From: Canon Crosswhite
To: ASCC New Claims
Subject: Claim
Date: Friday, October 17, 2025 10:33:41 AM
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Please let me know if anything else is needed.

Canon Crosswhite
Bling Billboards
Canon.Crosswhite@connectservicesolutions.com



ARKANSAS CLAIMS COMMISSION

(501)682-1619
(501)682-2823 FAX

Questions? Send an email to
ascc.new.claims@arkansas.gov

101 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE, SUITE 410
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201-3823

CLAIM FORM

1. **Claimant Information.** If a claim involves more than one claimant, additional pages may be attached with the other claimant name(s) and contact information.

Bling Billboards — canon.crosswhite@connectservicesolutions.com
(title) (last name/name of company) (first name) (email)
44 Grant 605
(address)
Sheridan AR 72150 870-917-5595
(city) (state) (zip) (primary phone)

2. **Claimant's Legal Counsel.** An individual claimant may act as his or her own attorney (which is known as proceeding *pro se*). Please review Ark. Code Ann. § 25-44-222 for information about when a business entity may file a *pro se* claim. If a claimant is proceeding *pro se*, this section may be left blank.

(title) (last name) (first name) (email)
(address) (AR bar number)
(city) (state) (zip) (primary phone)

3. **State Agency Involved.** The Commission can only receive claims against agencies of the State of Arkansas. Please review the Commission's jurisdictional statutes, including Ark. Code Ann. § 25-44-204 and Ark. Code Ann. § 21-5-701, for more information. This information is required for any claim filed at the Commission. AR Highway Department

4. **Date of Incident** Purchased on

5. **Location of Incident** 1176 Highway 22 Dardenelle, AR

6. **CHECK HERE** if this claim involves **damage to a motor vehicle.** ☐
7. **CHECK HERE** if this claim involves **damage to property *other than* a motor vehicle.** ☑

8. **Explanation of Incident.** Please provide an explanation of your claim, including why you believe the above-listed state agency is liable for your damages under Arkansas law. You may attach additional pages to this form.
The Highway Department assigned the location to install a billboard for a previous owner. Bling Billboards purchased the billboard, already in place, and is now being required to move it. Because it was placed per Highway Departme instructions, the Highway Department should pay for it to be moved.

9. **Insurance Coverage.** For a claim involving damage to a vehicle or other property, you must submit a copy of your insurance declarations in effect at the time of the incident. This is not the same as an insurance card. You can obtain a copy of your insurance declarations from your insurer or insurance agent. Please review Ark. Code Ann. § 25-44-302 for more information.

   If you **did NOT have insurance covering the damaged property or motor vehicle at the time of the incident, **CHECK HERE**. ☐

10. **Additional Required Documents for Property Damage Claims.** You must submit (1) invoice(s) documenting the repair costs, (2) three estimates for repair, OR (3) an explanation why this documentation cannot be provided. One estimate to move is provided. We only have one because there aren't that many companies that move billboards

11. If a **state vehicle was involved in this incident,** please provide the following information:

    _____

    (type of state vehicle involved) (license number) (driver)

12. **CHECK HERE** if this claim involves **personal injuries.** ☐

13. **Health insurance coverage.** All personal injury claims require a copy of your health insurance information in place at the time of the incident. Please review Ark. Code Ann. § 25-44-302 for more information.

    If you **did NOT have health insurance on the date of the incident, **CHECK HERE**. ☐

14. **Amount of Damages, if known:** _____

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Signature Page for Claim Filed by an Individual Claimant

The undersigned certifies that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, this claim is not being presented for any improper purpose; this claim is warranted by existing law or by a non-frivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law or for establishing new law; and the factual contentions have evidentiary support of, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery.

_____
Claimant Signature

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of AR
County of Grant

On this the 1st day of October, 20___, before me, the undersigned notary, personally appeared Canon Crosswhite known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Rachel N Mooney
Signature of Notary Public

[seal of office]

My Commission Expires: 9/11/26

RACHEL N. MOONEY
Notary Public - Arkansas
Grant County
Commission # 12350443
My Commission Expires Sep 11, 2026

Custom ADVERTISING of Arkansas
PO BOX 388 • Alexander, AR 72002
Lic # 0336990516

Voice: 501-847-1000
Fax: 501-847-6772

QUOTATION

Quote Number: MOVE BB OFF ROW
Quote Date: Jul 9, 2025
Page: 1

Quoted To:

ARDOT
10324 I-30
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72209

BILLBOARD
1242 AR 22
DARDANELLE, AR

Customer ID	Good Thru	Payment Terms	Sales Rep
ARDOT	8/8/25	50% DOWN, BAL DUE	

Quantity	Item	Description	Unit Price	Amount
1.00		DISASSEMBLE EXISTING 10'X20' DOUBLE STACKED BILLBOARD WITH (1) 10'X20' DIGITAL SIGN. SET NEW BASE POLE TO SPEC. REASSEMBLE STRUCTURE & REINSTALL 10'X20' DIGITAL CAA TO PROVIDE ALL MATERIALS, LABOR, CONCRETE, STEEL & EQUIPMENT FOR JOB COMPLETION. NO ROCK DIGGING INCLUDED IN THIS QUOTE.	32,650.00	32,650.00

All charges at law, building permit fees, license fees, taxes and any extra charges as further outlined in this contract shall be paid by Buyer promptly upon receipt of an invoice there
invoices are due and payable upon receipt of an invoice thereof. A late payment charge of 1 1/2% per month will be made on any balance more than 30 days after invoice date. If the a
Seller is collected by or through an attorney after maturity, Buyer agrees to pay Seller's reasonable attorney fees.
That until full payment is received by the Seller the structure/sign shall remain the property of Seller, and Buyer hereby grants to Seller a security interest in the structure erected on
by the Seller.
Further, that until full payment is received by the Seller, including all interest accrued under this Agreement, the Buyer agrees to and shall upon written notice from the Seller to the E
any and all leases which may be in existence for the structure, including the proceeds there from to the Seller. In the event any payment is more than 60 days past due, such failure t
constitute a default on the part of the Buyer, and the Seller shall have the option to exercise all remedies given to it by the Uniform Commercial Code of Arkansas or to remove from t
structure erected by the Seller, and the Buyer hereby waives all claim or right of action for trespass or damage resulting from or connected with such repossession or suspension of
The total sales price will be payable to Seller at its address above in the following manner: 50% upon the execution of this contract, with balance due upon completion.

Subtotal	32,650.00
Sales Tax	
Freight	
TOTAL	**32,650.00**

APPROVED:_____

DATE:_____

TERMS: 50% DOWN, 50% UPON COMPLETION

From: ASCC New Claims
To: "canon.crosswhite@connectservicesolutions.com"
Bcc: Kathryn Irby
Subject: Bling Billboards, Claim No. 260649 - deficient
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 8:45:00 AM
Attachments: Claim .msg

Dear Mr. Crosswhite,

Because the amount owed is more than $2000, Bling Billboards must be represented by Arkansas counsel to bring a claim before the Claims Commission pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. 25-44-222. I do not see your name on the Arkansas Supreme Court's online list of Arkansas-licensed attorneys. As such, this claim is in a deficient status and cannot be sent to an agency for response. If Bling Billboards hires an Arkansas attorney to pursue this claim, the attorney can file an entry of appearance via email (ascc.new.claims@arkansas.gov) , via mail (101 E. Capitol Ave., Ste. 410, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201), or via facsimile (501-682-2823).

Thank you,
Caitlin

Caitlin McDaniel
Administrative Specialist II
Arkansas State Claims Commission
101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 410
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-1619

From: Kathryn Irby
To: "canon.crosswhite@connectservicesolutions.com"
Subject: RE: Bling Billboards, Claim No. 260649 - deficient
Date: Friday, November 7, 2025 10:09:00 AM

Mr. Crosswhite, the Commission is the courthouse for lawsuits against state agencies. I cannot speak to how ArDOT would respond to this claim. It is entirely possible that a hearing would be required.

Kathryn Irby

Arkansas State Claims Commission
101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 410
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-1619

From: Canon Crosswhite <canon.crosswhite@connectservicesolutions.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 3:34 PM
To: ASCC New Claims <ASCC.New.Claims@arkansas.gov>
Subject: RE: Bling Billboards, Claim No. 260649 - deficient

Do you think we'd have to go to a hearing or can you just submit the form and they'll approve the claim?
This is what my attorney is asking me so I'm asking yall to help me answer this.

From: ASCC New Claims <ASCC.New.Claims@arkansas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 8:46 AM
To: Canon Crosswhite <canon.crosswhite@connectservicesolutions.com>
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Caitlin McDaniel
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101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 410
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-1619

From: ASCC New Claims
To: "canon.crosswhite@ccdroneservice.com"
Bcc: Kathryn Irby
Subject: FW: Billboard claim
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 3:30:00 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Dear Mr. Crosswhite,

The attorney can file an entry of appearance via email (ascc.new.claims@arkansas.gov) , via mail (101 E. Capitol Ave., Ste. 410, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201), or via facsimile (501-682-2823).

Thank you,
Caitlin

Caitlin McDaniel
Administrative Specialist II
Arkansas State Claims Commission
101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 410
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
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From: Canon Crosswhite <canon.crosswhite@ccdroneservice.com>
Sent: Monday, January 5, 2026 2:40 PM
To: ASCC New Claims <ASCC.New.Claims@arkansas.gov>
Subject: Billboard claim

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I filled out a claim form a little bit ago and I had to put it on pause because we didn't have an attorney but we do now so what do I need to do to get that up and running.

Canon Crosswhite
Connect Service Solutions
Canon.Crosswhite@connectservicesolutions.com

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CLAIM FORM

1. Claimant. If a claim involves more than one claimant, additional pages may be attached with the other claimant name(s) and contact information.

Bling Billboards LLC

(title last name/compan first name (email)

44 Grant 65

(address)

Sheridan AR 72150-

(city) (state) (zip) (primary phone)

2. Claimant's Legal Counsel. An individual claimant may act as his or her own attorney (which is known as proceeding pro se). Please review Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-222 for information about when a business entity may file a pro se claim. If a claimant is proceeding pro se, this section may be left blank.

Welch Jeff jdwelch@welchcouch.com

(title) (last name) (first name) (email)

410 Barnett Dr.

(address) AR bar number

Batesville AR 72501 (501) 468-0089

(city) (state) (zip) (primary phone)

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Arkansas Department of Transportation

4. Incident Date 12/1/2025

5. Location of Incident _____

6. CHECK HERE if this claim involves damage to a motor vehicle. ☐

7. CHECK HERE if this claim involves damage to property other than a motor vehicle. ☐

8. Explanation of Incident Please provide an explanation of your claim, including why you believe the above-listed state agency is liable for your damages under Arkansas law. You may attach additional pages to this form.

The Highway Department assigned the location to install a billboard for a previous owner. After the claimant purchased the property with a billboard in place, the Department is requiring the billboard be moved. Because it was placed per Highway Department instructions, claimant believes that the Arkansas Department of Transportation should pay the cost of moving the billboard. Because the size of a claim required an attorney to file, claimant requests additional payment for attorney fees. Amount sought is an estimate based on anticipated cost of moving the billboard. The billboard is located at 1176 Highway 22, Dardanelle, AR.

9. Insurance Coverage. For a claim involving damage to a vehicle or other property, you must submit a copy of your insurance declarations in effect at the time of the incident. This is not the same as an insurance card. You can obtain a copy of your insurance declarations from your insurer or insurance agent. Please review Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-302 for more information.

****If you did NOT have insurance covering the damaged property or motor vehicle at the time of incident, CHECK HERE** ☐

10. Additional Required Documents for Property Damage Claim

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(type of state vehicle involved) (license number) (driver)

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13. Health insurance coverage. All personal injury claims require a copy of your health insurance information in place at the time of the incident. Please review Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-302 for more information.

****If you did NOT have health insurance on the date of the incident, CLICK HERE** ☐

14. Amount of Damages, if known: $0.00

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_____

Claimant Signature

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of _____

County of _____

On this the __ day of _____, 20___, before me, the undersigned notary, personally appeared _____ known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

_____

Signature of Notary Public [seal of office]

My Commission Expires: _____

From: Jennifer Molsberry
To: ASCC New Claims
Cc: Jeff Welch
Subject: Claim Submission - Bling Billboards LLC
Date: Monday, January 19, 2026 9:06:04 AM
Importance: High

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To Whom it May Concern:

A voicemail was left for a return call this morning, but I also wanted to utilize the email address you provided within your message.

Jeff Welch would like confirmation that you received his claim submission re: Bling Billboards LLC. He has entrusted me to FedEx the notarized signature pages from himself and Canon Crosswhite.

Is there a claim number you are able to provide? Would you also confirm the FedEx shipping address to send these documents?

Thank you,

Jennifer Molsberry

Welch, Couch & Company, PA
1386 Bill Virdon Blvd
West Plains, MO 65775
(417) 256-6624
jmolsberry@welchcouch.com

From: Fax Noreply
To: ASCC Info
Subject: New fax from ((4172561171))
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 9:05:11 AM
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Digital Fax received a fax for you on 1/21/2026 9:04:50 AM

Number of pages: 4
Attachment file size: 118629

FAX COVER SHEET

Welch, Couch & Company, PA
Certified Public Accountants
1386 Bill Virdon Blvd
West Plains, MO 65775

FAX # (417) 256-1171
PHONE # (417) 256-6624

DATE 1/21/26
OF PAGES 4
(including fax cover sheet)

TO: FAX # (501) 682-~~1819~~ 2823
AR State Claims Submission
101 East Capital Ave, Ste 410
Little Rock, AR 72201-3823

FROM:
Jennifer M.
Welch, Couch + Comp PA

REMARKS:

Attn: Katelyn McDaniel

Please process for Claim# 260649,

Bling Billboards LLC

*Also, please advise if the hard copies need to be FedEx'd to your office. Thank You!

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Welch, Couch & Company, PA
Certified Public Accountants

Jeff D. Welch, CPA, JD | Rachel M. Pennywitt, CPA
M. Garrett McSpadden, CPA | Allen E. Brinkman, CPA

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January 19, 2026

Arkansas State Claims Commission
Attn: Kathryn Irby, Director
101 East Capital Avenue, Ste 410
Little Rock, AR 72201-3823

Re: Bling Billboards LLC

Dear Director Irby,

We have attached the notarized Claim Submission signature pages from Canon Crosswhite and myself at your request. These documents are in reference to the Arkansas state claim currently on file for Bling Billboards LLC.

Please reach out at (417) 256-6624 or email: jdwelch@welchcouch.com with any concerns or questions.

Regards,

Jeff Welch, CPA, JD

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

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KATHRYN IRBY
DIRECTOR

101 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE
SUITE 410
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
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CLAIM SUBMISSION SIGNATURE PAGE

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Jeff Welch
Claimant Name (must be printed legibly)

Claimant Signature

Acknowledgement

State of Missouri

County of Howell

On this the 19th day of January, 2026 before me, the undersigned notary, personally appeared Jeff Welch known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Jennifer Molsberry
Signature of Notary Public

My Commission expires: 7/8/2028

[Seal of Office]

JENNIFER MOLSBERRY
Notary Public - Notary Seal
STATE OF MISSOURI
Howell County
My Commission Expires July 8, 2028
Commission #17536865

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CLAIM SUBMISSION SIGNATURE PAGE

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Caron Crosswhite
Claimant Name (must be printed legibly)

Claimant Signature

Acknowledgement

State of Arkansas

County of Grant

On this the 14 day of January, 2026, before me, the undersigned notary, personally appeared Caron Crosswhite known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Signature of Notary Public

[Seal of Office]

ANGELA HOLIMAN
Notary Public - Arkansas
Grant County
My Commission Expires 02-06-2033
Commission # 12722312

My Commission expires: 2-6-33

From:	ASCC New Claims
To:	Davenport, Michelle L.; Walker, LaKeysha N.; Wallace, Courtney E.
Cc:	Kathryn Irby
Subject:	CLAIM: Bling Billboards LLC v. ArDOT, Claim No. 260649
Date:	Thursday, February 19, 2026 12:13:00 PM
Attachments:	Bling Billboards LLC v. ArDOT agency ltr .pdf Bling Billboards LLC Claim - 260649.pdf

Dear Ms. Davenport,

Please confirm receipt of the attached claim file. The agency may file its response to this claim electronically by sending it to asccpleadings@arkansas.gov, with a copy to the claimant pursuant to the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure.

Please contact Kathryn Irby with any questions.

Thank you,
Caitlin

Caitlin McDaniel
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KATHRYN IRBY
DIRECTOR

101 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE
SUITE 410
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72201-3823

February 19, 2026

Ms. Michelle Davenport (*via email*)
Arkansas Department of Transportation
Post Office Box 2261
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209

RE: ***Bling Billboards LLC v. Arkansas Department of Transportation***
Claim No. 260649

Dear Ms. Davenport,

Enclosed please find a copy of the above-styled claim filed against the Arkansas Department of Transportation. Pursuant to the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure, as well as Claims Commission Rule 2.2, you have **thirty days from the date of service** in which to file a responsive pleading.

Your responsive pleading should include your agency number, fund code, appropriation code, cost center, and activity/section/unit/element that this claim should be charged against, if liability is admitted, or if the Claims Commission approves this claim for payment. This information is necessary even if your agency denies liability.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Irby

ES: cmcdaniel

cc: Jeff Welch, *counsel for Claimant* (w/o encl.) (*via email*)

Note to Claimant or Claimant's counsel: The Claims Commission copied you on this correspondence to provide you with confirmation that your claim has been processed and served upon the respondent agency.

From:	ASCC New Claims
To:	"jdwelch@welchcouch.com"
Bcc:	Kathryn Irby
Subject:	Bling Billboards LLC v. ArDOT, Claim No. 260649
Date:	Thursday, February 19, 2026 12:13:00 PM
Attachments:	Bling Billboards LLC v. ArDOT agency ltr .pdf

Dear Mr. Welch,

Attached please find a copy of the letter sent with Bling Billboards LLC claim to the Arkansas Department of Transportation.

Thank you,
Caitlin

Caitlin McDaniel
Administrative Specialist II
Arkansas State Claims Commission
101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 410
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 682-1619

From: Wallace, Courtney E.
To: ASCC New Claims
Cc: Kathryn Irby; Davenport, Michelle L.; Walker, LaKeysha N.
Subject: RE: CLAIM: Bling Billboards LLC v. ArDOT, Claim No. 260649
Date: Thursday, February 19, 2026 1:11:15 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Received

Courtney Wallace
Legal Technician

PH: 501-569-2277
Email: Courtney.Wallace@ardot.gov

From: ASCC New Claims <ASCC.New.Claims@arkansas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 12:13 PM
To: Davenport, Michelle L. <Michelle.Davenport@ardot.gov>; Walker, LaKeysha N. <LaKeysha.Walker@ardot.gov>; Wallace, Courtney E. <Courtney.Wallace@ardot.gov>
Cc: Kathryn.Irby <Kathryn.Irby@arkansas.gov>
Subject: CLAIM: Bling Billboards LLC v. ArDOT, Claim No. 260649

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From: Newberry, Helen A.
To: ASCC Pleadings
Cc: Kathryn Irby; Wallace, Courtney E.; jdwelch@welchcouch.com
Subject: Bling Billboards Claim #260649 Respondent"s Answer
Date: Friday, March 6, 2026 4:00:16 PM
Attachments: Outlook-tabdj2wh.png
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Please find attached and confirm receipt of this filing. Thank you.

Helen Newberry
Senior Attorney
Arkansas Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 2261
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March 6, 2026

Ms. Kathryn Irby, Director *(via email)*
Arkansas State Claims Commission
101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 410
Little Rock, AR 72201-3823

Re: *Bling Billboards v. Arkansas Department of Transportation*
Claim No. 260649

Dear Ms. Irby:

Please find enclosed with this letter our Answer denying the above Claim. As plead therein, we are requesting that this matter may be put into discovery status.

Please return a confirmation of receipt to me for my records.

Sincerely,

Helen Newberry
Attorney, Arkansas Dept. of Transportation

Enclosure

cc: Jeff Welch
jdwelch@welchcouch.com

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

BLING BILLBOARDS **CLAIMANT**

V. **CLAIM NO. 260649**

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION **RESPONDENT**

ANSWER

Comes the Respondent, by and through its Staff Attorneys, Iván Martínez and Helen Newberry, and for its Answer herein states:

1. At this time, Respondent denies each and every allegation made by Claimant.

2. Respondent states affirmatively that at the time of permitting a sign, the permit holder accepts that no sign may encroach, in any manner, on the state highway right-of-way, and should it encroach then it shall be removed at no expense to the Department should it be found to be encroaching. *See ARDOT permit approval letter hereto attached and incorporated hereto as "Exhibit A."*

3. In order to explore any possible settlement options or in the alternative prepare for a full hearing, the Respondent request that the Arkansas State Claims Commission put this matter in Discovery status.

WHEREFORE, the Respondent prays that this matter be put into discovery status, and all proper relief.

Respectfully Submitted,
Arkansas Department of Transportation

By: _____
Helen Newberry, Ark. Bar No. 2018101

Arkansas Department of Transportation
P. O. Box 2261
Little Rock, AR 72203-2261

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Helen Newberry, hereby certify that on March 6, 2026, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was sent via email to the following:

Jeff Welch, CPA, JD
jdwelch@welchcouch.com

Helen Newberry

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EXHIBIT A

June 17, 2020

Parker Outdoor LLC
P. O. Box 8756
Hot Springs Village, AR 71910

RE: State Billboard Permit [redacted]
Highway 22, Sec 5, LM 7.82, Yell County
Landowner – Marsha DuVall

Dear Sir/Madam:

The referenced State Billboard Permit is issued to you for the erection and/or maintenance of a billboard at the described location.

This is a revocable permit and the erection and/or maintenance of your sign must comply with State and local laws and regulations at all times. **The permit is void if your sign has not been erected within 120 days notification from the Section, or the sign is later removed or destroyed.** No signs may encroach, in any manner, on the state highway right-off-way. By acceptance of this permit, you acknowledge this requirement, and certify that your sign will not encroach on state highway right-of-way and will be removed at no expense to the Department if it is found to be an encroachment violation.

The permit tag will be attached to your sign by Department personnel. Billboards without attached permit tags are not valid and subject to removal action.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact us at (501) 569-2088 if we may be of service.

Sincerely,

Jeff Ingram
Section Head, Beautification
Right of Way Division

c: District 8 Engineer

JI:gk

From: Newberry, Helen A.
To: Kathryn Irby; jdwelch@welchcouch.com
Cc: Wallace, Courtney E.; ASCC Pleadings
Subject: Re: STATUS CHANGE: Bling Billboards Claim #260649 Respondent"s Answer
Date: Monday, March 9, 2026 2:34:41 PM
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Received, thank you.

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From: Kathryn Irby <Kathryn.Irby@arkansas.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 2:17 PM
To: jdwelch@welchcouch.com <jdwelch@welchcouch.com>; Newberry, Helen A. <Helen.Newberry@ardot.gov>
Cc: Wallace, Courtney E. <Courtney.Wallace@ardot.gov>; ASCCPleadings <ASCCPleadings@arkansas.gov>
Subject: STATUS CHANGE: Bling Billboards Claim #260649 Respondent's Answer

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Counselors, in light of ArDOT's answer, I have placed this matter into a discovery status to allow the parties to exchange any documents or information in preparation for a claim hearing or settlement. When discovery is nearing completion, please advise if either party intends to file a dispositive motion, if the parties have been able to settle and will be submitting a settlement agreement for the Commission to approve, or if the parties are ready for me to add a claim hearing to the Commission's docket.

Thanks,
Kathryn Irby

Kathryn Irby
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From: Newberry, Helen A. <Helen.Newberry@ardot.gov>
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From: Kathryn Irby
To: "Newberry, Helen A."
Cc: jdwelch@welchcouch.com; Wallace, Courtney E.
Subject: RE: proposed consent judgment? Bling Billboard 260649
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2026 11:10:00 AM
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A consent judgment should be fine. When you send it to me, please also send me the Word version so that I can add the commissioners' signatures once approved.

I've put this claim into an abeyance status pending receipt of the consent judgment.

Thanks,
Kathryn Irby

From: Newberry, Helen A. <Helen.Newberry@ardot.gov>
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My apologies, I forgot to include Mr. Welch!

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From: Newberry, Helen A.
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2026 10:58 AM
To: Kathryn.Irby <Kathryn.Irby@arkansas.gov>
Subject: proposed consent judgment? Bling Billboard 260649

Good morning! The parties in the above claim have settled. I was preparing a consent judgment, but before getting OC's signature and submitting I wanted to confirm that the commission was ok with accepting a proposed order. I know they typically prefer to prepare them themselves. Would submission of a consent judgment be acceptable,

or would you rather me prepare a joint motion?

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To: Kathryn Irby; ASCC Pleadings
Cc: Wallace, Courtney E.; Story, Tyler; jdwelch@welchcouch.com; Martinez, Ivan
Subject: Bling Billboards Claim 260649
Date: Monday, August 17, 2026 12:22:11 PM
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Good afternoon Ms. Irby,

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BLING BILLBOARDS, LLC **CLAIMANT**

VS. **CLAIM NO. 260649**

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION **RESPONDENT**

CONSENT JUDGMENT

NOW ON THIS DAY comes on for consideration the cause of Bling Billboards, LLC, Claimant, vs. the Arkansas Department of Transportation, Respondent, on the agreed amount to be awarded to Claimant in the herein action.

1. Claimant and Respondent have agreed that the sum of $35,942.21 (thirty-five thousand nine hundred forty two dollars and twenty-one cents) resolves this claim.

2. That this agreement and negotiated sum include all damages of any nature whatsoever related to or arising from any statements made by Respondent or its agents and relied upon by Claimant or its predecessors in interest or successors in interest regarding placement of Claimant's billboard structure.

3. That after the filing of this Consent Judgment, the Arkansas State Claims Commission shall, at the time appropriate, refer this Claim for acceptance and payment to the General Assembly as laid out in Ark. Code Ann. § 25-44-215.

4. That upon receipt of $35,942.21 (thirty-five thousand nine hundred forty two dollars and twenty-one cents), Claimant shall be responsible for removing its billboard structure from Respondent's right of way in a reasonable time and manner.

5. That Respondent agrees to take no action to require that Claimant remove said structure until that time.

6. Such payment shall constitute full and final satisfaction of the judgment granted herein and all parties are dismissed from this action.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

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DATE: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

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Subject: RE: Bling Billboards Claim 260649
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2026 12:05:00 PM
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Counselors, thank you for this information, as well as providing the consent judgment in Word format. I will submit this claim file to the Commission at the Commission's September meeting for approval of the consent judgment. I expect to have something for the parties by mid-September.

Kathryn Irby

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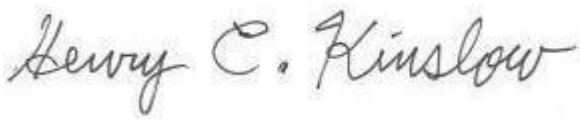
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ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION
Dee Holcomb



ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION
Henry Kinslow



ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION
Paul Morris, chair

DATE: September 3, 2026

Notices which may apply to this claim

(1) A party has forty (40) days from transmission of this Order to file a Motion for Reconsideration or a Notice of Appeal with the Commission. Ark. Code Ann. § 25-44-211(a)(1). If a Motion for Reconsideration is denied, that party then has twenty (20) days from the transmission of the denial of the Motion for Reconsideration to file a Notice of Appeal with the Commission. Ark. Code Ann. § 25-44-211(a)(1)(B)(ii). A decision of the Commission may only be appealed to the General Assembly. Ark. Code Ann. § 25-44-211(a)(3).

(2) If a Claimant is awarded $15,000.00 or less by the Commission at hearing, that award is held forty (40) days from the date of disposition before payment will be processed to allow either party to utilize its remedies under Ark. Code Ann. § 25-44-211(a). Note: This does not apply to agency admissions of liability and negotiated settlement agreements.

(3) Awards or negotiated settlement agreements of more than $15,000.00 are referred to the General Assembly for approval and authorization to pay. Ark. Code Ann. § 25-44-215(b).

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