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P.U.C. VIOLATIONS

The Colorado Public Utilities Commission is part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies for the State of Colorado. It serves the public interest by effectively regulating utilities and facilities so that the people of Colorado receive safe, reliable, and reasonably priced services consistent with the economic, environmental and social values of the state. Among the many things they regulate are electric and gas suppliers, telephone and other telecommunication services, and motor carriers transporting passengers for hire. It is issues involving the Transportation Section that law enforcement officers might encounter in their duties. The Transportation Section sets standards and issues permits for such business as taxi companies and limousine companies.

Due to the complex nature of P.U.C. regulations and statutes, if officers encounter what they believe to be a P.U.C. violation they should document the pertinent information and forward it to the following party:

Mr. Bob Laws, Senior Criminal Investigator 1560 Broadway Blvd., Suite 250 Denver, Colorado 80202 303-894-2848 bob laws@dora.state.co.us

Investigators will follow up and place appropriate criminal charges or civil penalties against the specific violator and/or the carrier. If the case goes to a P.U.C. hearing the officer may be issued a subpoena to testify.