

Decision No. C25-0058

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

PROCEEDING NO. 24A-0488CP-EXT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF KEP EXPEDITIONS LLC FOR PERMANENT AUTHORITY TO EXTEND OPERATIONS UNDER CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY NO. 55946.

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**COMMISSION DECISION DEEMING APPLICATION  
COMPLETE AND GRANTING APPLICATION**

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Issued Date: January 27, 2025

Adopted Date: January 15, 2025

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions**

1. On November 12, 2024, Kep Expeditions LLC (“Applicant”) filed an Application for Permanent Authority to Extend Operations under its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) PUC No. 55946. An amendment to the application was filed on December 2, 2024.

2. CPCN No. 55946 currently authorizes the transportation of passengers, in call-and-demand sightseeing service, between all points in Larimer County and Rocky Mountain National Park, State of Colorado. The authority is restricted to (1) transportation in a vehicle containing special equipment required for the transportation of persons with disabilities, and (2) transportation to, within, and from points of recreational and sightseeing interest.

3. In the amendment filed on December 2, 2024, Applicant requests permanent authority to extend operations under CPCN No. 55946 in order to add scheduled service between

all points in Estes Park, Colorado, on the one hand, and the Eldora Ski Resort in Nederland, Colorado, on the other hand, as more fully described in the Appendix attached to this Decision.

4. The Commission initially noticed this application to all interested persons, firms, and corporations pursuant to § 40-6-108(2), C.R.S., on November 18, 2024, and then re-noticed the application on December 9, 2024, due to the amendment being filed.

5. No petition to intervene or otherwise participate in this proceeding has been filed. This proceeding is uncontested. Under § 40-6-109(5), C.R.S., this matter may be determined without a hearing.

6. Pursuant to Rule 6203(a) of the Rules Regulating Transportation by Motor Vehicle, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-6, the information submitted with this application warrants the granting of the requested extension to CPCN PUC No. 55946.

7. The present or future public convenience and necessity requires, or will require, the transportation service as requested.

8. Applicant is fit to perform the service as requested.

9. This application for permanent authority to extend operations is in the public interest.

10. Applicant is granted, subject to conditions, an extension of authority under CPCN PUC No. 55946 as set forth in the Appendix attached to this Decision, conditioned upon Applicant's full compliance with the requirements contained in this Decision.

11. If Applicant fails to comply with the prerequisites required by Ordering Paragraph No. 3 within 60 days of the effective date of the Decision, the requested extension of authority under CPCN PUC No. 55946 will be deemed denied and Applicant will not be granted the

requested permanent authority; the extended CPCN shall not be issued; and Applicant shall not be permitted to operate under the requested authority. No further action of the Commission is required.

12. For good cause shown, the Commission may grant additional time for compliance with Ordering Paragraph No. 3 if the request for additional time is filed within 60 days of the effective date of this Decision.

13. The Commission will notify Applicant in writing when the Commission's records demonstrate Applicant has fully complied with the requirements of Ordering Paragraph No. 3. Applicant shall not begin the extended operations without the receipt of written notification of compliance from the Commission.

## **II. ORDER**

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

1. This Application is deemed complete for purposes of § 40-6-109.5, C.R.S., and is granted.

2. The issuance of an extension of authority under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) PUC No. 55946 as set forth in Appendix A attached to this Decision is granted to Kep Expeditions LLC (“Applicant”), subject to Applicant's full compliance with the requirements contained in Ordering Paragraph No. 3.

3. Applicant shall not be granted the extension of authority under CPCN PUC No. 55946 and shall not commence the extended operations until it has fully complied with the following conditions:

- (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 (and time schedule if applicable), which includes the extended authority. 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 ten 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;
- (d) 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:  
  
<http://www.dora.state.co.us/pls/efi/EFI.homepage>; and
- (e) pay the applicable fee (\$5.00) for the issuance of the extended authority.

4. The extension of authority under CPCN PUC No. 55946 shall not be issued and Applicant shall not operate under the extended authority unless Applicant complies with all of the conditions in Ordering Paragraph No. 3.

5. If Applicant does not comply with each requirement in Ordering Paragraph No. 3, within 60 days of the effective date of this Decision, the extension of authority under CPCN PUC No. 55946 is denied without further action of the Commission. For good cause shown, the

Commission may grant additional time for compliance if the request for additional time is filed within 60 days of the effective date of this Decision.

6. Applicant shall continue to operate in accordance with all applicable statutes, orders, and rules of the Commission. The Commission may issue an order to cease and desist or to suspend, revoke, alter, or amend any certificate or permit for violation of, or refusal to observe any statute, order, or rule of the Commission, consistent with § 40-10.1-112 (1), C.R.S.

7. 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 effective date of this Decision.

8. This Decision is effective immediately upon its Issued Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
January 15, 2025.**

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