

## NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

- A. You must file an Answer within twenty (20) days of the date of service of this Complaint. The date of service is the mailing date as indicated at the top of the Secretarial Letter for this Complaint and Notice, 52 Pa. Code §1.56(a). An Answer is a written explanation of circumstances wished to be considered in determining the outcome. The Answer should raise all factual and legal arguments that you wish to claim in your defense and must include the reference number of this Complaint. Your Answer must be verified and the original **mailed to**:

Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Or you may **eFile your Answer** using the Commission's website at [www.puc.pa.gov](http://www.puc.pa.gov). The link to eFiling is located under the Filing and Resources tab on the homepage. If your Answer exceeds 250 pages, you must also file a paper copy with the Secretary's Bureau.

In addition to filing your Answer with the Commission's Secretary, a copy should either be

Mailed to: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street, 3W  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Or, E-mailed to: [RA-PCCmplntResp@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PCCmplntResp@pa.gov)

- B. If you fail to answer this Complaint within twenty (20) days, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement will request that the Commission issue a Secretarial Letter imposing a penalty. The penalty could include a civil penalty, the suspension or revocation of your operating authority, or other such remedy.
- C. You may elect not to contest this Complaint by paying the civil penalty requested in this Complaint by certified check or money order. **Payment must be made to "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania"** and should be forwarded to:

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- D. Your payment is an admission that you committed the alleged violation and an agreement to cease and desist from further violations. Upon receipt of your payment, the Complaint proceeding shall be closed.
- E. If you file an Answer, which admits or fails to deny the allegations of the Complaint, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement will request that the Commission issue a Secretarial Letter imposing a civil penalty and/or other such remedy.
- F. If you file an Answer which contests the Complaint, the matter will be assigned to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) for hearing and decision. The ALJ is not bound by the requested civil penalty.
- G. Alternative formats of this material are available for persons with disabilities by contacting the Commission's ADA Coordinator at 717-787-8714.

BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION,	:	
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT	:	
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v.	:	DOCKET NO. C-2026-3060385
SHAWN M. GIORDANO	:	
T/A GIORDANO'S TOWING LLC/	:	
GIORDANO'S TOWING AND RECOVERY	:	
1519 PLEASANT VALLEY BOULEVARD	:	
ALTOONA, PA 16602	:	

**COMPLAINT**

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “PUC”) is a duly constituted agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania empowered to regulate public utilities within the Commonwealth. The Commission has delegated its authority to initiate proceedings which are prosecutory in nature to the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement and other bureaus with enforcement responsibilities. Pursuant to that delegated authority and Section 701 of the Public Utility Code, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement – Motor Carrier Division hereby represents as follows:

1. That SHAWN M GIORDANO, T/A GIORDANOS TOWING LLC/GIORDANO'S TOWING & RECOVERY, Respondent, maintains its principal place of business at 1519 Pleasant Valley Boulevard, Altoona, PA 16602.
2. That a certificate of public convenience issued by this Commission is required to transport as a motor common carrier, property, excluding household goods in use, between points in Pennsylvania for compensation. Based on review of records maintained by the Commission, Respondent has not applied for or ever received a certificate of public convenience granted by this Commission.
3. That on February 23, 2023, PUC Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer Jeremy Smith received a Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (“MSCAP”) Inspection Report from Pennsylvania State Trooper Donald Carnell, following a roadside inspection, whereupon Respondent was transporting automobiles from Altoona, Blair County to Ebensburg, Cambria County, for \$100 paid by Copart Salvage Auto Auctions. Officer Smith subsequently completed a Driver/Vehicle Report (“DVCR”) indicating Respondent’s violation of transporting property intrastate for compensation without a certificate of public convenience. A Warning Letter dated May 16, 2024, and docketed at Bp8#3038607 was mailed to Respondent informing PUC authority must be obtained prior to transporting property between points in the Commonwealth for compensation and advising Respondent to cease and desist from further violation.
4. That on February 10, 2026, PUC Motor Carrier Enforcement Supervisor Ernest Smith conducted an inspection of a 2025 Kenworth truck, bearing PA registration number 2813RT and having vehicle identification number ending in the last 4 digits 7199, operated by driver Marshall E. Dicken. Supervisor Snyder found Respondent in violation of transporting property between points in the Commonwealth for compensation without a certificate of public convenience granted by this Commission, as Respondent was transporting a vehicle from Centre Hall, Centre County, to Bellefonte, Centre County for Copart Salvage Auto Auctions. Respondent was issued a DVCR and in accordance with Pennsylvania’s MCSAP, a commercial motor vehicle inspection report.
5. That Respondent, by providing transportation services by vehicle for compensation on February 10, 2026, without first obtaining/holding a certificate/authority from the Commission, has violated 66 Pa. C.S. §§1101, 1102(a), and 3310(a). The penalty for this violation is \$1,000.00.

**WHEREFORE**, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement hereby requests that:

1. SHAWN M. GIORDANO, T/A GIORDANO'S TOWING LLC/GIORDANO'S TOWING & RECOVERY, be ordered to pay a civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the violations set forth in this Complaint and order such other remedy as the Commission may deem to be appropriate.
2. Respondent be directed to cease and desist from transporting property between points in Pennsylvania for compensation until such time as the proper authority has been granted by the Commission.
3. If payment of the civil penalty is not made, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement requests that:
  - a. The Commission certify Respondent's motor vehicle registrations to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for suspension or revocation, pursuant to 75 Pa. C.S. §1375; and
  - b. The matter be referred to the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General for appropriate action.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian B. Mehus, Chief  
Motor Carrier Enforcement  
Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement  
400 North Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**VERIFICATION**

I, Brian B. Mehus, 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 that 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: 18 March 2026

Brian B. Mehus, Chief  
Motor Carrier Enforcement  
Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement