## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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## RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH COMMISSION POLICY FOR SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF HIGHWAY CARRIERS OPERATING AUTHORITY FOR SAFETY VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS: There has been a rise in the number of commercial motor vehicle accidents on California highways over the last four years causing an increase in public and legislative attention to this issue; and

WHEREAS: The staff of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and the Commission staff have been meeting regularly for the purpose of exploring ways to improve for-hire motor carrier safety practices; and

WHEREAS: There is now in place a successful program where the Commission can revoke or suspend the operating authority of bus operators subject to its jurisdiction upon request of the CHP for failure to comply with CHP safety regulations; and

WHEREAS: A similar program for trucks would provide the State with an effective tool to combat the increase in truck accidents; and

WHEREAS: The Commission has submitted proposed amendments and additions to the Public Utilities Code which would clearly give the Commission authority to suspend or revoke the operating authority of highway permit carriers if they are found to be in violation of the CHP's highway and terminal safety requirements:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That, it is this Commission's policy to actively pursue, in conjunction with the CHP, an aggressive program to immediately revoke or suspend the operating authority of highway carriers found to be in violation of safety-related carrier terminal procedures and highway operational practices.

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