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Hearing Date: 2/1/2023

Today's Date: 5/25/2023

Agency: Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission

Rule Number(s): 5537-1-01, 5537-2-04, 5537-2-12, 5537-2-17, 5537-2-18, 5537-2-19, 5537-2-20, 5537-2-21, 5537-3-01, 5537-3-05, 5537-4-01, 5537-4-02, 5537-4-03, 5537-4-04, 5537-4-05, 5537-4-06, 5537-4-07, 5537-4-07, 5537-5-02, 5537-7-01, 5537-8-01, and 5537-9-06

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If no comments at the hearing, please check the box. ☐

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List organizations or individuals giving or submitting testimony before, during or after the public hearing and indicate the rule number(s) in question.

1. William Dodge (Lion Man), American Bikers Aimed Toward Education. Rule 5537-4-01 – Payment of Tolls

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## Hearing Summary Report

### **Consolidated Summary of Comments Received**

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Rule 5537-4-01 - Mr. Dodge testified and requested that the Commission consider reduced rates for motorcycles. In support of his request, Mr. Dodge compared the weights of automobiles and motorcycles, indicating that the lower weight of the motorcycle will cause less wear and tear on the road. He also testified that motorcycles help reduce traffic congestion. Mr. Dodge also testified that motorcycles use less fuel, and have less environmental impacts. Finally, Mr. Dodge cited other toll roads that offer reduced or free travel for motorcycles, and the National Parks who offer reduced entrance fees for motorcycles.

**Incorporated Comments into Rule(s)**

Indicate how comments received during the hearing process were incorporated into the rule(s). If no comments were incorporated, explain why not.

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The new toll system has been designed to classify vehicles as they travel on the Turnpike based on the height of the vehicle and the number of axles. It is not capable of detecting the number of wheels on each axle. In addition, we do not charge tolls based on the vehicle type registered to the *E-ZPass* transponder since our current *E-ZPass* transponders are hard plastic cases that can be easily transferred between multiple vehicles within a household. There would not be a way for the Commission to ensure *E-ZPass* transponders would solely be used for motorcycles and not any other type or class of vehicle. Although we have not received additional requests from any other customers to reduce toll rates for motorcyclists, Mr. Dodge's comments have prompted us to begin research on how other tolling agencies determine motorcycle toll rates, and we plan to revisit this issue to explore if there are solutions to better accommodate motorcycles in our toll system.