

## COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION P.O. BOX 3265, HARRISBURG, PA 17105-3265

August 7, 2012

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Re:

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement v. Central Van & Storage of Charleston, Inc. Docket No. C-2012-2314499

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing please find the First Amended Complaint in the above referenced case on behalf of the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Copies have been served on the parties of record in accordance with the Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

Stephanie M. Wimer

Prosecutor<sup>1</sup>

Attorney ID No. 207522

Counsel for the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement

**Enclosures** 

cc: As per Certificate of Service

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#### N-O-T-I-C-E

A. You must file an Answer within 20 days of the date of service of this Amended Complaint.

The date of service is the mailing date as indicated at the top of the Secretarial Cover Letter for this Amended Complaint and Notice. See 52 Pa. Code § 1.56(a). The Answer must raise all factual and legal arguments that you wish to claim in your defense and must include the docket number of this Amended Complaint. Your Answer must be verified and the original and three copies sent to:

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Additionally, you must serve a copy on:

Wayne T. Scott
First Deputy Chief Prosecutor
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

- B. If you fail to answer this Amended Complaint within 20 days, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement will request that the Commission issue an Order imposing the penalty set forth in the Amended Complaint.
- C. You may elect not to contest this Amended Complaint by paying the civil penalty and your outstanding assessment within 20 days. Your check or money order for the civil penalty and assessment should be payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and should be mailed to:

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- D. If you file an Answer which either admits or fails to deny the allegations of the Amended Complaint, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement will request the Commission to issue an Order imposing the penalty set forth in this Amended Complaint.
- E. If you file an Answer which contests the Amended Complaint, the matter will be assigned to an Administrative Law Judge for hearing and decision. The Judge is not bound by the penalty set forth in the Amended Complaint, and may impose additional and/or alternative penalties as appropriate.
- F. If you are a corporation, you must be represented by legal counsel. See 52 Pa. Code §§ 1.21-1.22.
- G. Alternative formats of this material are available for persons with disabilities by contacting the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at 717-787-5620.

# BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement

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v. : Docket No. C-2012-2314499

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Central Van & Storage of Charleston,

Inc.

# FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

NOW COMES the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement ("I&E") of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission"), by its counsel, and files this First Amended Complaint against Central Van & Storage of Charleston, Inc. ("Respondent"), pursuant to Section 701 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 701. In support of its Amended Complaint, I&E respectfully represents the following:

#### Parties and Jurisdiction

- 1. The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, with a mailing address of P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265, is a duly constituted agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania empowered to regulate public utilities within the Commonwealth pursuant to the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. §§ 101, et seq.
- 2. Complainant is the Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement and is the entity established by statute to prosecute complaints against public utilities pursuant to 66 Pa.C.S. § 308.2(a)(11).
- 3. Complainant is represented by:

Stephanie M. Wimer Prosecutor Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265 717.772.8839 stwimer@pa.gov Wayne T. Scott
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- 4. Respondent is Central Van & Storage of Charleston, Inc. and maintains its principal place of business at 595 Meadowlands Boulevard, Washington, PA 15301, Attention: Leonard Papa, President.
- 5. Respondent is a "public utility" as that term is defined at 66 Pa.C.S. § 102, as it is engaged in transporting property in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for compensation.
- 6. The Commission issued Respondent a certificate of public convenience on or about August 25, 2005, at A-00121979, for household goods carrier and trucking authority.
- 7. Section 501(a) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 501(a), authorizes and obligates the Commission to execute and enforce the provisions of the Public Utility Code.
- 8. Section 701 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 701, authorizes the Commission, *inter alia*, to hear and determine complaints against public utilities for a violation of any law or regulation that the Commission has jurisdiction to administer.
- 9. Section 3301 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 3301, authorizes the Commission to impose civil penalties on any public utility, or any other person or corporation subject to the Commission's authority, for violation(s) of the Public Utility Code and/or Commission regulations.
- 10. Respondent, in transporting property as a common carrier for compensation, is subject to the power and authority of this Commission pursuant to Section 501(c) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 501(c), which requires a public utility to comply with Commission regulations.
- 11. Pursuant to the provisions of the applicable Commonwealth statutes and regulations, the Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this complaint and the actions of Respondent related thereto.

### **Factual Background**

- 12. The Commission sent Respondent, through certified mail, an assessment invoice for the July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 Fiscal Year that was based, in part, on Respondent's estimated revenues for the 2010 calendar year. Respondent's assessment was \$1,557.
- 13. On September 26, 2011, Respondent signed a certified mail card, which indicated that it received an assessment invoice for the Commission's July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 Fiscal Year.
- 14. Accompanying the assessment invoice was a notice that informed Respondent that it was obligated to pay the amount listed on the assessment invoice within thirty (30) days.
- 15. Payment of Respondent's assessment was due on or before October 26, 2011.
- 16. The Commission received no objections from Respondent to this assessment.
- 17. Respondent failed to pay this assessment and has an outstanding balance of \$1,557.

#### Violation

18. That Respondent, by failing to pay the Commission's assessment, violated Section 510(c) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 510(c).

Pursuant to Section 3301(a) and (b) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 3301(a)-(b), the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement submits that each day the assessment is late may be considered a separate violation and that, pursuant to Section 3301(a) and (b) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 3301(a)-(b), a maximum civil penalty of \$1,000 per day for each day that the assessment is late could be levied against Respondent. Such a civil penalty, in this instance, would exceed the assessment amount that Respondent owes. Therefore, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement recommends that the Commission impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$230 or 15% of the outstanding amount due. The Bureau submits that this amount is both equitable and sufficiently large enough to deter future violations.

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WHEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement of Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission respectfully requests that:

- (a) Respondent be ordered to pay a total of \$1,787, which consists of its outstanding assessment balance, which totals \$1,557, and a civil penalty of \$230 for the above-described violations.
- (b) If payment of the civil penalty and assessment is not made, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement requests that:
  - (1) the Commission issue an Order to cancel the Certificate of Public Convenience issued to Respondent;
  - (2) the Commission certify automobile registrations to the Department of Transportation for suspension or revocation; and
  - (3) this matter be referred to the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General for appropriate action.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Wimer

Prosecutor

Bureau of Investigation & Enforcement

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Date: August 7, 2012

#### **VERIFICATION**

I, Susan A. Daub, Accountant, Bureau of Administrative Services, Assessment Section, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief and that I expect the Bureau will be able to prove the same at any hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: August 7, 2012

Susan A. Daub, Accountant

**Assessment Section** 

Bureau of Administrative Services

PA. Public Utility Commission

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SECRETARY'S BUREA

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing First Amended Complaint upon the parties, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a party).

Notification by First Class Mail:

Leonard Papa, President Central Van & Storage of Charleston, Inc. 595 Meadowlands Boulevard Washington, PA 15301

Beth Moran Central Van & Storage of Charleston, Inc. P.O. Box 626 Poca, WV 25159

Stephanie M. Wimer

Prosecutor

Attorney ID No. 207522

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Dated: August 7, 2012

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