

Decision No. C25-0236

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25A-0102CP-TA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF EASTERN COLORADO TRANSPORTATION COMPANY LLC, FOR TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A COMMON CARRIER BY MOTOR VEHICLE FOR HIRE.

**COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING
TEMPORARY AUTHORITY**

Issued Date: April 1, 2025
Adopted Date: March 26, 2025

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On March 12, 2025, Eastern Colorado Transportation Company, LLC (“Applicant”) filed an Application for Temporary Authority to Operate as a Common Carrier of Passengers by Motor Vehicle for Hire.

2. Specifically, Applicant requests temporary authority for 180 days to transport passengers in call-and-demand charter service and call-and-demand shuttle service between all points in the Counties of Elbert, Lincoln, and Kit Carson, and between said points, on the one hand, and the Denver International Airport or the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport, on the other hand.

3. The Commission gave notice of the application on March 18, 2025, for a period of five days pursuant to § 40-10.1-204(4), C.R.S. No interventions have been filed.

4. Pursuant to § 40-10.1-204(1), C.R.S., the Commission may, in its discretion and without hearings or other proceedings, grant temporary authority for common carrier service 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.”

5. In support of the temporary authority, Applicant submitted a public support letter from the Lincoln County Sheriff, which states:

I am writing to express my strong support for [Applicant] and the vital services they provide for our community. Their transportation assistance for stranded motorists, victims of crime, and individuals being released from custody is an essential resource, especially given the vast distances between available services in our region. With the nearest transportation alternatives located 80 to 100 miles away, many individuals find themselves in dire situations without access to safe and timely transportation. [Applicant] fills this critical gap by ensuring that vulnerable individuals are not left without support, safety, or a means to reach their next destination.

6. Applicant also submitted a Letter of Public Support from the Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation and the State of Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

7. The Commission finds that the information submitted with this application shows that an immediate and urgent need for the requested transportation service exists, and that no other carrier has been shown to be capable of meeting the need.

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

9. Therefore, this Application for Temporary Authority is in the public interest and will be granted.

10. Applicant is advised that the grant of a temporary authority creates no presumption that a permanent authority will be granted

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The application for temporary authority filed on March 12, 2025, by Eastern Colorado Transportation Company, LLC is granted.

2. Eastern Colorado Transportation Company, LLC is granted temporary authority to conduct operations as a common carrier by motor vehicle for hire for a period of 180 days commencing from the Issued Date of this Decision, with authority as set forth in the Appendix attached to this Decision.

3. Eastern Colorado Transportation Company, LLC shall operate in accordance with all applicable Colorado laws and Commission rules.

4. Eastern Colorado Transportation Company, LLC shall not be granted temporary authority and shall not commence 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 advice letter and tariff. The tariff should comply with Rules 6208 and 6209 of the Rules Regulating Transportation by Motor Vehicle, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-6. The tariff shall be filed in a *new* Advice Letter/Tariff proceeding on not less than one day's 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;

- (e) 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>;
- (f) 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
- (g) pay the applicable fee (\$5.00) for the issuance of the authority.

5. If Eastern Colorado Transportation Company, LLC does not comply with the requirements of this Decision within 30 days of its effective date, then the temporary authority shall be void. For good cause shown, the Commission may grant additional time for compliance if the request for additional time is filed within the 30 days.

6. The Commission will notify Eastern Colorado Transportation Company, LLC in writing when the Commission's records demonstrate compliance with Ordering Paragraph No. 4.

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 Commission mails or serves this Decision.

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

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
March 26, 2025.**

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