

Decision No. C25-0791

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25D-0435CP

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ALPINE TAXI/LIMO, INC FOR A DECLARATORY ORDER PURSUANT TO COMMISSION RULE 4 CCR 723-1-1304(F).

**COMMISSION DECISION ACCEPTING
PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER,
ISSUING NOTICE, ESTABLISHING 30-DAY
INTERVENTION PERIOD, AND REFERRING MATTER
TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

Issued Date: November 4, 2025

Adopted Date: October 29, 2025

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Background, Findings, and Conclusions

1. Alpine Taxi/Limo, Inc. (“Alpine”) filed a Petition for Declaratory Order (“Petition”) on October 15, 2025.

2. Alpin holds Certificate of Public Necessity and Convenience (“CPCN”) No. 26246, which allows and requires Alpine to provide shuttle service throughout Moffat and Routt Counties. Relevant to the Petition, Alpine’s CPCN grants it authority to perform call-and-demand taxi service between various points and the Yampa Vallery Regional Airport (“YVRA”).

3. Alpine notes it is currently in contract dispute with YCRA, which led to YVRA terminating Alpine’s ability to have a counter inside the airport terminal and indicating it will not allow Alpine to serve the airport. Alpine states the former is understandable given the dispute, but that the latter is illegal. Alpine contends a municipality cannot determine that a

Commission-regulated utility cannot operate within municipal boundaries, as that would run counter to the Commission-approved CPCN.

4. Alpine seeks an order from the Commission addressing whether YVRA has the authority to bar Alpine from serving the Airport. Specifically, Alpine requests the Commission issue an order stating that YVRA does not have the legal authority to bar Alpine from picking up and dropping off passengers at YVRA since

5. The Commission may entertain a petition for declaratory order to terminate a controversy or remove an uncertainty regarding any tariff, statute, or Commission rule, regulation, or order. Rule 1304(i)(II), 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1. If a petition meets those requirements, the Commission then, as an initial procedural determination, exercises its discretion to accept or dismiss the petition. If it accepts the petition, then it issues notice of the petition and establishes a notice and intervention period.

6. We find that evaluating the questions presented in the Petition will remove uncertainty as to whether YVRA can bar Alpine from servicing the airport when there is a valid CPCN granting Alpine such authority. We therefore accept the Petition.

7. The Commission refers this matter to an Administrative Law Judge for disposition including the establishment of a procedural schedule and any filing dates for further briefing.

8. This Decision establishes a 30-day notice and intervention period for the Petition. The notice period shall extend through and include **5:00 p.m. on December 4, 2025**. The intervention period will run concurrently with the notice period. Interventions shall be due by **5:00 p.m. on December 4, 2025**.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Petition for Declaratory Order filed by Alpine Taxi/Limo, Inc., on October 15, 2025, is accepted.

2. Service of this Decision will provide notice of the Petition to all interested persons, firms, and corporations.

3. The notice period for the Petition shall extend through and include **5:00 p.m. on December 4, 2025.**

4. Any person desiring to intervene or participate as a party in this Proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene or, pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, other appropriate pleadings to become a party by **5:00 p.m. on December 4, 2025.**

5. The Commission refers the matter to an Administrative Law Judge for disposition.

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

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
October 29, 2025.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Rebecca E. White,
Director

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