

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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THE APPLICATION OF SAFE RIDE )  
SERVICES, INC., FOR TEMPORARY )  
AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS ) DOCKET NO. 96A-122BP-TA  
AS A CONTRACT CARRIER BY MOTOR )  
VEHICLE FOR HIRE. )  
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**COMMISSION ORDER GRANTING  
TEMPORARY AUTHORITY**

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Mailed date: April 12, 1996  
Adopted date: April 10, 1996  
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**I. BY THE COMMISSION:**

**A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusion**

1. On March 25, 1996, Safe Ride Services, Inc. filed an application (Docket No. 96A-122BP-TA) for temporary authority to conduct operations as a contract carrier by motor vehicle for hire for the transportation of passengers and their baggage between points in the Counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Clear Creek, Boulder, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin, Grand, Jefferson, Larimer, Park, and Weld, State of Colorado. This application is restricted to providing service for only Kaiser Foundation Health Plans of Colorado (Kaiser Permanente).

2. The Commission gave notice of the application on April 1, 1996. No interventions opposing a grant of the application were filed.

3. By § 40-6-120, C.R.S., the application for temporary authority is under consideration for a Commission order.

4. Pursuant to § 40-6-120(1), C.R.S., the Commission is authorized to grant temporary authority when there appears to be an immediate and urgent need to any point or within a territory having no carrier service capable of meeting such need.

5. The support filed on behalf of this application indicates that Kaiser Permanente ("Kaiser") intends to incorporate non-emergency transportation services as part of a certain health care plan it offers to its members (Senior Advantage, Silver and Gold Plans). The proposed service is to be provided for such members who have a need to be transported to, from, and between Kaiser medical facilities, located in the front range. The proposed service has been tailored to meet the needs of Kaiser Permanente and its members.

Some of the specialized services outlined in the proposal between Kaiser and the Applicant include: Twenty-four hour service; vehicles equipped with emergency first aid materials, wheelchair lifts, and vehicles with four-wheel drive capabilities. Other requirements set forth in the agreement include the use of drivers who have received some medical training, specifically in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and a requirement for the Applicant to maintain \$5,000,000.00 in automobile liability insurance with Kaiser Permanente being named as an additional insured.

6. The Commission finds that this application does meet the requirements for the granting of a temporary authority, and that there is an immediate and urgent need for additional

transportation services. The Commission will grant the application.

7. The Applicant has adequate equipment and financial resources to begin immediate service within the scope of the authority sought and is willing, ready, and able to operate under all Commission rules and regulations governing carriers by motor vehicle.

8. This application for temporary authority is in the public interest and should be granted.

9. The Applicant is advised that the granting of a temporary authority makes no presumption that permanent authority will be granted.

## **II. ORDER**

### **A. The Commission Orders That:**

1. Safe Ride Services, Inc. is granted temporary authority to conduct operations as a contract carrier by motor vehicle for hire for a period of 180 days commencing from the Mailed Date of this Order, with authority as set forth in the attached Appendix.

2. Safe Ride Services, Inc. shall not commence operation until all requirements have been met and notice in writing has been received from the Commission that the Applicant is in compliance and may begin service. If the Applicant does not comply with the requirements of this ordering paragraph within 30 days of the effective date of this Order, then ordering paragraph 1 above, which grants authority to the Applicant, shall be void, and the authority granted shall then be void. On good cause shown, the Commission may grant additional time for compliance, if the request for additional time

is filed within the 30 days.

3. 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 or serves this Decision.

**B.** This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**C.** ADOPTED IN OPEN MEETING April 10, 1996.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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Commissioners

COMMISSIONER CHRISTINE E.M. ALVAREZ  
RESIGNED EFFECTIVE APRIL 5, 1996.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, Bruce N. Smith, Director of The Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado, certify that I served a true and correct copy of the above Commission Decision -- entered in the above numbered matter of record -- upon each of the persons whose names and addresses appear below, by mailing the same in sealed envelopes properly addressed, with sufficient postage prepaid to carry the same to its destination on the date noted on this certificate at Denver, Colorado.

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