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NEW PUC TRANSPORTATION RULES GO INTO EFFECT TODAY

DENVER – New Public Utilities Commission (PUC) transportation rules implementing two bills enacted by the Colorado legislature this year became effective today.

The PUC adopted emergency rules last week that will remain in place for 210 days, or until permanent rules become effective, whichever period is shorter. Emergency rules were necessary to ensure that there was no lapse of regulations as a result of the recent statutory changes.

The new rules implement Senate Bill 11-180, which amended the authority of taxicabs to pick up passengers outside of their assigned geographic areas, and House Bill 11-1198, which reorganized the statutes governing motor carriers and made changes to regulatory authority granted to the PUC.

SB 11-180 permitted taxis operating in Colorado to pick up passengers at any point in the state when the taxi has dropped off passengers in close proximity to that point, except if that drop-off point is an airport. In the emergency rules, the PUC defined “close proximity” as within a 1-mile radius of the drop-off point, and within 20 minutes of the drop-off time.

HB 11-1198 repealed Articles 10, 11, 13, 14 and 16 of Title 40 of the Colorado Revised Statutes and created a new Article 10.1 in Title 40, organized into five parts covering the various types of transportation providers and services. In addition to reorganizing the statutes, the new law made certain substantive changes requiring emergency rule implementation, including:

- Clarifying the services authorized under a children’s activity bus permit;
- Transferring all safety jurisdiction over household goods movers from the PUC to the Colorado Department of Public Safety;

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- Standardizing provisions relating to the conduct of fingerprint-based criminal history record checks, both on initial issuance and resubmission, as a condition of continued qualification to drive for a motor carrier, and;
- Requiring towing carriers to maintain workers' compensation insurance and post a \$50,000 bond to ensure payment of any civil penalties assessed by the Commission.

The emergency rules can be viewed on the PUC website at:
www.dora.state.co.us/pls/efi/EFI.Show_Docket?p_session_id=&p_docket_id=11R-638TR

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