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Public Utilities Commussion of Ohio ATTN: Docketing Division 180E Broad Street, 11th Floor Columbus, OH. 43215-3793

RE: Request for an Administrative Hearing

Case Number: 0H 1931000754C

Confact Name, Address and phone Number for Further Communication:

Keith Ertel

8034 N. US 421

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Cellph # 3812-756-2022

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enclosure: Notice of Preliminary Determation

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February 8, 2020

Keith Ertel 8034 N US 421 OSGOOD, IN 47037

RE: NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

Case No. OH1931000754C

Dear Sir or Madam:

On 12/20/2019, a vehicle operated by ERTEL FARMS INC, and driven by, ERTEL, KEITH R was inspected within the state of Ohio. As a result of discovery of the following violation(s) of the Commission's rules, Staff of the Commission timely notified ERTEL FARMS INC pursuant to rule 4901:2-7-07, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), that it intended to assess a civil forfeiture against ERTEL FARMS INC in the following amount:

CODE	GROUP	VIOLATION	FORFEITURE
393.102 C	Group 1	Exceeding working load limit for tiedowns	\$ 0.00
393.104 B	Group 1	Damaged securement system/tiedowns	\$ 0.00
392.2R G	Group 0	State vehicle registration or License Plate violation	\$ 0.00
	Group 1	Group 1 Violations	\$ 250.00
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A conference was conducted pursuant to Rule 4901:2-10, OAC, at which ERTEL FARMS INC had a full opportunity to present reasons why the violation(s) 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 the Staff.

As a result of the conference, staff has made a preliminary determination that the commission should assess a civil forfeiture against ERTEL FARMS INC in the following amount:

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		New Amount Due:	\$250.00

Within 30 days of this notice you must <u>either</u>; 1) pay the assessed civil forfeiture <u>or</u>, 2) submit a written Request for an Administrative Hearing.

Failure to comply with either option above shall constitute a waiver of your right to further contest the violation(s) and will conclusively establish the occurrence of the violation(s). Such failure shall also constitute a waiver of your right to further contest liability to the State of Ohio for the civil forfeiture described in the notice and will result in the forfeiture amount being referred to the Ohio Attorney General's Office for collection. In addition, your Ohio operating authority and/or commercial driving privileges may be sanctioned as permitted by law.

Please consult the enclosed instruction sheet for additional information regarding this "Notice of Preliminary Determination."

Sincerely,

John D. Williams, Director Transportation Department

cc: Thomas Persinger

