PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Resolution CE 8-88 Transportation Division

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

WHEREAS: Carriers of passengers and property that violate provisions of the Public Utilities Code may be subject to fines and penalties; and

WHEREAS: The Commission has adopted the informal citation program to dispose of violations in an inexpensive and speedy manner; and

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

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

WHEREAS: Carriers are encouraged to provide valuable tips of suspected violations when they can learn of the enforcement action that resulted from their complaints should the allegations be confirmed by the staff; and

WHEREAS: By Resolution No. CE 12-87, dated January 28, 1988, the Commission authorized the staff on a three-month trial basis to disclose and publicize the names of highway carriers, the nature of the violations, and the amounts of fines imposed when the carrier admits to the allegations contained in the staff citation; and

WHEREAS: During the three-month trial period the staff has found that the ability to disclose information regarding citations issued to highway carriers has enhanced its enforcement program without having any apparent negative consequences; and

WHEREAS: In view of the success of the disclosure program during the trial period, it should be made permanent; and

WHEREAS: Because the staff receives numerous complaints concerning alleged unlawful activities by passenger carriers, the disclosure program should be expanded to include these carriers; and Resolution CE 8-88 Transportation Division Page 2 of 2

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that: The Commission staff is hereby authorized on a permanent basis to disclose and publicize the names of carriers, the nature of the violations, and the amounts of the fines imposed, only when the carrier involved admits to the allegations contained in the staff citation. This policy shall apply to citations issued to carriers of passengers and carriers of property.

This resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Calfifornia, held on AUG 1 0 1988

The following Commissioners voted favorably.

STANLEY W. HULETT President DONALD VIAL FREDERICK R. DUDA G. MITCHELL WILK JOHN B. OHANIAN Commissioners

Executive Director

