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I. Introduction

This settlement agreement is submitted on the condition that the Commission adopts the agreed-upon terms. In the event the Commission rejects any part of the settlement agreement, or adds to, or otherwise materially modifies its terms, either party shall have the right, within thirty days of the date of the Commission's entry or

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order, to file an application for rehearing that includes a request to terminate and withdraw from the Settlement Agreement. Upon the application for rehearing and request to terminate and withdraw from the Settlement Agreement being granted by the Commission, the Settlement Agreement shall immediately become null and void. In such event, the parties shall proceed to a hearing as if this Settlement Agreement had never been executed.

II. Procedural History

- A. On March 27, 2015 a vehicle operated by Ohio Oil Gathering Corporation II and driven by Tony K. Martin was inspected within the State of Ohio. The vehicle contained hazardous materials. As a result of the inspection, Respondent was cited for an alleged violation of the following regulation:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Violation</u>
49 C.F.R. § 173.24(B)(1)	Release of hazardous materials from package

- B. Respondent was timely served with a notice of preliminary determination in accordance with Rule 4901:2-7-12 O.A.C. for Case No. OH3221301453S2. The notice of preliminary determination notified the Respondent that the Commission intended to assess Respondent \$2,100.00 for the alleged violation.
- C. Respondent made a timely formal request for an administrative hearing pursuant to 4901:2-7-13, O.A.C.

- D. The parties have negotiated this settlement agreement which the parties believe resolves all the issues raised in the notice of preliminary determination.

III. Settlement Agreement

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

- A. Respondent agrees to pay the assessed forfeiture but does not admit liability for the alleged violation listed above.
- B. Respondent shall pay the \$2,100.00 civil forfeiture within 30 days of the Commission's order approving this settlement agreement. Payment should be made by check or money order to "Treasurer State of Ohio," and mailed to: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Attn: CF Processing, 180 East Broad St., 4th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215-3793. The case number (OH3221301453S2) shall appear on the face of the check.
- C. Respondent and Staff agree that nothing in this settlement agreement shall prevent Staff from assessing civil forfeitures pursuant to Chapter 4901:2-7, O.A.C., as the result of future compliance reviews or roadside inspections.
- D. This settlement agreement shall not become effective until adopted by an Opinion and Order of the Commission. The date of the entry or of the Commission adopting the settlement agreement shall be considered the effective date of the settlement agreement.

E. This settlement agreement is made in settlement of all factual or legal issues of only this case. It is not intended to have any effect whatsoever in any other case or proceeding.

III. Conclusion

The Signatory parties agree that this Settlement Agreement is in the best interest of all parties, and urge the Commission to adopt the same. The undersigned respectfully request that the Commission issue an entry in accordance with the terms set forth in this Settlement Agreement.

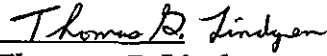
The parties have manifested their consent to this Settlement Agreement by affixing their signatures below on this 25th day of September, 2015.

On behalf of Respondent



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On behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities
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