

**Towing Task Force Meeting Agenda Items**  
**April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**2:00pm – 4:00pm**

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of 10/26,12/14, 1/11, 2/8 and 3/8 Meeting Minutes
3. Discussion of the Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) as an appropriate index for the adjustment of nonconsensual towing rates. Discussion of alternative indices that might prove more applicable to carrier cost structures and consumer costs attributed to nonconsensual towing services.
4. Public comment time

**Attachments:**

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1. 10/26 minutes
2. 12/14 minutes
3. 1/11 minutes
4. 2/8 minutes
5. 3/8 minutes

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Meeting opened at 2:04pm

### Members Present:

- Forbes, Trevor (rep for nonconsensual towing carriers)
- Hahn, John (appointed by Chief of Colorado State Patrol)
- Prunsky, Gregory (rep for local law enforcement agencies)
- Rich, Charles (Brandon) (rep for consumers of tow services, private property owners)
- Riley, Nathan (rep for Public Utilities Commission)

### Members Not Present:

- Bailey, Nicole (rep for common interest communities)
- Chiriboga-Flor, Andrea (rep for communities disproportionately affected by nonconsensual tows)
- Connolly, John (rep for a towing association with experience in consensual towing)
- Hill, Robert (Troy) (rep for an association of motor carriers as consumers of towing services)
- Howes, James (rep for insurance companies that insure towing operations)
- Lawless, Nichole (rep for communities disproportionately affected by nonconsensual tows)
- Peirce, Michael (rep for mobile homeowners)
- Riester, Jefferey (appointed by Attorney General, experience enforcing Consumer Protection Act)
- Ruscha, JoyAnn (rep for people with disabilities)

### Also Present:

Roberts, John - (Attorney General)

Abdirahman, Hadija - (PUC Staff)

Molly Kreck - (Public Comment)

Minutes not available for approval.

### Public Comment:

- Molly Kreck - expressed concerns about Wyatt's Towing finding her daughter's stolen car on a residential property on April 07, 2023. To get the car, she contacted Wyatt's Towing to see if the required documents that she would present to the towing yard would be acceptable, since she already had the police report. It had been told to her by the towing company that she needed a Denver Police officer on site to collect the car from the yard. She is worried about the fees and is curious if it is a standard policy to take a police officer.

- Trevor Forbes assures her that everything will be taken care of. Molly Kreck's questions were answered by him, including that they require a police officer to not get into trouble, and he asserts that stolen cars are often used in other crimes as evidence.

Administrative items:

- Nathan Riley introduces the administrative items, including the Towing Task Force Report completed in November being filed with the pending NOPR rulemaking by the Commission. Currently, it is on record and will be reviewed and considered as the process moves forward. This rulemaking proceeding will have a public comment hearing on April 20, 2023, at 11:30am, which will be available to watch and participate on the Commission's website.
- A letter announcing Nichole Lawless' resignation was received. As a result of receiving a new position outside of Colorado, she emailed both Nathan Riley and Trevor Forbes that she will be moving and wants the members to give her directions on how that might work.
- John Roberts says the Towing Task Force can accept Nichole Lawless' resignation and will look for a replacement.
- A reminder that members who have not completed the compliance affidavit should send in that signed document to Nathan Riley.

Only a few members attended the meeting. Meeting minutes from October 26<sup>th</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup>, January 11<sup>th</sup>, February 8<sup>th</sup>, and March 8<sup>th</sup> cannot be approved. Motions for minutes approval will be rescheduled for the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Also, the minutes for April 12<sup>th</sup> will be ready for approval during that period.

- According to Trevor Forbes, the Towing Task Force has already met its statutory requirement of two meetings per year. His recommendation is to schedule the next meeting for June or July, due to the low attendance for this month's meeting.
- Trevor Forbes asks that we address the issue of auto theft happening constantly in Colorado, since it involves law enforcement towing. To resolve some issues related to the funding of the program, Trevor Forbes suggested inviting a lawmaker, Rep. Froelich, to attend one of the meetings. This discussion could be related to rates, according to Trevor Forbes.
- John Hahn believes that something might come to resolve this issue and agrees that members should have a discussion about the rates of auto theft/law enforcement tows.
- John Roberts believes that it would be okay to discuss this matter.
- Nathan Riley asserts that the auto theft bill applies to any kind of towing, including law enforcement-ordered tows, which would fall into the PPI area, which the Towing Task Force is able to discuss.

There was one public attendee, also one public comment was provided.

Next meeting will be held July 12<sup>th</sup>, meeting adjourned 2:22 PM.