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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 28, 2026

**TO:** President Cynthia Lee Almond  
Commissioner Jeremy H. Oden  
Commissioner Chris V. Beeker, III

**FROM:** Amanda D. Shehane, Director ~~AD&S~~  
Utility Enforcement Division

**SUBJECT:** Agenda for the May 5, 2026, Commission Meeting

This memorandum reflects the Utility Enforcement Division's (UED) report detailing the major tasks, inspections, and activities completed by its staff in March 2026.

### RAILWAY SAFETY

The track inspection results below reflect the work of our Railway Safety (RWS) staff in the field.

Rail Carriers Visited	Regular Track Inspections	Track Defects Identified	Violations Recommended	Track Miles Inspected	Track Turnouts Inspected
7	26	85	0	332	163

The table below reflects track safety observations in which no non-compliant conditions were identified. Twenty-nine roadway workers, bridge workers, and practices were observed.

Railroad Bridge Observations	Roadway Worker Protection	Roadway Maintenance Machines	Bridge Worker Safety
16	14	10	0

The data in the table below were collected from Motive Power & Equipment (MP&E) inspections performed on locomotives, freight cars, tank cars, and other railroad equipment.

Rail Carriers Visited	Regular Eqpt. Inspections	Defects Identified	Violations Recommended	Number of Units Inspected
1	3	71	0	113

The table below shows the Operating Practices (OP) inspections performed on railroad operations.

Rail Carriers Visited	Regular OP Inspections	Defects Identified	Violations Recommended	Eqpt. Securement Observed
5	12	2	0	5

The table below shows observations completed by the MP&E and OP Inspectors in which no non-compliant conditions were identified.

Air Brake Tests	Blue Flag Protection	End of Train Devices
0	1	0

The National Response Center (NRC) reported two incidents in March.

1. An unoccupied vehicle strike with no injuries in York on NS.
2. A cement truck strike with no injuries in Phenix City on CCHA.

There was also one accident and two complaints reported via telephone or email in March.

1. Two unoccupied ATVs were struck by a train on BNSF in Adamsville.
2. A blocked crossing complaint was reported in Trussville.
3. A blocked crossing complaint was reported in Birmingham.

The blocked crossing complaints were referred to the FRA blocked crossing complaint online portal.

Mr. Jeremy Echols filled the vacancy of the MP&E inspector position on March 16<sup>th</sup>. He immediately started training in an effort to attain his FRA certification. He started by accompanying other inspectors on our staff, and began accompanying federal inspectors the following week.

**MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES**

The Motor Carrier Services (MCS) staff accomplished the following regarding state authority to operate as a motor carrier in Alabama with proof of insurance coverage:

Vehicle Registration Nos.	Intrastate Applications		NOL Processed/ Closed Intra Applications	Under Legal Division Review	New Authority Approved	Motor Carrier Authority Inquiries		
	Processed	Returned				Phone	E-mails	Others
26	16	1	3	12	11	61	78	14

MCS staff members handled the tasks shown below regarding insurance coverage, prepared correspondence that challenged incorrect filings, and addressed related inquiries:

Insurance Filings Received	Revocation Orders	Reinstatement Orders	Miscellaneous Actions	Letters Sent	Insurance Inquiries	
					Phone	E-mails
311	21	14	3	34	51	122

The MCS Section addressed the following Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) responsibilities:

UCR Applications		UCR Mailouts for 2026	UCR Audit Correspondence	UCR Inquiries	
Received	Returned			Phone	E-mail
1	0	158	36	39	18

As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 7,675 Alabama carriers (85%) were registered for the 2026 UCR, leaving 1,373 unregistered. Our office received funds from the UCR Depository for February online payments processed through the National Registration System (NRS) from 736 carriers domiciled in Alabama and non-participating states.

The staff also assisted motor carriers in making necessary changes to their operating status with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Two MCS-150 forms were processed to deactivate motor carriers' USDOT numbers.

Staff participated in the UCR Board call during the month.

A total of twelve 2025 annual reports were received from household goods and passenger carriers.

In March, a passenger tariff for **People's Ride Transit Services LLC (C4197)** and a household goods tariff for **1<sup>st</sup> Choice Trucking LLC (NEW)** were rejected due to formatting and rate issues. A passenger tariff for **People's Ride Transit Services LLC (C4197)** and a household goods supplement for **Macon Trading Post, Inc. dba Trading Post (C3199)** were received and accepted.

Staff participated in two passenger carrier hearings held during March for:

- **M.E.R.C.Y Int LLC**
- **Truecare Transportation Inc.**

Uzurv Holdings, Inc. (Uzurv), a regulated transportation network company, closed its records review audit, confirming operations have not started in Alabama.