

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

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION & ENFORCEMENT

November 27, 2023

#### 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.

Herbert B Smith & Agee Copart T/A Samual W. Smith Moving & Storage

Docket No. C-2022-3035603

**Petition for Leave to Withdraw Complaint** 

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for electronic filing please find the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement's Petition for Leave to Withdraw Complaint 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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MLS/ac Enclosures

cc: Administrative Law Judge Dennis J. Buckley (via email)

Per Certificate of Service

## BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, : Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement :

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v. : Docket No. C-2022-3035603

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Herbert B Smith & Agee Copart :

t/a Samuel W. Smith Moving & Storage

# PETITION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW COMPLAINT OF THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT

#### TO THE COMMISSION:

The Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement ("I&E") of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission"), by and through its prosecuting attorney, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.94(a), petitions for leave to withdraw the Formal Complaint ("Complaint") in the above captioned proceeding. I&E submits the following in support thereof:

- 1. Herbert B Smith & Agee Copart t/a Samuel W Smith Moving & Storage ("Respondent") was issued a certificate of public convenience by this Commission on or about May 5, 1994, at Docket No. A-00111095 for truck authority.
- 2. On September 23, 2022, I&E filed a Formal Complaint docketed at Docket No. C-2022-3035603 against Respondent. In its Complaint, I&E alleged that Respondent violated Section 510(b) of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. §§ 510(b) and 510(c), by failing to file an assessment report for calendar year 2020 and failing to satisfy its 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Assessment in that it did not pay the amount due within thirty (30) days of receipt of the invoice. For relief, I&E requested that the Commission direct Respondent to pay a total of \$571, consisting of its outstanding assessment balance of \$271 and a total civil penalty of \$300 and to file assessment reports going forward.

3. Upon further investigation into the Commission's records, I&E determined that by Secretarial Letter dated December 28, 2022, the Commission at Docket No. M-2022-3034805 cancelled the Respondent's certificate of public convenience due to Respondent's failure to maintain acceptable evidence of insurance on file with the Commission.

4. As Respondent's certificate of public convenience was cancelled by the Commission on December 28, 2022, there is no longer any form of relief that I&E is seeking in this formal proceeding.

5. Moreover, it was determined at the telephonic hearing held on November 8, 2023, before Administrative Law Judge Dennis Buckley that Respondent owner Herbert B Smith is deceased based on information provided by his son, Herbert Smith Jr..

6. Given the analysis above, the public interest is served by the withdrawal of the Formal Complaint filed at C-2022-3035603.<sup>1</sup>

WHEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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Withdrawal of the Formal Complaint also renders the outstanding Motion for Default Judgment moot.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing **Petition for Leave to Withdraw** 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 and Electronic Mail

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