



Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings

Hearings Division

Decision

LANCE CHEBIN - NACMIAS LAW FIRM 592 PACIFIC STREET BROOKLYN,NY 11217	Summons# : 000857195J et al. (1 summonses) DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, -against- HUGH OKANE ELECTRIC CO INC Hearing Date : 7/7/2025 Hearing Location : Remote Type of Hearing : By Telephone
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Total Penalty Amount : 440.00	Community Service(Hr): Not Applicable
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SUMMONS #	SUMMARY DISPOSITION	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	PLACE OF OCCURRENCE
000857195J	Sustained	05/01/2024	West End Ave. btwn W. 102nd St. & W. 103rd St. ,

LINE ITEM	OATH CODE	CODE SECTION / RULE	RESULT	PENALTY
1	BA1E	24 -163	Sustained	440.00

Total Penalty for Summons: 440.00

Findings of Facts & Conclusions of Law

This telephone hearing was held on July 7, 2025. Petitioner, NYCDEP, appeared by John McLoughlin, Representative. Respondent, Hugh Okane Electric Co. Inc, appeared by Lance Chebin, Authorized Representative. He waived translation services, counsel and the appearance of the Issuing Officer (IO)

This summons alleges a second violation of NYC Administrative Code §24-163 (Idling of motor vehicle). The prior violation was for summons No. 00079885J. In the summons, the Issuing Officer (IO) affirmed, as verified by a review of DEP records, that on 5/1/24, on West End Avenue between W. 102nd and W. 103rd Street, a citizen-complainant observed 1 truck with NY License Plate #20986ME idling for longer than three minutes from 8:03:46 pm to 8:07:37 pm.

Mr. McLoughlin relied on the Issuing Officer's statements in the summons

Mr. Chebin did not deny the prior violation. He testified that Respondent denied the violation. He did not submit any testimony or evidence to rebut the charge.

NYC Administrative Code § 24-163 states in relevant part that "No person shall cause or permit the engine of a motor vehicle to idle for longer than three minutes, unless the engine is used to operate a loading, unloading or processing device..."

I credit the Issuing Officer's affirmed statements in the summons regarding the citizen's complaint concerning the idling of Respondent's truck engine. I find that Respondent did not establish a defense and permitted the idling of its engine for more than three minutes while parked. This violation is sustained and a penalty of \$440 is imposed for this second offense.



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Barbara Halper, Hearing Officer

Date

IF YOU ARE FOUND IN VIOLATION, AND ARE NOT ELIGIBLE OR DO NOT CHOOSE COMMUNITY SERVICE, YOU MUST PAY THE PENALTY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DECISION DATE OR 35 DAYS IF MAILED.

- To pay by mail, send a check or money order to the Dept. of Finance Commissioner, P.O. Box 2307, Peck Slip Station, New York, NY 10272. The check or money order should be made out to "Finance Commissioner, City of New York." Write the summons number on the check or money order.
- To pay in person, bring a check, money order or credit card and this decision to any OATH Hearings Division location between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- To pay online using a credit or debit card, go to www.nyc.gov/citypay/oath

If you do not pay the penalty, the City may: (1) file papers with the Civil Court ("docket a judgment"), (2) charge you a late fee, and (3) continue attempts to collect the debt.

CAN I DO COMMUNITY SERVICE?

If your summons is for the type of offense that gives you a Community Service option you can choose to complete Community Service instead of paying a penalty. Your decision will give you that option. You have to complete your Community Service by the deadline in the decision or else you will end up owing the penalty. You can even do your Community Service on the day you receive your decision.

COMPLETION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Help Center will arrange for you to complete your Community Service. The Help Center is run by the Ombudsperson/*Pro Se* Clerk at OATH and is located at each Hearing Division in all five boroughs. To schedule your Community Service, call, email or visit a Help Center location.

How to Contact the Help Center to Schedule Community Service:

Manhattan: (212) 436-0845 CSmanhattan@oath.nyc.gov
 Brooklyn: (718) 923-6216 CSbrooklyn@oath.nyc.gov
 Queens: (718) 393-6044 CSqueens@oath.nyc.gov
 Bronx: (718) 503-5565 CSbronx@oath.nyc.gov
 Staten Island: (718) 876-2314 CSstatenisland@oath.nyc.gov

If you complete your Community Service by the deadline in the decision, you will receive a Certificate of Completion and will not have to pay a penalty. If you need an extension to complete your Community Service, please contact the Help Center.

If you do not complete your Community Service by the deadline, you will have to pay the penalty.

NON-DISCLOSURE FOR SUMMONSES ELIGIBLE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

If you either completed the Community Service or paid the penalty, OATH will remove your identifying information from public records related to your case.

If you do not complete the Community Service or pay the penalty, your identifying information may remain on public records related to your case.

IF YOU DISAGREE WITH THE DECISION, YOU MAY APPEAL IT

To submit your appeal, you **MUST** use OATH's online or mail-in appeal forms available on OATH's website at www.nyc.gov/oath/appeal. Instructions for filing an appeal may be found on the form and OATH's website.

Your appeal **MUST** be received by the OATH Hearings Division **within 30 days** of the decision date, or 35 days if the decision was mailed to you.

To appeal you **may need to** pay the full penalty stated in this decision.

- If you cannot pay because of financial hardship, you may ask to not pre-pay by submitting with your appeal a Financial Hardship Application, available on OATH's website.
- If you are eligible and choose to perform Community Service instead of paying the penalty, you do not have to pay the penalty or complete the Community Service to appeal.

APPEAL BY ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

If you wish to answer an appeal filed by an enforcement agency, you **MUST** use OATH's Response To Appeal form. Instructions for filing an answer may be found on the form and OATH's website.

Your answer must be received **within 30 days** of the date of the enforcement agency's appeal, or 35 days if it was mailed to you.

If the enforcement agency wins the appeal, you may have to pay a penalty or, if eligible, complete Community Service even if your case was originally dismissed after the hearing.

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