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## **Commission Revokes Lincoln Towing's Operating License**

CHICAGO...Today the Illinois Commerce Commission made substantive changes to the Proposed Order related to the docket 92 RTV-R Sub 17/100139 MC. In a unanimous vote of 5 - 0 the Commission has immediately revoked the Commercial Vehicle Relocators License for Protective Parking Service Corporation d/b/a/ Lincoln Towing Service.

Below are the comments provided by Chairman Brien Sheahan during today's Regular Open Meeting:

The edits make substantive changes to the Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Order. The Commission's role in this proceeding is to determine whether Lincoln Towing meets the statutory requirements to hold a Commercial Vehicle Relocators License and is — in fact — fit to do so. The privilege of holding such a license is significant as it entitles the licensee to seize the private property of others without their knowledge or consent under certain lawful circumstances. A licensee's solemn obligation is strict compliance with Illinois law and Commission rules, and — in order to prevent injury to the public — to do so with honesty and integrity.

After an extensive proceeding during which Staff presented evidence of over 800 unauthorized property seizures by the Licensee the Commission finds, based on a preponderance of the evidence, that Protective Parking Service Corporation d/b/a Lincoln Towing Service has not conducted its business with honesty and integrity, that it is — in fact — unworthy to be entitled to hold a Commercial Vehicle Relocators License and that its license shall be immediately revoked and Lincoln Towing be ordered to immediately cease and desist from operating a relocation towing business in the State of Illinois.

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