

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

PROCEEDING NO. 24A-0344CP-EXT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MEDRIDE LLC, FOR AUTHORITY TO EXTEND OPERATIONS UNDER CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY NO. 55980.

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**INTERIM DECISION  
MODIFYING HEARING SCHEDULE AND FORMAT**

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Issued Date: February 6, 2025

**I. STATEMENT, SUMMARY, AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

**A. Statement and Summary**

1. This Decision vacates the evidentiary hearing dates set for February 18, 19, and 20, 2025; maintains the February 25 and 27, 2025 evidentiary hearing dates; and converts the February 25 and 27, 2025 hearing to a fully remote hearing.

**B. Procedural History<sup>1</sup>**

2. On August 13, 2024, MedRide LLC (“Applicant” or “MedRide”) initiated this Proceeding by filing above-captioned Application (“Application”) seeking to extend operations under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) No. 55980.<sup>2</sup>

3. On October 16, 2024, the Commission referred this matter for disposition to an Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) by minute entry.

4. October 31, 2024, the ALJ approved MedRide’s pending restrictive amendments to the Application.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Only the procedural history necessary to understand this Decision is included.

<sup>2</sup> Application filed August 13, 2024.

<sup>3</sup> Decision No. R24-0788-I at 6-7, 18 (issued October 31, 2024).

5. On November 18, 2024, after holding a duly noticed prehearing conference at which all parties appeared, the ALJ scheduled a hybrid evidentiary hearing for February 18, 19, 20, 25 and 27, 2025 and established procedures and deadlines relating to that hearing.<sup>4</sup> Among those deadlines, the ALJ required Applicant to make a filing by February 3, 2025 if no party will appear in person for the evidentiary hearing so that it can be converted to a fully remote hearing.<sup>5</sup>

6. On January 15, 2025, MedRide filed a Second Stipulated Motion to Restrictively Amend Application and Withdraw Intervention (“Motion to Amend”).

7. On January 28, 2025, the ALJ approved the amendments to the requested authority consistent with the Motion to Amend; acknowledged that the Interventions filed by Tava Cab, LLC, doing business as Tava Cab and NDW Enterprises LLC, doing business as Ski Town Transportation are withdrawn; and required MedRide to make a filing by February 3, 2025 if the remaining parties agree that evidentiary hearing dates should be vacated.<sup>6</sup>

8. On February 3, 2025, MedRide filed its “Notice Regarding Conferral and Vacating Certain Hearing Dates” (“Notice”).

9. In addition to MedRide, the following entities are parties to this Proceeding: Alpine Taxi/Limo, Inc.; AEX, Inc.; San Miguel Mountain Ventures, LLC; Wilderness Journeys Pagosa, Inc.; and Home James Transportation Services, LTD (collectively, “remaining parties”).<sup>7</sup>

## **II. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

10. The Notice states that MedRide conferred with the remaining parties, who agree that the February 18, 19, and 20, 2025 hearing dates should be vacated, and the February 25 and

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<sup>4</sup> Decision No. R24-0839-I at 6-9 (issued November 18, 2024).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 6-7.

<sup>6</sup> Decision No. R25-0060-I at 6-7 (issued January 28, 2025).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*; Decision No. R24-0788-I at 18-19.

27, 2025 hearing dates should be maintained.<sup>8</sup> The Notice also states that all parties plan to appear remotely for the remaining hearing dates of February 25 and 27, 2025.<sup>9</sup>

11. The ALJ finds that responses to the Notice are unnecessary given that the parties agree to the relief that the Notice seeks.<sup>10</sup> To the extent necessary, the ALJ waives the response time to the Notice, based on good cause therefore.<sup>11</sup>

12. Given that Decision No. R25-0060-I restrictively amended the Application to narrow the scope of the requested authority and two Interveners have withdrawn, good cause exists to reduce the number of evidentiary hearing dates. The ALJ finds that vacating the first three days of hearing as requested in the Notice is reasonable. As such, the February 18, 19, and 20, 2025 hearing dates are vacated and the February 25 and 27, 2025 hearing dates are maintained.

13. Decision No. R24-0839-I advises that if no party plans to appear in person for the hybrid evidentiary hearing, that it would be converted to a fully remote hearing.<sup>12</sup> Indeed, there is no reason to hold a hybrid hearing to provide parties the opportunity to appear in person if no party plans to appear in person.<sup>13</sup> For the reasons discussed, the February 25 and 27, 2025 hybrid evidentiary hearing is converted to a fully remote evidentiary hearing where all parties and witnesses appear via Zoom from remote locations.

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<sup>8</sup> Notice at 1.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> *See id.*

<sup>11</sup> *See* Rule 1400(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1.

<sup>12</sup> Decision No. R24-0839-I at 6-7.

<sup>13</sup> What is more, since the established procedures hearing already accommodate remote hearing participation, there are no practical reasons to hold a hybrid hearing. *See id.* at 6-9; Attachments A and B to Decision No. R24-0839-I.

**III. ORDER**

**A. It Is Ordered That:**

1. The response time to the “Notice Regarding Conferral and Vacating Certain Hearing Dates” filed February 3, 2025 (“Notice”) is waived.

2. Consistent with the above discussion and the requests in the Notice, the February 18, 19, and 20, 2025 evidentiary hearing dates scheduled by Decision No. R24-0839-I (issued November 18, 2024) are vacated, and the February 25 and 27, 2025 evidentiary hearing dates scheduled by the same Decision are maintained.

3. The evidentiary hearing scheduled for February 25 and 27, 2025 is converted from a hybrid hearing to a fully remote hearing, consistent with the above discussion. The parties and witness may not appear in person at the Commission’s Offices for the evidentiary hearing and instead must appear from remote locations via Zoom following the instructions in Decision No. R24-0839-I and Attachment A thereto.

4. Unless specifically modified by this Decision, all requirements in Decision No. R24-0839-I and Attachments A and B thereto remain in full force and effect.

5. This Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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Rebecca E. White,  
Director