



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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March 30, 2017

Re: Central States Logistics, Inc.
Case 27-CA-179229

Dear

We have carefully investigated and considered your charge that Central States Logistics, Inc. has violated the National Labor Relations Act.

Decision to Dismiss: Based on that investigation, I have decided to dismiss your charge for the reasons discussed below.

The investigation disclosed that you were an independent contractor with respect to the work you performed for Central States Logistics, Inc. (Company) and, therefore not covered by the Act. In that regard, the Company exercised almost no control over how you performed deliveries for clients. You supplied your own truck and insurance that you used while delivering, and you were able and invited to negotiate pay rates. The evidence further revealed that you rendered services to the Company as part of a genuinely independent business, with the ability to hire and fire your own employees and with opportunities for entrepreneurial gain and loss.

Your Right to Appeal: You may appeal my decision to the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, through the Office of Appeals. If you appeal, you may use the enclosed Appeal Form, which is also available at www.nlr.gov. However, you are encouraged to also submit a complete statement of the facts and reasons why you believe my decision was incorrect.

Means of Filing: An appeal may be filed electronically, by mail, by delivery service, or hand-delivered. Filing an appeal electronically is preferred but not required. The appeal MAY NOT be filed by fax or email. To file an appeal electronically, go to the Agency's website at www.nlr.gov, click on **E-File Documents**, enter the **NLRB Case Number**, and follow the detailed instructions. To file an appeal by mail or delivery service, address the appeal to the **General Counsel at the National Labor Relations Board, Attn: Office of Appeals, 1015 Half Street SE, Washington, DC 20570-0001**. Unless filed electronically, a copy of the appeal should also be sent to me.

Appeal Due Date: The appeal is due on April 13, 2017. If the appeal is filed electronically, the transmission of the entire document through the Agency's website must be completed **no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** on the due date. If filing by mail or by delivery service an appeal will be found to be timely filed if it is postmarked or given to a delivery service no later than April 12, 2017. **If an appeal is postmarked or given to a delivery service on the due date, it will be rejected as untimely.** If hand delivered, an appeal must be received by the General Counsel in Washington D.C. by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the appeal due date. If an appeal is not submitted in accordance with this paragraph, it will be rejected.

Extension of Time to File Appeal: The General Counsel may allow additional time to file the appeal if the Charging Party provides a good reason for doing so and the request for an extension of time is **received on or before April 13, 2017**. The request may be filed electronically through the *E-File Documents* link on our website www.nlr.gov, by fax to (202)273-4283, by mail, or by delivery service. The General Counsel will not consider any request for an extension of time to file an appeal received after April 13, 2017, **even if it is postmarked or given to the delivery service before the due date**. Unless filed electronically, a copy of the extension of time should also be sent to me.

Confidentiality: We will not honor any claim of confidentiality or privilege or any limitations on our use of appeal statements or supporting evidence beyond those prescribed by the Federal Records Act and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Thus, we may disclose an appeal statement to a party upon request during the processing of the appeal. If the appeal is successful, any statement or material submitted with the appeal may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge. Because the Federal Records Act requires us to keep copies of case handling documents for some years after a case closes, we may be required by the FOIA to disclose those documents absent an applicable exemption such as those that protect confidential sources, commercial/financial information, or personal privacy interests.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Paula S. Sawyer

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Regional Director

Enclosure

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