

Decision No. R25-0627-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25A-0202CP

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF EMERALD EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION INC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO OPERATE AS A COMMON CARRIER BY MOTOR VEHICLE FOR HIRE.

**INTERIM DECISION
SCHEDULING EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

Issued Date: August 28, 2025

I. STATEMENT

A. Background

1. On May 19, 2025, Emerald Express Transportation Inc. (“Emerald Express”) filed the application described in the caption above (“Application”).

2. On May 23, 2025, Emerald Express filed: (a) an amendment to the Application that revised the description of the geographic scope of the authority sought (“Amendment”); and (b) Application for Temporary Authority for the same geographic scope of authority sought in the Amendment. The Application for Temporary Authority was a duplicate of the same application filed in Proceeding No. 25A-0197CP-TA, which the Commission denied in Decision No. C25-0456 on June 16, 2025.

3. On May 27, 2025, the Commission issued public notice of the authority sought by Emerald Express in the Application as follows:

For permanent authority to operate as a common carrier by motor vehicle for hire for the transportation of passengers as follows:

(1) Transportation of passengers in call-and-demand shuttle service between all points within the city of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and between said points, on the one hand, and the Yampa Valley Regional Airport, Hayden, Colorado, on the other hand.

(2) Transportation of passengers in call-and-demand shuttle service between all points within the city of Craig, Colorado, and between said points, on the one hand, and the Yampa Valley Regional Airport, Hayden, Colorado, on the other hand.

4. On June 11, 2025, Alpine Taxi/Limo, Inc. (“Alpine Taxi”) filed a Notice of Intervention by Right, Alternative Motion for Intervention, Entry of Appearance, and Request for Hearing.

5. On June 17, 2025, NDW Enterprises LLC d/b/a Ski Town Transportation (“Ski Town Transportation”) filed an Intervention by Right to Permanent Authority Application.

6. On July 9, 2025, the Commission deemed the Application complete and referred the proceeding by minute entry to an Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”). The proceeding was subsequently assigned to the undersigned ALJ.

7. On July 23, 2025, the ALJ issued Decision No. R25-0540-I that established a procedural schedule, and a deadline of August 1, 2025 for any Statements to be filed in which the filing party could specify the party’s preference for an in-person, remote, or hybrid hearing and, if the party prefers an in-person hearing, identification of the preferred location for the hearing and an explanation of why the hearing should not take place in one of the Commission’s hearing rooms in Denver.

8. On August 1, 2025, each party filed a Statement Regarding Hearing. All parties prefer an in-person hearing in Steamboat Springs (Emerald Express changed its preference from that expressed in its Application for a hearing in Denver). Alpine Taxi stated that “some potential

witnesses are not from Steamboat” and requested that those witnesses be permitted to appear remotely at the hearing in Steamboat Springs over the Zoom webconferencing platform.

B. Hearing and Remote Prehearing Conference

9. The evidentiary hearing will be scheduled for September 30 to October 1, 2025 in Steamboat Springs. The hearing will be conducted as an in-person hearing. However, the ALJ reserves the right to change the hearing to a hybrid hearing if the internet connection at the hearing site is sufficient and one or more witnesses cannot attend the hearing in-person. To aid with that decision, each party must identify on its witness list each witness who the party will call at the hearing, each witness who it may call, and whether each witness needs or wants to testify remotely and has committed to testifying at the hearing.

10. In addition, a remote prehearing conference will be scheduled for September 25, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. All parties must appear at the remote prehearing conference. Failure to attend or to participate in the remote prehearing conference is a waiver of any objection to the rulings made during the remote prehearing conference. Attachment A to this Decision provides the information addressing how to use the Zoom platform for remotely participating in the remote prehearing conference.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. An evidentiary hearing in this proceeding is scheduled as follows:

DATE: September 30-October 1, 2025

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Community Room
613 Oak Street
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

2. A remote prehearing conference is scheduled as follows:

DATE: September 25, 2025

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

WEBCAST: Commission Hearing Room

METHOD: Join by video conference using Zoom at the link to be provided in an email from the Administrative Law Judge or Staff of the Commission¹

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

Rebecca E. White,
Director

¹ Additional information about the Zoom platform and how to use the platform are available at: <https://zoom.us/>. All are strongly encouraged to participate in a test meeting prior to the scheduled hearing. See <https://zoom.us/test>.