BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 04A-234BP-EXTENSION

THE APPLICATION OF FIRST CHOICE RIDE, INC., FOR AUTHORITY TO EXTEND OPERATIONS UNDER CONTRACT CARRIER PERMIT NO. B-9841.

COMMISSION ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION TO CONTRACT CARRIER PERMIT

Mailed Date: June 28, 2004 Adopted Date: June 22, 2004

I. <u>BY THE COMMISSION:</u>

A. Statement, Findings and Conclusions

- 1. On May 12, 2004, First Choice Ride, Inc., (First Choice Ride) filed an application for permanent authority to extend operations under Contract Carrier Permit No. B-9841: (I) by eliminating Restriction No. 3, which reads as follows: (3) to the use of wheel chair accessible vehicles; and (II) by adding Arapahoe County Community Services, 1690 West Littleton Boulevard, Littleton, Colorado 80120, as a customer.
- 2. The Commission noticed this application to all interested persons, firms, and corporations pursuant to § 40-6-108(2), C.R.S., on May 17, 2004. The Commission set this matter for hearing on August 6, 2004.
- 3. No petition to intervene or otherwise participate in this proceeding has been filed. This proceeding is noncontested. Under § 40-6-109(5), C.R.S., this matter may be determined without a hearing.

- 4. The information submitted with this application warrants granting the requested authority.
- 5. A present and special need for the requested transportation services exists. A grant of the requested authority will not impair the efficient public service of any authorized common carrier adequately serving the same territory over the same general route or routes.

II. ORDER

- **A.** The Commission Orders That:
- 1. The hearing set for August 6, 2004, is vacated.
- 2. This application was deemed complete on June 22, 2004, within the meaning of § 40-6-109.5, C.R.S.
- 3. First Choice Ride is authorized to extend operations under Contract Carrier Permit No. B-9841: (I) by eliminating Restriction No. 3, which reads as follows: (3) to the use of wheel chair accessible vehicles; and (II) by adding Arapahoe County Community Services, 1690 West Littleton Boulevard, Littleton, Colorado 80120, as a customer.
- 4. The complete authority under Contract Carrier Permit No. B-9841, as extended, shall be as set forth in the Appendix and this Order is a PERMIT.
- 5. First Choice Ride, as the holder of Contract Carrier Permit No. B-9841, shall operate in accordance with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.
- 6. First Choice Ride shall cause to be filed with the Commission certificates of insurance as required by Commission rules. First Choice Ride shall file a proper tariff and pay the issuance fee and annual vehicle identification fee. First Choice Ride may not begin extended

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operations until these requirements have been met and it has received notice in writing from the Commission stating that it is in compliance and may begin service.

- 7. If First Choice Ride does not comply with the requirements of this Order within 60 days of its effective date, then the authority to extend operations 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 60 days.
 - 8. This Order is effective immediately on its Mailed Date.
 - B. ADOPTED IN THE COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING June 22, 2004.

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Transportation of passengers and their baggage:

- I. Between all points in the Counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson, State of Colorado; and
- II. Between all points in the Counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson, State of Colorado.

RESTRICTIONS: This permit is restricted as follows:

- A. Item (I) is restricted to providing transportation service: (1) for Douglas County Department of Human Services, 401 Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, Colorado 80104; (2) for Adams County Department of Social Services, 7190 Colorado Boulevard, Commerce City, Colorado 80022; and (3) to passengers that are clients of Medicaid; and
- B. Item (II) is restricted to providing transportation service: (1) for Arapahoe County Community Services, 1690 West Littleton Boulevard, Littleton, Colorado 80120; and (2) to passengers that are clients of Medicaid.