

Decision No. C04-1499

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 04L-623CP

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF RAINBOWS, INC. DBA 453-TAXI FOR AUTHORITY TO PUBLISH INCREASED RATES FOR TAXI SERVICE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE ON LESS-THAN-STATUTORY NOTICE.

COMMISSION GRANTING THE APPLICATION

Mailed Date: December 17, 2004
Adopted Date: December 15, 2004

I. **BY THE COMMISSION:**

A. **Statement**

1. On December 6, 2004, Rainbows, Inc. dba 453-Taxi (453-Taxi) filed Taxi Tariff Number 4 on less-than-statutory notice to become effective December 18, 2004. Taxi Tariff No. 4 was filed because Taxi Tariff No. 3 was rejected because proper justification for the increase was not provided. Taxi Tariff Number 4 increases rates for taxi service in the Breckenridge area.

2. 453-Taxi proposes rate increases of up to 200 percent. These increases return taxi rates to those that existed prior to last year's reductions. Those reductions proved unsuccessful at producing the intended increase in passenger ridership, and have thus threatened the financial stability of the company. In accordance with Rule 31 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1, 453-Taxi properly published notice of the increase on November 26, 2004. No protests have been received.

3. Rule 31(f)(1) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1, allows an order authorizing carriers to change tariffs or time

schedules on less-than-statutory notice for good cause shown. 453-Taxi has now filed justification needed to support Taxi Tariff No. 4, namely that the reductions have not generated increased ridership, and this has threatened the financial stability of the company. The proposed rates are not above those previously approved by the Commission.

4. 453-Taxi has demonstrated good cause for the proposed rate increases on less-than-statutory notice, and the proposed increases are in the public interest.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The proposal to allow Rainbows, Inc. dba 453-Taxi to publish Taxi Tariff Number 4 to be effective on less-than-statutory notice on December 18 is granted.

2. The 20-day time period provided by § 40-6-114(1), C.R.S., to file an application for rehearing, re-argument, or reconsideration shall begin on the first day after the Commission mails or serves this Order.

3. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN THE COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2004.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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