

# COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION COMMONWEALTH KEYSTONE BUILDING 400 NORTH STREET, HARRISBURG, PA 17120

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION & ENFORCEMENT

November 29, 2022

# Via Electronic Filing

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

> Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement v. Piccolos Friendly Movers Docket No. C-2022-3034244 I&E Motion for Default Judgment

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for electronic filing please find the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement's Motion for Default Judgment in the above-referenced proceeding. Copies have been served on the parties of record in accordance with the Certificate of Service.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Alphonso Arnold III Prosecutor Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement PA Attorney ID No. 318487 (717) 787-3836 alphonarno@pa.gov

AA/ac Enclosures

cc: Per Certificate of Service

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| Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, | : |
| Complainant                              | : |
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| Piccolos Friendly Movers,                | : |
| Respondent                               | : |

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# **NOTICE TO PLEAD**

The Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement ("I&E") of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") has filed a Motion for Default Judgment in the above-captioned matter, pursuant to the Commission's regulations at 52 Pa. Code § 5.103. You are hereby notified to file a written response within twenty (20) days of the service of the Motion, consistent with 52 Pa. Code § 5.61.

Your Answer must be verified, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 1.36, and the original sent to:

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

Additionally, you must serve a copy on the undersigned prosecutor.

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#### **MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT**

NOW COMES the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's ("Commission") Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement ("I&E"), by its prosecuting attorney, and files this Motion for Default Judgment against Piccolos Friendly Movers ("Respondent") pursuant to Section 5.103 of the Commission's regulations, 52 Pa. Code § 5.103. In support thereof, I&E respectfully represents as follows:

1. I&E commenced this action on September 16, 2022, by filing a Complaint.

2. The September 16, 2022, Formal Complaint alleged that Respondent, a Commission certified household goods carrier, committed several violations of the Commission's regulations discovered during an August 30, 2022, investigation of the Respondent performed by a Commission Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer.

3. On September 16, 2022, the Complaint was served by mail to Respondent at 420 Sterling Drive, Red Lion, PA 17356 which is the last known mailing address that Respondent provided to the Commission. 4. Attached to the Complaint was a Notice advising Respondent that it must file an Answer within twenty (20) days of service of the Complaint.

5. The Notice also advised Respondent that if it failed to answer the Complaint, I&E would request that the Commission issue an Order imposing the penalty set forth in the Complaint.

6. The twenty (20) days to file an Answer to the Complaint expired on October 6, 2022.

7. Respondent did not file an Answer to the Complaint.

8. Pursuant to Section 5.61(c) of the Commission's regulations, a Respondent who fails to file an Answer to a Complaint within the 20-day response period may be deemed in default, and the relevant facts stated in the Complaint may be deemed admitted. 52 Pa. Code § 5.61(c).

9. The Commonwealth Court has upheld the Commission's authority to sustain complaints that are not answered within twenty days. *See Fusaro v. Pa. Pub. Util. Comm'n*, 382 A.2d 794, 797 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1978).

10. Respondent did not pay the civil penalty of \$2,700 that was sought in the Complaint for Respondent's alleged violations of the Commission's regulations.

11. I&E respectfully requests that the Commission enter a Default Order against Respondent that sustains I&E's Complaint and:

a. Directs Respondent to pay the requested civil penalty of \$2,700, within thirty (30) days of the entry date of the Commission's Order;

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b. Refers the matter to the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General for collection of the total set forth in subparagraph (a), above, if Respondent fails to pay that total within thirty (30) days of the entry date of the Commission's Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **VERIFICATION**

I, Andrew Turriziani, Chief of Motor Carrier Enforcement, Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, 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: November 29, 2022

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Andréw Turriziani, Chief Motor Carrier Enforcement Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing Motion for

Default Judgment, in the manner and upon the parties listed below, in accordance with

the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a party).

### Served via First Class Mail

Piccolos Friendly Movers 420 Sterling Drive Red Lion, PA 17356

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