

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 22A-0089CP

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GRAND JUNCTION STAND UP PADDLE
DOING BUSINESS AS GRAND JUNCTION ADVENTURES FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO OPERATE AS A COMMON CARRIER BY
MOTOR VEHICLE FOR HIRE.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
CONOR F. FARLEY
VACATING HEARING AND ORDERING GRAND
JUNCTION ADVENTURES TO FILE A STATUS REPORT**

Mailed Date: July 8, 2022

I. STATEMENT

A. Background

1. On February 23, 2022, Grand Junction Stand Up Paddle, doing business as Grand Junction Adventures (Grand Junction Adventures) filed the application described in the caption above (Application).

2. On March 4, 2022, Grand Junction Adventures amended the authority sought in the Application.

3. On March 7, 2022, the Commission issued notice of the Application.

4. On April 5 and 6, 2022, Pali-Tours, Ltd. (Pali-Tours) and Absolute Prestige Limousine, LLC (Absolute Prestige) filed entries of appearance and interventions, respectively. Pali-Tours and Absolute Prestige claim that the authority sought by Grand Junction Adventures would overlap with their own authorities described in Certificate of Public Convenience and

Necessity Nos. 55945 and 55925, respectively. Pali-Tours and Absolute Prestige alleged that they would be harmed if the Application is granted.

5. On April 13, 2022, the Commission deemed the Application complete and referred the proceeding to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). The proceeding was subsequently assigned to the undersigned ALJ.

6. On April 28, 2022, the ALJ issued Decision No. R22-0265-I that directed the parties to file a Statement Regarding Hearing identifying the party's preference for an in-person, remote, or hybrid hearing.¹

7. On May 3, 2022, Pali-Tours filed a Statement Regarding Hearing, stating that it requests either an in-person hearing in Grand Junction, Colorado, or a remote hearing.

8. On May 5, 2022, Absolute Prestige filed a Statement Regarding Hearing requesting a remote hearing.

9. On the same day, Grand Junction Adventures also filed a statement requesting that the hearing be conducted remotely.

10. On May 16, 2022, the ALJ issued Decision No. R22-0304-I that, among other things, scheduled the hearing in this proceeding for July 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

11. On July 6, 2022, Grand Junction Adventures filed a Motion for Postponement (Motion) requesting "a postponement of approx[imately] 2 weeks to allow for conclusion" of

¹ As stated in Decision No. R22-0265-I, a remote hearing is one in which all of the participants appear and participate from remote locations over the Zoom web conferencing platform. A hybrid hearing involves the ALJ and at least one party and/or witness participating from one of the Commission's hearing rooms in Denver, and the remaining party(ies) and witness(es) participating from one or more remote locations using the Zoom web conferencing platform. An in-person hearing is one in which the ALJ and all parties and witnesses participate in the hearing at the same location.

settlement negotiations.² The Motion did not state whether the other parties support or oppose the Motion.

12. As a result, later on July 6, 2022, the ALJ sent an email to all of the parties requesting that the intervenors inform the ALJ whether they support or oppose the Motion.

13. Later on July 6, 2022, Pali-Tours responded by email that it supports the Motion.

14. On July 7, 2022, Absolute Prestige filed a Response to the Motion stating that it supports the Motion.

B. Analysis

15. Grand Junction Adventures has stated good cause to grant the unopposed Motion. Accordingly, the unopposed Motion shall be granted. Grand Junction Adventures will be ordered to file a Status Report by July 28, 2022, describing whether the settlement negotiations have been successful.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The remote evidentiary hearing scheduled for July 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. is vacated.

2. Grand Junction Stand Up Paddle, doing business as Grand Junction Adventures, shall file the Status Report described above by July 28, 2022.

² Motion at 1.

3. This Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

CONOR F. FARLEY

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Dean".

Doug Dean,
Director