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PUCO RESPONSE MEMORANDUM

To: Sean McCullough
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From: Angela Hawkins
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Date: March 16, 2022

Re: PUCO Response – Forfeitures and compliance orders concerning commercial motor vehicles (OAC 4901:2-7-01 through 4901:2-7-22)

In Case No. 21-561-TR-ORD, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) is reviewing its rules in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:2-7. These rules, which are required by R.C. 4905.81, 4923.04 and 4923.99, concern the forfeiture and compliance orders. Prior to issuing the proposed rules, the PUCO held a workshop on June 29, 2021, to enable interested stakeholders to offer proposals for Staff's consideration. No stakeholders provided comments at the workshop.

Following a formal comment period, the PUCO issued a Finding and Order on October 6, 2021, approving the proposed rules as set forth in the order. On March 15, 2021, CSI replied to the PUCO, stating that CSI had no recommendations, and concluding that the PUCO should proceed with formal filing of the rules package with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). In light of CSI's conclusion, the PUCO will proceed and file these rules with JCARR.

Cc: Nicholas Walstra, Chief, Transportation Section, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio