

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

Hearing # 16-013

ELKHART CUSTOM DESIGNS, LLC

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

The Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission (hereinafter "Commission") held a hearing on September 21, 2016, to determine whether Elkhart Custom Designs, LLC (hereinafter "Elkhart"), a licensed distributor, violated the Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission Act, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-112-101 et seq., and Commission Rule 2 regarding hearings and appeals. The charge before the Commission concerned whether Elkhart violated Commission statutes when they failed to renew the business's distributor's license.

No Elkhart representative appeared for this hearing.

Having heard testimony from License Supervisor Brian Melton, and having reviewed the exhibits admitted into evidence, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

The following facts are found to be true:

- F1. Elkhart Custom Designs, LLC, located at 52743 Stephen Place, Elkhart, IN, is a new motor vehicle distributor currently licensed to sell KSIR Buses.
- F2. Elkhart Custom Designs, LLC's license expired on June 30, 2016.
- F3. On August 15, 2016, License Coordinator Crystal Campbell notified Elkhart Custom Designs, LLC that its distributor license expired.
- F4. Elkhart Custom Designs, LLC currently has 2 dealers.

F5. As of August 18, 2016, Elkhart Custom Designs, LLC has not renewed its license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Commission makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- L1. Motor vehicle manufacturers, distributors, and their representatives are required to conform their conduct to the Motor Vehicle Commission Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 23-112-101, et seq., and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-112-204.
- L2. According to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-112-301, it is unlawful for a person to engage in business as a new motor vehicle manufacturer or distributor without a obtaining a license.
- L3. All applications for licenses shall be accompanied by the appropriate fees in accordance with the schedule set out in Ark. Code Ann. § 23-112-303.
- L4. According to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-112-307(1), manufacturers, distributors, and representatives licenses expire on June 30 following the date of issue.
- L5. Failure to comply with any provision of the Commission Act or any Rule promulgated by the Commission may lead to revocation or suspension of the license as per Ark. Code Ann. § 23-112-308(a)(4), 23-112-308(a)(5), and 23-112-308(a)(19), or may result in a monetary penalty in lieu of revocation or suspension as stated in Ark. Code Ann. § 23-112-309.
- L6. Elkhart violated Commission statutes and rules when they failed to renew the distributor's license.

ORDER

The Commission finds the violations of Commission statutes and rules by Elkhart warrant a revocation of Elkhart's license for failure to comply with provisions of the Commission Act and Rules promulgated by the Commission as per Ark. Code Ann. § 23-112-308(a)(4).

This is a final Order of the Commission and as such is subject to judicial review pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-212.

ARKANSAS MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

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By: _____
Sandy Stroope, Chairman

Date: _____