PUBLIC UTILITIES CONNISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Resolution No. CE 12-87 Transportation Division т4

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DISCLOSURE OF THE NAMES OF CARRIERS SUBJECT TO THE INFORMAL CITATION PROGRAM

<u>WHEREAS</u>: Highway carriers that violate provisions of the Public Utilities Code may be subject to fines and penalties; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>: The Commission has adopted the informal citation program to dispose of violation in an inexpensive and speedy manner; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>: Under the citation program, the carrier may either admit to the violations in the citation and pay a fine or deny the allegation and be given an opportunity to be heard; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>: The success of the program depends largely upon information provided by carriers concerning purported violations; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>: Under current policy, the staff is prohibited from disclosing the results of the investigation to the complainant and to the public; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>: To encourage carriers to continue to provide valuable tips to the staff concerning suspected violations and to assure complainants that their allegations have been acted upon by the staff and, where violations were disclosed, that appropriate enforcement action had been taken; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>: Disclosure of the offending carrier's name may act as a deterrent to future violations by other carriers;

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

The staff of the Compliance and Enforcement Branch, as provided in Section 3709, et seq. of the Public Utilities Code, is hereby authorized to disclose and publicize the names of carriers, the nature of the violations, and the amounts of fines imposed, only when the carrier involved admits to the allegations contained in the staff citation. This policy shall remain in effect for a period of not more than three months, at which time the staff shall report to the Commission as to the effectiveness of the experimental program. This policy shall apply statewide to all citations issued after the effective date of this resolution. Resolution CE 12-87 Transportation Division Page 2 of 2

This resolution is effective today.

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The following Commissioners voted favorably.

STANLEY W. HULETT President

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