telephone, or in person, and may include any additional information you wish to submit at this time.

3. Failure to Make a Request for Conference

If you do not serve a timely "Request for Conference" in the manner described above, you will forfeit your right to contest liability to the State of Chio for the amount of the forfeitures set forth in the Notice. Moreover, the occurrence of the violations described in the Notice will be conclusively established for purposes of inclusion in your "history of violations". Should the history of violations reveal an ongoing safety problem, the result may be an increase in the amount of any civil forfeiture assessed for future violations.

4. Violation Amounts, Codes and Violation Group

R.C. Section 4919.99, 4921.99 and 4923.99 authorizes the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to assess a civil forfeiture of up to \$1,000 per violation for any violation of the safety rules discovered during a roadside inspection. The amount of any forfeiture depends upon the nature, gravity, circumstances, and extent of the violation, the offender's degree of culpability for the violation, and the offender's history of violations.

"Code" in the Notice identifies the rule which was violated. Numbers in a 300 series refer to specific sections of the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations. Codes in other formats refer to violations of Ohio rules. Some section numbers may have suffixes beyond those which appear in the C.F.R. These are used for internal data collection purposes.

"Violation Group" and "Total Amount Due" in the Notice identifies the numerical fine Group (1-4) of the code which was violated. The total amount of fine for all violations is listed in the "Total". If the words "with history" is added to the word "Total", than the amount of your total has been doubled, up to \$1,000. For additional information on the fine structure, contact the Motor Carrier Safety Division.

5. Copies of Inspection Reports

A copy of the inspection report for the violations described in the Notice was given to the driver at the time of inspection. The driver should have given that copy to you. Additional copies of inspection reports must be requested in writing to the PUCO's Motor Carrier Safety Division.

Please contact the Motor Carrier Safety Division at (614) 466-0369 if you need additional information regarding the civil forfeiture compliance program.

Motor Carrier Safety Division

Effective October 1, 199

Fine Schedule Out-Of-Service Violations

Group 1

Violatie	ons	Maximum Fine
Braking Action Absent Missing or Broken Brake Component Air Drop Test Safety Devices - Chains or Hooks	Steering Gear Box Steering Modification Steering Wheel Play Coupling, Towing Devices	1 Violation.= \$100 2 Violations = \$250
Tires, Retreads - on Buses Steering Column Other Steering Components	Frame Tires, Front Axle Safe Loading	3 Violations = \$400*
Record of Duty Status - 10 Hour Violation	مين مستخدم او د معرف داد مستقد در ايم اي پيښور در ايو ريسو مينې يې . ماره د مستخدم او د مستون د د اي مستقد در ايم اي پيښور د ايو ريسو مينې اي	and the second s
15 Hour Violation		
60 in 7, or 70 in 8		
None in Possession/Not Current Falsification of Record of Duty Status	(Intentional)	\$300
Violation of Out of Service Notice (Each	h Notice, Not Each Offense)	\$1,000

Group 2

V	iolations	Maximum Fine
Brake Pad	Lamps on the Rear	1 Violation =
Brake Hose, Tube	Lemps on Projecting Load	\$50
Parking Brake	Turn Signal-Rear	2 Violations =
Low Air Warning Device	Fuel Tank Not Secure	\$150
Air Reservoir	Adjustable Axie	3 Violations =
Brake Adjustment	Wheels and Rims	\$250*
Headlamp Inoperative	Front End Structure	1
Stop Lamp Inoperative	Suspension	
Violation of Out of Service Notice	e (Each Notice, Not Bach Offense)	\$1,000

Group 3

Viol	Maximum Fine	
Fuel Tank Cap Missing	Audible Air Leak	1 Violation =
Fuel System	Exhaust System	\$0
Windshield Glazing	Tires, Other Axles	2 Violations =
Windshield Wipers	Agė	\$90
Intoxicants - Possession in Cab	License - Improper Class	3 Violations =
Waiver of Physical Disqualification		\$150*
Radio Active Material - Training C		1
Violation of Out of Service Notice	\$1,000	

^{*} Maximum Accumulated Fine for each group is the highest fine indicated for each group.

Motor Carrier Safety Division

Effective October 1, 1995

Fine Schedule Out-Of-Service Violations

Group 4

	Maximum
Violations	Fine
No Operating Authority (intrastate)	\$500
Failure to Register (intrastate)	\$250
No Lease Agreement on Vehicle (For-hire intra only)	\$100
Insurance Violations (intrastate)	\$1,000
SSRS Registration (Receipt)	\$100
Failure to Display Correct Ohio-Cab Card Stamp (ICC Exempt)	\$100:
Failure to Display Tax Decal on Vehicle	\$100
Radar Detectors	\$100
Medical Certificate (Driver)	\$50
Medical Certificate (Carrier)	\$300
Disqualifying Offenses	\$500
Drugs - Under the Influence	\$500
Drugs - Possessing	\$500
Intoxicants - Under the Influence	\$500
Intoxicants - Consumption	\$500

Any questions in regards to this Fine Schedule please contact:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Motor Carrier Safety Division - CPS 180 East Broad Street, 5th Floor Columbus, OH 43215-3793

(614) 466-0369

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