Decision No. C14-0780-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14V-0692CP

IN THE MATTER OF THE SECOND PETITION OF UNION TAXI COOPERATIVE FOR WAIVER/VARIANCE OF COMMON/CONTRACT CARRIER RULES AND MOTION TO SHORTEN NOTICE PERIOD.

INTERIM DECISION GRANTING MOTION FOR SHORTENED NOTICE

Mailed Date: July 10, 2014 Adopted Date: July 2, 2014

I. <u>BY THE COMMISSION</u>

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of a Motion

filed on June 25, 2014 by Union Taxi Cooperative, doing business as Union Taxi (Union Taxi), to

shorten the Commission notice period to ten days (Motion). The Motion was submitted

concurrently with Union Taxi's Petition for a Waiver/Variance (Petition) from Commission

Rules 723-6-6255(a)(III)-(VII) of the Rules Regulating Transportation by Motor Vehicle, 4 Code

of Colorado Regulations (CCR).

B. Findings and Conclusions

2. Through the Motion, Union Taxi seeks to shorten notice from 30 days to 10 days

from the date the Commission issues the notice of the Petition.

3. In support of its Motion, Union Taxi states that the other taxi companies affected

by Rules 6255(a)(III)-(VII) are having similar difficulties achieving compliance and are likely to

request waivers as well, and that the interested parties are therefore unlikely to have any

objections.

4. Rule 1401(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 CCR 723-1 states "Except as provided by paragraph (d) of this rule, any person may file a notice of intervention as of right or a motion to intervene by permission within 30 days of notice of any administrative or adjudicatory proceeding, unless the Commission's notice or a specific rule or statute provides otherwise."

5. Rule 1003(a) provides that:

The Commission has promulgated these rules to ensure orderly and fair treatment of all persons. The Commission may, for good cause shown, grant waivers or variances from tariffs, Commission rules, and substantive requirements contained in Commission decisions. In making its determination the Commission may take into account, but is not limited to, considerations of hardship, equity, or more effective implementation of overall policy on an individual basis.

6. We find that good cause exists to grant Union Taxi's Motion. The reason for the shortened notice request, and the requested time period are reasonable. The Petition will be placed on the next transportation notice, on July 14, 2014, for a period of ten days. Interventions shall be due at **5:00 p.m. on July 24, 2014.**

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

- 1. The Motion to Shorten Notice Period filed by Union Taxi Cooperative is granted. The notice period for the Petition for Waiver/Variance from Commission Rules 723-6-6255(a)(III)-(VII), 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-6, shall extend through and including **5:00 p.m. on July 24, 2014.**
- 2. Any person desiring to intervene or participate as a party in this proceeding, including Staff of the Commission, shall file a petition for leave to intervene, or under the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, file other appropriate pleadings to become a party, by 5:00 p.m. on July 24, 2014.

- 3. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.
- B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING July 2, 2014.



ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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