

In ***EEOC v. New Prime, Inc.***, the EEOC alleged that defendant, one of the nation's largest trucking companies, subjected three female truck drivers to a sexually hostile working environment. One of the female drivers was subjected to sexually offensive comments and touching and unwelcome sexual advances by a male Driver-Trainer while she was training on the road. After she objected to the harassment and asked to get out of the truck, the Driver-Trainer refused to take her to a hotel and instead drove her to his home in rural Louisiana. Following a 10-day trial, the jury returned a verdict for the Commission on its sexual harassment claim, awarding \$5,000 in compensatory damages and \$80,000 in punitive damages. (The jury also awarded \$1 in actual damages and \$10,000 in punitive damages on the charging party's state law offensive touching claim against the harasser.) The jury found for defendant on the Commission's claims of harassment for the other two female drivers, but the judge ordered a new trial on one of those claims.