

Moser, Chip

From: Gene Carson <Gene@cetruck.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 9:15 AM
To: Moser, Chip
Subject: hearing

Mr Moser, per our conversation yesterday, we wish to request an in person hearing in regards to the case shown below. We have already had a phone conference hearing with Mark Banks, and my driver who was involved in the issue. My driver will also be testifying in Columbus.

Below is the information from the Data Q which we were denied on.

From: DataQs Desk <no-reply@dot.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 8:12 AM
To: Gene Carson <Gene@cetruck.com>
Subject: DataQs 3098003 - Response Added

The following request was responded to by Forbes, Tom (OH PUC)

ID #: 3098003
Report #: 3212300873

The status was updated. To view what the status means, visit [this frequently asked question](#).

Status prior to response: Open - Pending Agency Review

Status after response: Closed - No Data Correction Made

Response Description:

In a case where the facts are in dispute you will need to follow the Civil Forfeiture process and request an administrative hearing and let a Administrative Law Judge decide on the facts of the case.

This automated email was sent from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's DataQs system.

If you login to the DataQs system directly, please go to <https://dataqs.fmcsa.dot.gov> to view this request and to respond.

If you login to the DataQs system via the FMCSA's Portal, please go to <https://portal.fmcsa.dot.gov> to view this request and to respond.

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June 29, 2021

gene Carson
3091 Rockefeller Ave
Cleveland, OH 44115

RE: **NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION**
Case No. OH3212300873C

Dear Sir or Madam:

On 05/12/2021, a vehicle operated by CLEVELAND EXPRESS TRUCKING COMPANY INC, and driven by, PLANT, JEFFERY L 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 CLEVELAND EXPRESS TRUCKING COMPANY INC pursuant to rule 4901:2-7-07, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), that it intended to assess a civil forfeiture against CLEVELAND EXPRESS TRUCKING COMPANY INC in the following amount:

<u>CODE</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>FORFEITURE</u>
177.817 E	HazMat	Shipping paper accessibility	\$ 660.00

Original Amount Due: \$660.00

A conference was conducted pursuant to Rule 4901:2-10, OAC, at which CLEVELAND EXPRESS TRUCKING COMPANY 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 CLEVELAND EXPRESS TRUCKING COMPANY INC in the following amount:

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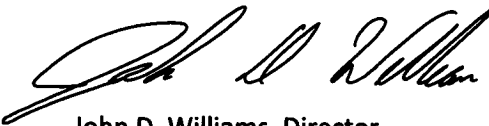
New Amount Due: \$660.00

Within 30 days of this notice you must either; 1) pay the assessed civil forfeiture or, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Williams", is positioned above the printed name.

John D. Williams, Director
Transportation Department

cc: Mark Banks

INSTRUCTION SHEET

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

Please read these instruction sheets carefully. They contain information about your rights and responsibilities in regard to this "Notice of Preliminary Determination."

You have received a "Notice of Preliminary Determination" as described in 4901:2-7-12, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). Within 30 days of this notice you must either; 1) pay the assessed civil forfeiture or, 2) submit a written Request for an Administrative Hearing. If you do not pay the forfeiture or request a hearing within 30 days of this notice, your case will be placed in our default process. Additionally, your Ohio operating authority and/or your commercial driving privileges may be sanctioned as permitted by law.

How to pay the forfeiture

Online <https://www.puco.ohio.gov/sc/mcos/>
Enter the case number and PIN located on the enclosed invoice.

Mail Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Attn: Fiscal Section
180 E. Broad Street, 4th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Send check/money order (no foreign checks/money orders) made payable to "**Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**". To ensure proper credit, write the case number on the face of the check or money order.

*** Payments cannot be completed by telephone**

How to make a Request for an Administrative Hearing

If you wish to further contest the violations described in this notice, you should file a "Request for an Administrative Hearing" with the Commission's Docketing Division as described in Rule 4901:2-7-13, OAC.

Your "Request for an Administrative Hearing" must be in writing and must contain the case number found at the top of the "Notice of Preliminary Determination." Also, please include the contact name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom further communications should be directed. The request shall be signed by the Respondent or the Respondent's authorized representative. A copy of the "Notice of Preliminary Determination" must be attached to your request.

Your "Request for an Administrative Hearing" must be mailed or hand-delivered within 30 days of this notice to the following address:

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

Failure to submit a Request for Administrative Hearing

If you do not serve a timely "Request for an Administrative Hearing" in the manner described above, you will forfeit your right to further contest the violations described in this notice and the occurrence of the violations will be conclusively established. 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 this notice and will result in the forfeiture amount being referred to the Ohio Attorney General's Office for collection. Also, your Ohio operating authority and/or your commercial driving privileges may be sanctioned as permitted by law.

Codes, Violation Groups, and Forfeiture Amounts

"Code" in this notice identifies the rule violated. Numbers in a 100 or 300 series refer to specific sections of the Hazardous Materials Regulations or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations located in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Some section numbers may have suffixes beyond those appearing in the CFR. These are used for internal data collections purposes. Codes in other formats refer to violations of Ohio's statutes or regulations.

"Violations Group" identifies the assigned numerical group (1-4) for the violation for purposes of calculating the civil forfeiture. Section 4923.99, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) authorizes the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to assess civil forfeiture up to \$25,000 for each day of each violation. The amount of any forfeiture is dependent upon the nature, gravity, circumstances, and extent of the violation, the offender's degree of culpability for the violation, and the offender's violation history. "Total Amount Due" is the total amount of the civil forfeiture assessed for all violations described in this notice.

ATTENTION DRIVER

Potential Disqualification

If the roadside inspection leading to this letter identified an alleged violation of one or more of the below noted regulations, your CDL may be disqualified. If the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) finds you committed a violation of any of these regulations, the violation will be treated as a conviction¹ for the purposes of federal and state law and notice of such conviction will be forwarded to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). The BMV may disqualify you from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a minimum of 60 days. Any BMV sanction is **in addition to** sanctions imposed by the PUCO.

177.804B1	177.804(b)(1)	Failure to comply with 49 CFR Section 392.12 Complying With Safe Clearance Requirements For Highway-Rail Grade Crossings.
177.804B2	177.804(b)(2)	Failure to comply with 49 CFR Section 392.80 Texting While Operating a CMV When Transporting Select Agents or Toxins or HM Requiring Placarding.
177.804B3	177.804(b)(3)	Failure to comply with 49 CFR Section 392.82 Using a Cell Phone While Operating a CMV When Transporting Select Agents or Toxins or HM Requiring Placarding.
177.804C	177.804(c)	Failure to comply with 49 CFR Section 392.82 Using a Handheld Mobile Phone While Operating a CMV When Transporting Select Agents or Toxins or HM Requiring Placard.
2-5-07D	392.2	Operating a CMV after Driver or Vehicle declared out of service.
383.23A2	383.23(a)(2)	Operating a CMV without a CDL.
383.51A	383.51(a)	Driving a CMV while disqualified from holding a CDL.
383.51A-NSIN	383.51(a)	Driving a CMV while CDL is suspended for a non-safety-related reason and in the state of driver's license issuance.
383.51A-NSOUT	383.51(a)	Driving a CMV while CDL is suspended for a non-safety-related reason and outside the state of driver's license issuance.
383.51A-SIN	383.51(a)	Driving a CMV while CDL is suspended for a safety-related or unknown reason and in state of driver's license issuance.
383.51A-SOUT	383.51(a)	Driving a CMV while CDL is suspended for safety-related or unknown reason and outside the state of driver's license issuance.
383.91A	383.91(a)	Operating a CMV with improper CDL group.
383.93B1	383.93(b)(1)	No double or triple trailer endorsement on CDL when required.
383.93B2	383.93(b)(2)	No passenger vehicle endorsement on CDL when required.
383.93B3	383.93(b)(3)	No tank vehicle endorsement on CDL when required.
383.93B4	383.93(b)(4)	No hazardous materials endorsement on CDL when required.
383.93B5	383.93(b)(5)	Operating a School Bus without a school bus endorsement as described in 383.93(b)(5).
391.15A	391.15(a)	Driving a CMV while disqualified.
391.15A-NSIN	391.15(a)	Driving a CMV while disqualified. Suspended for non-safety-related reason and in the state of driver's license issuance.
391.15A-NSOUT	391.15(a)	Driving a CMV while disqualified. Suspended for a non-safety-related reason and outside the state of driver's license issuance.
391.15A-SIN	391.15(a)	Driving a CMV while disqualified. Suspended for safety-related or unknown reason and in the state of drivers license issuance.
391.15A-SOUT	391.15(a)	Driving a CMV while disqualified. Suspended for a safety-related or unknown reason and outside the driver's license state of issuance.
392.10A1	392.10(a)(1)	Failure to stop at railroad crossing - Bus transporting passengers.
392.10A2	392.10(a)(2)	Failure to stop at railroad crossing - CMV transporting Division 2.3 Chlorine.
392.10A3	392.10(a)(3)	Failure to stop at railroad crossing - CMV requiring display of HM placards.
392.10A4	392.10(a)(4)	Failure to stop at railroad crossing - HM Cargo Tank vehicle.
392.11	392.11	Commercial Vehicle failing to slow down approaching a railroad crossing.
392.12	392.12	No Driver of a Commercial Motor Vehicle Shall Drive Onto a Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Without Having Sufficient Space to Drive Completely Through the Crossing Without Stopping.
392.4A	392.4(a)	Driver on duty and under the influence of, or using a narcotic drug / amphetamine, which renders the driver incapable of safe operation.
392.5A2-UI	392.5(a)(2)	Operating a CMV while under the influence of an intoxicating beverage regardless of its alcohol content.
392.5C2	392.5(c)(2)	Violating OOS order pursuant to 392.5(a)/(b) - Alcohol prohibitions.
392.80A	392.80(a)	Driving a commercial motor vehicle while Texting.
392.82A1	392.82(a)(1)	Using a hand-held mobile telephone while operating a CMV.
395.13D	395.13(d)	Driving after being declared out-of-service for HOS violation(s).
396.9C2	396.9(c)(2)	Operating an out-of-service vehicle.

¹ Federal regulations define "conviction" as, "... a determination that a person has violated or failed to comply with the law ... by an authorized administrative tribunal, ... the payment of a fine or court cost, ... regardless of whether or not the penalty is rebated, suspended, or probated." 49 CFR 383

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Summary: Application In the Matter of Cleveland Express Trucking Company Inc electronically filed by Mr. Rod Moser on behalf of Gene Carson