

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 22A-0564CP-ETA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF JASON STEINBERG DOING BUSINESS AS
STEAMBOAT TAXI FOR EMERGENCY TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A
COMMON CARRIER BY MOTOR VEHICLE FOR HIRE.

**COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING
EMERGENCY TEMPORARY AUTHORITY**

Mailed Date: January 5, 2023

Adopted Date: January 4, 2023

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On December 21, 2022, Jason Steinberg, doing business as Steamboat Taxi (Steamboat Taxi), filed an application for emergency temporary authority to operate as a common carrier by motor vehicle for hire.

2. Steamboat Taxi requests emergency temporary authority to operate as a common carrier by motor vehicle for hire as follows:

Transportation of passengers in taxi service between all points in Routt County,
State of Colorado.

3. Pursuant to § 40-10.1-204(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 such service capable of meeting the need." Section 40-10.1-204(4), C.R.S., further states: "If the Commission determines that an emergency exists, it may issue temporary authority or approval at once by making specific reference in its order to the

circumstances constituting the emergency, in which case no notice need be given, but any such emergency authority or approval expires no later than thirty days after it was issued."

4. Steamboat Taxi must meet a two-fold test: first, that there is an emergency need for the transportation services, and second, that there is no existing carrier capable of meeting the need. If Steamboat Taxi fails to meet either test, the application must be denied.

5. Mr. Jason Steinberg, the owner of Steamboat Taxi, provided the following statement to support this application:

Steamboat Springs lacks the necessary transportation to fulfill the needs of the locals and tourists. Due to hotel location & short-term rental laws, most places that tourist stay are on the mountain or near the mountain area which is located miles away from downtown which is where most people go out at night.

Steamboat Springs has no way to help these individuals make it home at night. The bus service ends at 11:30 p.m. our only taxi service in town has stopped service.

6. The Commission is aware that Alpine Taxi/Limo, Inc., under Certificate No. 26246, is the only common carrier with authority to provide taxi service between all points in Routt County. However, Alpine Taxi/Limo, Inc. filed an application on October 27, 2022, in Proceeding No. 22A-0467CP-SPTN to suspend the taxi authority named in Certificate No, 26246 from November 10, 2022 through November 9, 2023. The Commission granted the requested suspension at its weekly meeting of November 16, 2022¹. Therefore, no common carrier is currently providing taxi service in Routt County.

7. The Commission finds that the support provided by Steamboat Taxi shows that there is an emergency need for the transportation services requested in this application, and there is no existing carrier capable of meeting the need.

¹ Decision No. C22-0751 granting the suspension was mailed on November 28, 2022.

8. The Commission also finds that Steamboat Taxi has adequate equipment and financial resources to begin immediate service within the scope of the authority sought.

9. This application for emergency temporary authority is in the public interest.

10. Steamboat Taxi is advised that the grant of an emergency temporary authority creates no presumption that either a temporary or permanent authority will be granted.

II. **ORDER**

A. **The Commission Orders That:**

1. Jason Steinberg, doing business as Steamboat Taxi is granted emergency temporary authority to operate as a common carrier by motor vehicle for hire for a period of 30 days commencing from the Mailed Date of this Decision, with authority as set forth in Appendix A attached to this Decision.

2. Jason Steinberg, doing business as Steamboat Taxi shall not commence operations until it has complied with the requirements of Colorado laws and Commission rules, including without limitation:

- (a) cause proof of insurance (Form E or self-insurance) or surety bond (Form G) coverage to be filed with the Commission;
- (b) pay to the Commission, the motor vehicle fee (\$50.00) for each vehicle to be operated under authority granted by the Commission, or in lieu thereof, paid the fee for such vehicle(s) pursuant to the Unified Carrier Registration Agreement;
- (c) file with the Commission and have an effective, publicly available tariff. The tariff should comply with Rule 6208 of the Rules Regulating Transportation by Motor Vehicle, 4 CCR 723-6. The tariff shall be filed in a *new* Advice Letter/Tariff proceeding on not less than one days' notice prior to a proposed effective date. In calculating the proposed effective date, the date received at the Commission is not included in the notice period and the entire notice period must expire prior to the proposed effective date. Information can be found at:
<https://puc.colorado.gov/common-carriers>

- (d) submit a Vehicle Inspection Report for each vehicle to be operated under the authority at the commencement of operations. The inspection must be done in accordance with Rules 6103 and 6104 of the Rules Regulating Transportation by Motor Vehicle, 4 CCR 723-6; and the inspection must show that the vehicle passed the inspection. The inspection report may be found at:
<https://puc.colorado.gov/common-carriers>
- (e) register an authorized representative as a File Administrator on behalf of Applicant in the Commission's electronic filing system (E-Filings) and agree that Applicant shall receive notifications electronically through E-Filings. Information can be found at:
www.dora.state.co.us/pls/efi/EFI.homepage; and
- (f) pay the applicable fee (\$5.00) for the issuance of the authority.

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.

4. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
January 4, 2023.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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G. Harris Adams,
Interim Director

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