Decision No. C14-1277

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14V-0901EC

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF 303 LUXURY CAR SERVICE LLC FOR AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF RULE 6305(B) AGE OF MOTER VEHICLES AND RULE 6308(IV) OTHER LIMOUSINE RETAIL VALUE OF \$50,000 OR MORE.

DECISION DENYING WAIVER

Mailed Date: October 23, 2014 Adopted Date: October 15, 2014

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

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

- 1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of a petition filed on September 2, 2014 by 303 Luxury Car Service LLC (Petitioner). An amendment to the petition was submitted on September 24, 2014.
- 2. Petitioner requests a waiver of Rule 6305(b) of the Rules Regulating Transportation by Motor Vehicle, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-6.
- 3. The vehicle for which a waiver is requested is a 1999 Lincoln Town Car Limousine, VIN No. 1L1FM81W6XY664876. This waiver is requested from August 26, 2014 through June 30, 2016.
- 4. The Commission noticed this petition to all interested persons, firms, and corporations pursuant to § 40-6-108(2), C.R.S., on September 8, 2014.

- 5. No petition to intervene or otherwise participate in this proceeding has been filed. This proceeding is therefore uncontested. Pursuant to § 40-6-109(5), C.R.S., this matter may be determined without a hearing.
- 6. In accordance with Rule 1003 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 CCR 723-1, the Commission may grant waivers or variances from tariffs, Commission rules, and substantive requirements contained in Commission decisions and orders for good cause. In making a 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.
- 7. Rule 6305(b), 4 CCR 723-6, states that "luxury limousine carriers shall not use vehicles older than ten model years as of July 1 of each year." Currently the oldest model allowed by the rule is a 2004.
- 8. The 1999 Lincoln Town Car Limousine named in this petition is significantly older than the ten model years allowed by Rule 6305(b). Thus, unless Petitioner is granted a waiver of Rule 6305(b) for the vehicle named in this petition, it may not provide luxury limousine service with this vehicle.
- 9. Petitioner operates as a limited regulation carrier (luxury limousine) pursuant to PUC Permit No. LL-02435. In support of the waiver, the president of Petitioner states that the vehicle has been deemed mechanically safe and sound and has low mileage for its age.
- 10. We find that the 1999 Lincoln Town Car Limousine named in this petition does not warrant a waiver of Rule 6305(b), which was enacted to ensure public safety, consumer protection, and service quality pursuant to § 40-10.1-106(1), C.R.S. It is in the public interest to ensure that luxury limousine carriers utilize newer, safer, and more luxurious vehicles.

Therefore, the Commission concludes that Petitioner has not shown good cause to grant a waiver of Rule 6305(b) for the 1999 Lincoln Town Car Limousine named in this petition.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

- 1. The petition of 303 Luxury Car Service LLC for a waiver of Rule 6305(b) of the Rules Regulating Transportation by Motor Vehicle, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-6, is denied.
- 2. The 20-day time period provided by § 40-6-114(1), C.R.S., to file an application for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration shall begin on the first day after the Commission mails this Decision.
 - 3. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING October 15, 2014.

