BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24A-0344CP-EXT

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

RECOMMENDED DECISION AMENDING APPLICATION, ACKNOWLEDGING INTERVENTION WITHDRAWALS, AND GRANTING PERMANENT AUTHORITY TO EXTEND OPERATIONS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

Issued Date: March 18, 2025

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I. <u>STATEMENT, SUMMARY, AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY</u>

A. Statement and Summary

1. This Decision amends the above-captioned Application consistent with the requests in the "Notice Indicating Results of Required Conferral and Request for Amendment to the Commission's February 21, 2025 Order" filed March 6, 2025 ("Motion"); acknowledges that the

remaining Interveners withdraw their Interventions; grants MedRide LLC ("Applicant" or "MedRide") a permanent authority to extend operations subject to conditions; and closes this Proceeding.

B. Procedural History¹

- 2. On August 13, 2024, MedRide initiated this Proceeding by filing the abovecaptioned Application seeking to extend operations under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") No. 55980 ("PUC No. 55980").2 MedRide's CPCN, PUC No. 55980 currently authorizes:
 - (I) Transportation of passengers, in call-and-demand shuttle service between all points in El Paso County, and between said points, on the one hand, and all points in the State of Colorado, on the other hand.
 - (II) Transportation of passengers, in call-and-demand shuttle service between all points in Pueblo County, and between said points, on the one hand, and all points in the State of Colorado, on the other hand.
 - (III) Transportation of passengers in call-and-demand shuttle service between all points in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, Larimer, Park, and Weld Counties, and between said points, on the one hand, and all points in the State of Colorado, on the other hand.

RESTRICTION: This authority is restricted against:

- (a) service between all points within ten miles of Estes Park, Colorado, on the one hand, and Boulder, Colorado, and that portion of Boulder County which lies north of a line beginning at the intersection of Colorado State Highway 52 and the Boulder-Weld County line, thence west over Colorado State Highway 52 as extended to the Boulder-Grand County line, on the other hand, except that such restrictions shall not include a restriction on service to or from points within a 10mile radius of the intersection of U.S. Highways 34 and 36 in Estes Park, Colorado;
- (b) service between all points within a 10-mile radius of the intersection of U.S. Highways 34 and 36 in Estes Park, Colorado, and between said points, on the one hand, and all points within a 75-mile radius of the intersection of U.S. Highways 34 and 36 in Estes Park, Colorado, on the other hand;

¹ Only the procedural history necessary to understand this Decision is included.

² Application filed August 13, 2024.

- (c) service between Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, Larimer, Park, and Weld Counties, on the one hand, and all points in Routt County, on the other;
- (d) service between all points located within a 10-mile radius of the intersection of Elk Avenue and Colorado State Highway 135 in Crested Butte, Colorado, on the one hand, and on the other hand, all points within a 10-mile radius of Colfax Avenue and Broadway in Denver, Colorado;
- (e) against service between all points in the County of Gunnison, State of Colorado, on the one hand, and points within a 1-mile radius of Denver International Airport;
- (f) service between all points in Denver, Colorado, including Denver International Airport, as the same exists on May 2, 2001, on the one hand, and all points in Grand County, Colorado, on the other hand;
- (g) service between Denver County or Boulder County, on the one hand, and any of Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre, Mount Blue Sky (Mount Evans), Lookout Mountain, or Rocky Mountain National Park, on the other hand; and
- (h) service between all points located within that portion of San Miguel County lying within a 10-mile radius of Telluride, Colorado, and between said points, on the one hand, and all points within the State of Colorado, on the other hand.³
- 3. On October 16, 2024, the Commission referred this matter by minute entry for disposition to an Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ").
- 4. On October 31, 2024, the ALJ approved MedRide's then-pending restrictive amendments to the Application and acknowledged that the Interventions filed by Red Willow, Inc., doing business as San Luis Valley Transportation and Sober Buddy Shuttle, LLC are withdrawn based on the approved restrictive amendments.4
- 5. On January 15, 2025, MedRide filed a Second Stipulated Motion to Restrictively Amend Application and Withdraw Intervention ("Second Motion to Amend").
- 6. On January 28, 2025, the ALJ approved amendments consistent with the Second Motion to Amend; acknowledged that the Interventions filed by Tava Cab, LLC, doing business a 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

³ See Notice of Applications filed September 3, 2024 at 2.

⁴ Decision No. R24-0788-I at 6-7, 18 (issued October 31, 2024).

evidentiary hearing dates should be vacated. With the amendments approved on January 28, 2025, the Application currently seeks permanent authority to extend operations under PUC No. 55980 as follows:

for the transportation of passengers in call-and-demand shuttle service between all points in the Counties of Archuleta, Baca, Chaffee, Chevenne, Clear Creek, Crowley, Custer, Delta, Dolores, Eagle, Elbert, Fremont, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Huerfano, Jackson, Kiowa, Kit Carson, La Plata, Lake, Las Animas, Lincoln, Logan, Moffat, Montezuma, Montrose, Morgan, Otero, Ouray, Phillips, Pitkin, Prowers, San Juan, San Miguel, Sedgwick, Summit, Washington, and Yuma, and between said points, on the one hand, and all points in the State of Colorado, on the other hand.

RESTRICTIONS:

This authority is restricted against transportation of passengers in call-and-demand shuttle service between all points in the Counties of Routt and Teller, and between said points, on the one hand, and all points in the State of Colorado, on the other hand.6

- 7. In addition to MedRide, as of this Decision's issuance, 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, "Interveners").7
- 8. On February 14, 2025, Applicant, Interveners, and Gisdho Shuttle, Inc., doing business as Telluride Express, Wild West Tours, and/or Montrose Express ("Telluride Express") jointly filed a "Third Stipulated Motion to Restrictively Amend Application and Withdraw Intervention" ("Third Motion to Amend").
- 9. On February 21, 2025, by Decision No. R25-0123-I, the ALJ identified issues and concerns with the Third Motion to Amend's proposed changes; denied the Third Motion to Amend; outlined potential amendments to the Application that could be approved; required

⁵ Decision No. R25-0060-I at 6-7 (issued January 28, 2025).

⁶ *Id.* at 4-5.

⁷ *Id.* at 5; Decision No. R24-0788-I at 18-19.

MedRide to confer with Interveners about those potential amendments; and ordered MedRide to make a filing by March 7, 2025 indicating whether Commission approval of the potential amendments or other language that Applicant and Interveners propose in their filing (if any) will resolve their disputes and will result in Interveners withdrawing their Interventions.⁸ Decision No. R25-0123-I also required that if Applicant and Interveners do not agree that the Application should be amended as set forth in ¶ 19 that Decision, that the required filing identify specific language in ¶ 19 of that Decision to be modified; include clear and concise proposed changes to that language; and ensure that any suggested changes address the issues and concerns identified in that Decision.⁹

10. On March 6, 2025, MedRide filed the Motion.

II. <u>FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS</u>

A. Motion

11. The Motion states that the parties agree that the Application should be amended as set forth in ¶ 19 of Decision No. R25-0123-I without any deletions or substitutions, but requests that the ALJ add the following language to item (I)(c), "Any of the foregoing exceptions to this restriction will not apply to the extent that another restriction in this Application overlaps with any such exception." Applicant explains that this language will clarify that other restrictions in the authority control over the exceptions to the restrictions identified in item (I)(c). For example, the Motion explains that the scope of the exception in (I)(c)(iv) overlaps the restrictions in items (IV)(d) and (IV)(f) and the scope of the exception in (I)(c)(vii) overlaps the restriction in (IV)(c). 12

⁸ Decision No. R25-0123-I at 11-15 (issued February 21, 2025).

⁹ *Id.* at 18-19.

¹⁰ Motion at 2-3.

¹¹ *Id*. at 3.

¹² *Id*.

- 12. The Motion states that if the Application is amended to reflect the additional proposed language alongside the language in ¶ 19 of Decision No. R25-0123-I, that all remaining Interventions should be deemed withdrawn. 13 If the additional language is not included, MedRide states that it will work in good faith with Interveners to resolve the outstanding issues.¹⁴
- 13. Because all parties support the Motion, the ALJ finds good cause to waive the remaining response time to it and does so.¹⁵
- 14. To be acceptable, changes to an application's requested authority must be restrictive in nature, clear and understandable, and administratively enforceable. Both the authority and any restriction on that authority must be unambiguous and must be contained wholly within the permit. Both must be worded so that a person will know, from reading the permit and without having to resort to any other document, the exact extent of the authority of each restriction. Clarity is essential because the scope of an authority must be found within the four corners of the permit, which is the touchstone by which one determines whether the operation of a carrier is within the scope of its Commission-granted authority.
- 15. Paragraph 19 of Decision No. R25-0123-I is incorporated into this Decision as if fully set forth. The ALJ finds that the potential amendments in Decision No. R25-0123-I, ¶ 19 are restrictive in nature, clear and understandable, administratively enforceable, and otherwise meet the requirements discussed above. For these reasons and because the parties agree that the Application should be amended as provided in ¶ 19 of Decision No. R25-0123-I, the ALJ amends the Application as set forth in ¶ 19 of Decision No. R25-0123-I.
 - As to the parties' request to add language, Decision No. R25-0123-I rejected the 16.

¹³ *Id*. at 3-4.

¹⁴ *Id*. at 4.

¹⁵ See Rule 1400(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 Code of Colorado Regulations ("CCR") 723-1.

same language because it creates uncertainty. ¹⁶ The ALJ remains concerned that the proposed language creates uncertainty and is confusing. Indeed, the language could be read to broadly negate exceptions in (I)(c) when there is any overlap with another restriction, rather than limit those exceptions to transportation that does not otherwise conflict with other restrictions in the authority. ¹⁷ For the reasons discussed, the ALJ does not adopt the language the parties suggest.

17. That said, the ALJ agrees that the authority should include language clarifying that exceptions in (I)(c) are limited to transportation that does not otherwise conflict with other restrictions in the authority. With the parties' clarification, the ALJ has a better understanding of the purpose and meaning of the proposed the language and now has enough information to craft language that will more clearly effectuate the parties' intent without confusion or uncertainty. For example, the ALJ understands that the parties intend that the exception in (I)(c)(iv) to allow transportation between Gunnison, Colorado and Crested Butte, Colorado conflicts with the restriction in (IV)(d) that prohibits transportation between both Crested Butte, Colorado and Mount Crested Butte, Colorado, on the one hand, and all points located within a 2-mile radius of the intersection of U.S. Highway 50 and Colorado Highway 135 in Gunnison, Colorado, on the other hand. The ALJ understands that the parties intend to ensure that the restriction in (IV)(d) is not nullified by the broader language in (I)(c)(iv) that would otherwise allow service in the area that (IV)(d) restricts. In short, the parties intend that the exceptions to the restriction in (I)(c) apply in a manner that honors other restrictions in the authority, but do not intend for an exception to be entirely nullified if it also covers areas that are restricted elsewhere in the authority. In the context of the above example, this would mean that Applicant could provide service between all points

 $^{^{16}}$ Decision No. R25-0123-I at 12, fn. 23.

¹⁷ The proposed language also refers to "this Application," which does not belong in an approved authority. *See* Motion at 3.

within a 100-mile radius of the U.S. Post Office in Telluride that are between Gunnison and Crested Butte, Colorado, except for service between both Crested Butte and Mount Crested Butte, Colorado, on the one hand, and all points located within a 2-mile radius of the intersection of U.S. Highway 50 and Colorado Highway 135 in Gunnison, Colorado, on the other hand.

18. The ALJ finds that the following language is consistent with the parties' proposed language, is restrictive, clear and understandable, and administratively enforceable:

The above exceptions to this restriction are limited to transportation that does not otherwise conflict with other restriction(s) in this authority. This means that where an exception in this subsection allows transportation in areas covered by other restriction(s) in this authority, the exception only applies to the extent that it gives effect to other restriction(s).

19. For the reasons discussed, the ALJ also amends the Application to include the above language. As amended, the Application ("Amended Application") seeks permanent authority to extend operations under PUC No. 55980 as follows:

for the transportation of passengers in call-and-demand shuttle service between all points in the Counties of Baca, Chaffee, Cheyenne, Clear Creek, Crowley, Custer, Delta, Dolores, Eagle, Elbert, Fremont, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Huerfano, Jackson, Kiowa, Kit Carson, La Plata, Lake, Las Animas, Lincoln, Logan, Montezuma, Montrose, Morgan, Otero, Ouray, Phillips, Pitkin, Prowers, San Juan, San Miguel, Sedgwick, Summit, Washington, and Yuma, and between said points, on the one hand, and all points in the State of Colorado, on the other hand.

RESTRICTIONS:

- (I) This authority is restricted against service:
 - a. between all points in the Counties of Archuleta, Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Rio Grande, Routt, Saguache, and Teller, Colorado, and between said points, on the one hand, and all points in the State of Colorado, on the other hand;
 - b. to or from any airports in the State of Colorado; and
 - c. between all points within a 100-mile radius of the United States Post Office in Telluride, Colorado unless such service: (i) originates in Archuleta County; (ii) is provided between points within Montrose County, on the one hand, and on the other hand, all points within the Hinsdale County or that portion of Gunnison County within a 100-mile

radius of the United States Post Office in Telluride, Colorado; (iii) is provided from points in San Juan County to points in Montrose County; (iv) is provided between Gunnison, Colorado and Crested Butte, Colorado; (v) is provided to, from, or between points located within a ten-mile radius of the intersection of Elk Avenue and Colorado State Highway 135 in Crested Butte, Colorado; (vi) is provided to, from, or between points in Aspen and Snowmass, Colorado; (vii) picks up or discharges passengers in Montrose County; or (viii) is provided to, from, or between points in San Juan, Archuleta, and La Plata Counties, Colorado. The above exceptions to this restriction are limited to transportation that does not otherwise conflict with other restriction(s) in this authority. This means that where an exception in this subsection allows transportation in areas covered by other restriction(s) in this authority, the exception only applies to the extent that it gives effect to other restriction(s).

- (II) As to service in and between Eagle County, Colorado and all points in the state of Colorado, on the other hand, this authority is restricted against transportation originating within a 5-mile radius of the intersection of Colorado State Highway No. 131 and the Colorado River at or near State Bridge, Colorado and terminating in Moffat County or Routt County.
- (III) As to service in and between Grand County, Colorado and all points in the state of Colorado, on the other hand, this authority is restricted against:
 - a. transportation between all points within the following area: beginning at the point where the Counties of Grand, Jackson, and Routt intersect; thence east 5 1/2 miles to a point; thence north 6 miles to a point; thence west 5 1/2 miles to a point; thence south along the Routt/Jackson County boundary to the point of beginning; and between said points, on the one hand, and the Timbers Resort area, on the other hand;
 - b. transportation originating within a 5-mile radius of the intersection of U.S. Highway 40 and Colorado State Highway 9 at Kremmling, Colorado and terminating in Moffat or Routt Counties, Colorado;

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- c. transportation between all points in Grand County within a 5-mile radius of the intersection of Vasquez Road and U.S. Highway 40 in Winter Park, Colorado, on the one hand, and all points in Rocky Mountain National Park that are located in Grand County, Colorado, on the other hand;
- d. roundtrip, same-day transportation originating and terminating at points in Grand County within a 5-mile radius of the intersection of Vasquez Road and U.S. Highway 40 in Winter Park, Colorado, on the one hand, and the following locations, on the other hand: (i) The Isle of Capri Hotel and Casino, Black Hawk, Colorado; (ii) The Summit Stage Park and Ride, Frisco, Colorado, located one block west of the intersection of Colorado Highway 91 and Interstate 70; and the Copper Mountain Free Shuttle bus stop at the skiers parking lot, located on Colorado Highway 91 one-half mile south of the intersection of Colorado Highway 91 and Interstate 70; and (iii) The Vail Transportation Center, Vail, Colorado; and
- e. transportation between all points in Grand County, on one hand, and all points in Denver, Colorado, on the other hand, including any intermediate points comprising Idaho Springs, Colorado; Empire, Colorado; and the Conoco and Texaco Stations at or near the intersection of Interstate 70 and Kipling Street in Wheat Ridge, Colorado.
- (IV) As to service in and between Gunnison County, Colorado and all points in the state of Colorado, on the other hand, this authority is restricted against transportation:
 - a. between all points within a 10-mile radius of the intersection of Elk Avenue and Colorado State Highway 135 in Crested Butte, Colorado, and between said points, on the one hand, and on the other hand: (i) all points in Gunnison County; (ii) all points within a 10-mile radius of Colfax Avenue and Broadway in Denver, Colorado; (iii) all points within a 10-mile radius of Mill and Main Streets in Aspen, Colorado; (iv) all points within a 10-mile radius of Nevada Avenue and Cache La Poudre Street in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and (v) all points within a 10-mile radius of U.S. Highway 50 and Colorado State Highway 789 in Montrose, Colorado;
 - b. between all points located within a 5-mile radius of the intersection of U.S. Highway 50 and Colorado State Highway 135 in Gunnison, Colorado;
 - c. between Gunnison, Colorado, on the one hand, and Grand Junction and Montrose, Colorado, on the other hand;

- d. between both Crested Butte, Colorado and Mount Crested Butte, Colorado, on the one hand, and all points located within a 2-mile radius of the intersection of U.S. Highway 50 and Colorado Highway No. 135 in Gunnison, Colorado, on the other hand;
- e. between all points in Gunnison County, on the one hand, and points within a 1-mile radius of Denver International Airport, on the other hand; and
- f. between points within a 5-mile radius of Main Street and Tomichi Avenue in Gunnison, Colorado, on the one hand, and points within a 5-mile radius of the intersection of Colorado State Highway 135 and Elk Avenue in Crested Butte, Colorado, on the other hand, via Colorado State Highway 135, including all intermediate and off-route points within 2 miles of said route.
- (V) As to service in and between Jackson County, Colorado and all points in the state of Colorado, on the other hand, this authority is restricted against transportation between all points: beginning at the point where the Counties of Grand, Jackson, and Routt intersect; thence east 5 1/2 miles to a point; thence north 6 miles to a point; thence west 5 1/2 miles to a point; thence south along the Routt and Jackson County boundary to the point of beginning; and between said points, on the one hand, and the Timbers Resort area, on the other hand;
- (VI) As to service in and between San Miguel County, Colorado and all points in the state of Colorado, on the other hand, this authority is restricted against transportation between all points located within the portion of San Miguel County that is within a 10-mile radius of Telluride, Colorado, and between said points, on the one hand, and all points within the State of Colorado, on the other hand.
- 20. Although the ALJ does not include the additional language that the Motion suggests, the approved amendments are consistent with that language and effectuate the purpose for which the language was proposed. For these reasons, the ALJ finds that this Decision's amendments to the Application fulfills the parties' agreed-upon condition for the Interventions to be withdrawn. As such, the remaining Interveners' Interventions are deemed withdrawn.

B. Amended Application

21. Because the Amended Application is uncontested, verified, includes sufficient facts to decide whether to grant the requested relief, is supported by the required documents and

information, and a hearing is not required or requested, the ALJ will consider the Amended Application based on the record without a hearing.¹⁸

- 22. The Commission has authority to issue certificates to operate as a common carrier under Colo. Const. art. XXV, §§ 40-10.1-103(1), 201(1), and 203(1), C.R.S., (2024). ¹⁹ For these reasons and based on the record, the ALJ concludes that the Commission has jurisdiction and authority over the Amended Application.
- fitness to conduct the proposed operations.²⁰ The record establishes that MedRide is a limited liability corporation organized in Colorado in 2018, is in good standing, and has a principle office in Colorado Springs and other offices in Highlands Ranch, Pueblo West, and Grand Junction, Colorado.²¹ MedRide is familiar with, agrees to be bound by, and comply with the Rules Regulating Transportation by Motor Vehicle, 4 CCR 723-6.²² MedRide has sufficient equipment with which to render the proposed service, including more than 250 vehicles with significant seating capacity that can accommodate people with mobility challenges, and various technology systems to support its office staff and drivers (*e.g.*, GPS, MediRoutes, Verizon Connect, VectorCare, phones, computers, and iPads.).²³ MedRide has been providing medical transportation services since 2018, serving Medicaid members via the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; it also provides transportation via direct contracts with large, medium, and small medical facilities.²⁴ In the more than five years since it has been in business, MedRide has

¹⁸ § 40-6-109(5), C.R.S.; Rule 1403, 4 CCR 723-1.

¹⁹ See Miller Brothers, Inc. v. Pub. Utils. Comm'n, 525 P. 2d 443, 446 (Colo. 1974).

²⁰ Rule 6203(a)(XI) of Rules Regulating Transportation by Motor Vehicle, 4 CCR 723-6.

²¹ Application filed October 11, 2024 (10/11/24 Application) at 2, 15, 19.

²² 10/11/24 Application at 8, 15.

²³ *Id.* at 13.

²⁴ *Id.* at 15.

seen growth year over year, with increases in revenue, income, and profit.²⁵ MedRide's president and general manager have amassed valuable managerial experience in the Colorado transportation business over the many years MedRide has been in business.²⁶ Finally, the record indicates there is a need for the proposed service.²⁷ For the foregoing reasons and authorities, the ALJ concludes that MedRide has established that it is financially, managerially, and operationally fit to conduct the proposed operations and that the public necessity and convenience requires it. Because MedRide is fit, financially and otherwise to perform the proposed service and because the other prerequisites have been met, the ALJ concludes that the requested extension of Applicant's authority PUC No. 55980 should be granted, subject to the conditions in the ordering paragraphs below.

24. In accordance with § 40-6-109, C.R.S., the ALJ now transmits to the Commission the record in this proceeding and recommends that the Commission enter the following order.

III. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

- 1. The remaining response time to the "Notice Indicating Results of Required Conferral and Request for Amendment to the Commission's February 21, 2025 Order" filed March 6, 2025 is waived.
 - 2. The Application in this Proceeding is amended as set forth in ¶ 19 above.
- 3. Consistent with the above discussion, the Interventions filed by Alpine Taxi/Limo, Inc.; AEX, Inc.; San Miguel Mountain Ventures, LLC; Wilderness Journeys Pagosa, Inc.; and

²⁵ *Id*. at 16.

²⁶ *Id*. at 17.

²⁷ *Id.* at 14.

Home James Transportation Services, LTD are deemed withdrawn; they are no longer parties to this Proceeding.

4. MedRide LLC's ("MedRide or Applicant") Application, as amended by this Decision, is conditionally granted. MedRide's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate as a Common Carrier of Passengers by Motor Vehicle, PUC No. 55980 is permanently extended as set forth below:

for the transportation of passengers in call-and-demand shuttle service between all points in the Counties of Baca, Chaffee, Cheyenne, Clear Creek, Crowley, Custer, Delta, Dolores, Eagle, Elbert, Fremont, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Huerfano, Jackson, Kiowa, Kit Carson, La Plata, Lake, Las Animas, Lincoln, Logan, Montezuma, Montrose, Morgan, Otero, Ouray, Phillips, Pitkin, Prowers, San Juan, San Miguel, Sedgwick, Summit, Washington, and Yuma, and between said points, on the one hand, and all points in the State of Colorado, on the other hand.

RESTRICTIONS:

- (I) This authority is restricted against service:
 - a. between all points in the Counties of Archuleta, Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Rio Grande, Routt, Saguache, and Teller, Colorado, and between said points, on the one hand, and all points in the State of Colorado, on the other hand;
 - b. to or from any airports in the State of Colorado; and
 - c. between all points within a 100-mile radius of the United States Post Office in Telluride, Colorado unless such service: (i) originates in Archuleta County; (ii) is provided between points within Montrose County, on the one hand, and on the other hand, all points within the Hinsdale County or that portion of Gunnison County within a 100-mile radius of the United States Post Office in Telluride, Colorado; (iii) is provided from points in San Juan County to points in Montrose County; (iv) is provided between Gunnison, Colorado and Crested Butte, Colorado; (v) is provided to, from, or between points located within a ten-mile radius of the intersection of Elk Avenue and Colorado State Highway 135 in Crested Butte, Colorado; (vi) is provided to, from, or between points in Aspen and Snowmass, Colorado; (vii) picks up or discharges passengers in Montrose County; or (viii) is provided to, from, or between points in San Juan, Archuleta, and La Plata Counties, Colorado. The above exceptions to this restriction are limited to transportation that does not otherwise conflict with other restriction(s) in this authority. This means that where an exception in this subsection

allows transportation in areas covered by other restriction(s) in this authority, the exception only applies to the extent that it gives effect to other restriction(s).

- (II) As to service in and between Eagle County, Colorado and all points in the state of Colorado, on the other hand, this authority is restricted against transportation originating within a 5-mile radius of the intersection of Colorado State Highway No. 131 and the Colorado River at or near State Bridge, Colorado and terminating in Moffat County or Routt County.
- (III) As to service in and between Grand County, Colorado and all points in the state of Colorado, on the other hand, this authority is restricted against:
 - a. transportation between all points within the following area: beginning at the point where the Counties of Grand, Jackson, and Routt intersect; thence east 5 1/2 miles to a point; thence north 6 miles to a point; thence west 5 1/2 miles to a point; thence south along the Routt/Jackson County boundary to the point of beginning; and between said points, on the one hand, and the Timbers Resort area, on the other hand;
 - b. transportation originating within a 5-mile radius of the intersection of U.S. Highway 40 and Colorado State Highway 9 at Kremmling, Colorado and terminating in Moffat or Routt Counties, Colorado;
 - c. transportation between all points in Grand County within a 5-mile radius of the intersection of Vasquez Road and U.S. Highway 40 in Winter Park, Colorado, on the one hand, and all points in Rocky Mountain National Park that are located in Grand County, Colorado, on the other hand;
 - d. roundtrip, same-day transportation originating and terminating at points in Grand County within a 5-mile radius of the intersection of Vasquez Road and U.S. Highway 40 in Winter Park, Colorado, on the one hand, and the following locations, on the other hand: (i) The Isle of Capri Hotel and Casino, Black Hawk, Colorado; (ii) The Summit Stage Park and Ride, Frisco, Colorado, located one block west of the intersection of Colorado Highway 91 and Interstate 70; and the Copper Mountain Free Shuttle bus stop at the skiers parking lot, located on Colorado Highway 91 one-half mile south of the intersection of Colorado Highway 91 and Interstate 70; and (iii) The Vail Transportation Center, Vail, Colorado; and
 - e. transportation between all points in Grand County, on one hand, and all points in Denver, Colorado, on the other hand, including any intermediate points comprising Idaho Springs, Colorado; Empire, Colorado; and the Conoco and Texaco Stations at or near the intersection of Interstate 70 and Kipling Street in Wheat Ridge, Colorado.
- (IV) As to service in and between Gunnison County, Colorado and all points in the state of Colorado, on the other hand, this authority is restricted against

transportation:

- a. between all points within a 10-mile radius of the intersection of Elk Avenue and Colorado State Highway 135 in Crested Butte, Colorado, and between said points, on the one hand, and on the other hand: (i) all points in Gunnison County; (ii) all points within a 10-mile radius of Colfax Avenue and Broadway in Denver, Colorado; (iii) all points within a 10-mile radius of Mill and Main Streets in Aspen, Colorado; (iv) all points within a 10-mile radius of Nevada Avenue and Cache La Poudre Street in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and (v) all points within a 10-mile radius of U.S. Highway 50 and Colorado State Highway 789 in Montrose, Colorado;
- b. between all points located within a 5-mile radius of the intersection of U.S. Highway 50 and Colorado State Highway 135 in Gunnison, Colorado;
- c. between Gunnison, Colorado, on the one hand, and Grand Junction and Montrose, Colorado, on the other hand;
- d. between both Crested Butte, Colorado and Mount Crested Butte, Colorado, on the one hand, and all points located within a 2-mile radius of the intersection of U.S. Highway 50 and Colorado Highway No. 135 in Gunnison, Colorado, on the other hand;
- e. between all points in Gunnison County, on the one hand, and points within a 1-mile radius of Denver International Airport, on the other hand; and
- f. between points within a 5-mile radius of Main Street and Tomichi Avenue in Gunnison, Colorado, on the one hand, and points within a 5-mile radius of the intersection of Colorado State Highway 135 and Elk Avenue in Crested Butte, Colorado, on the other hand, via Colorado State Highway 135, including all intermediate and off-route points within 2 miles of said route.
- (V) As to service in and between Jackson County, Colorado and all points in the state of Colorado, on the other hand, this authority is restricted against transportation between all points: beginning at the point where the Counties of Grand, Jackson, and Routt intersect; thence east 5 1/2 miles to a point; thence north 6 miles to a point; thence west 5 1/2 miles to a point; thence south along the Routt and Jackson County boundary to the point of beginning; and between said points, on the one hand, and the Timbers Resort area, on the other hand;
- (VI) As to service in and between San Miguel County, Colorado and all points in the state of Colorado, on the other hand, this authority is restricted against transportation between all points located within the portion of San Miguel County that is within a 10-mile radius of Telluride, Colorado, and between said points, on the one hand, and all points within the State of Colorado, on the other hand.

- 5. MedRide must operate in accordance with all applicable Colorado Laws and Commission rules.
- 6. MedRide may not commence operation under the granted extended authority until it has complied with the requirements of Colorado law and Commission rules, including without limitation:
 - (a) causing proof of insurance (Form E or self-insurance) or surety bond (Form G) coverage to be filed with the Commission;
 - (b) paying to the Commission, the motor vehicle fee 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;
 - having an effective tariff on file with the Commission. To this end, MedRide (c) must file an advice letter and tariff on not less than ten days' notice. The advice letter and tariff must be filed as a new Advice Letter proceeding and must comply with all applicable rules. 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 effective date. (Additional tariff information can be found on the Commission's website at www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/common-carriers); and
 - paying the applicable issuance fee. (d)
- 7. If MedRide does not cause proof of insurance or surety bond to be filed, pay the appropriate motor vehicle fees, file an advice letter and proposed tariff, and pay the issuance fee within 60 days of the effective date of this Decision, the grant of the extended Permit will be void. 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.
- 8. The Commission will notify MedRide in writing when the Commission's records demonstrate compliance with ordering paragraph 5 above.
 - 9. Proceeding No. 24A-0344CP-EXT is closed.

- 10. This Recommended Decision shall be effective on the day it becomes the Decision of the Commission, if that is the case, and is entered as of the date above.
- 11. As provided by § 40-6-109, C.R.S., copies of this Recommended Decision shall be served upon the parties, who may file exceptions to it.
 - a. If no exceptions are filed within 20 days after service or within any extended period of time authorized, or unless the decision is stayed by the Commission upon its own motion, this Recommended Decision will become the decision of the Commission and subject to the provisions of § 40-6-114, C.R.S.
 - b. If a party seeks to amend, modify, annul, or reverse basic findings of fact in its exceptions, that party must request and pay for a transcript to be filed, or the parties may stipulate to portions of the transcript according to the procedure stated in § 40-6-113, C.R.S. If no transcript or stipulation is filed, the Commission is bound by the facts set out by the administrative law judge and the parties cannot challenge these facts. This will limit what the Commission can review if exceptions are filed.
- 12. If exceptions to this Recommended Decision are filed, they shall not exceed 30 pages in length, unless the Commission, for good cause shown, permits this limit to be exceeded.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

MELODY MIRBABA

Administrative Law Judge

Rebecca E. White, Director Decision No. R25-0189

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