

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14V-0269CP

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF FREEDOM CABS, INC. FOR AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF RULE 6007(A) OF THE RULES REGULATING TRANSPORTATION BY MOTOR VEHICLE, 4 CCR 723-6, AND REQUEST FOR SHORTENED NOTICE.

**COMMISSION DECISION
DENYING PETITION AS MOOT**

Mailed Date: May 2, 2014
Adopted Date: April 30, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of a Petition for Waiver and Related Relief from Provisions of Rule 6007 of the Rules Regulating Transportation by Motor Vehicle, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-6 (Petition) filed on March 26, 2014 by Freedom Cabs, Inc. (Freedom Cabs). Consistent with the discussion below, we deny the Petition as moot.

B. Background

2. By Decision No. R13-0943, issued on August 2, 2013 in Proceeding No. 13R-0009TR,¹ an Administrative Law Judge recommended changes to Rule 6007(a)(I) and other Rules. These changes raised minimum levels of liability coverage for common carriers, contract carriers, and limited regulation carriers. The Decision raised the minimum level of

¹ *In the Matter of the Proposed Rules Regulating Transportation by Motor Vehicle, 4 Code of Colorado Regulations (CCR) 723-6.*

liability coverage for common and contract carriers for vehicles with a seating capacity of eight persons or less from \$500,000 to \$1,500,000.

3. No interested party filed exceptions on the issue of minimum levels of insurance. The Commission did not modify these changes to Rule 6007(a)(I) in issuing later decisions in Proceeding No. 13R-0009TR.² The new rules went into effect on February 14, 2014.

4. Freedom Cabs filed its Petition shortly after amended Rule 6007(a)(I) went into effect. Freedom Cabs requests a waiver of Rule 6007(a)(I) due to the financial hardship resulting from the increased premiums necessary for \$1,500,000 in liability coverage.

5. Metro Taxi and/or Taxis Fiesta and/or South Suburban Taxi and/or Northwest Suburban Taxi (Metro Taxi) and Colorado Cab Company, LLC (Colorado Cab) timely filed notices of interventions by right and alternative petitions to intervene by permission in this proceeding.

6. By Decision No. C14-0456, mailed on May 1, 2014 in Proceeding No. 14R-0391TR,³ the Commission adopted emergency rules that return the minimum levels for motor vehicle insurance coverage to the levels effective on February 13, 2014.

7. Given the promulgation of these emergency rules, we deny the Petition filed by Freedom Cabs as moot and deny the interventions filed by Colorado Cab and Metro Taxi as moot.

² Decision No. C13-1259, issued on October 10, 2013 (addressing exceptions to Decision No. R13-0943), and Decision No. C13-1480, issued on November 29, 2013 (addressing applications for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration to Decision No. C13-1259).

³ In the Matter of the Emergency Rules Implementing Changes to Rule 6007(A)(I) of the Rules Regulating Transportation by Motor Vehicle, 4 Code of Colorado Regulations (CCR) 723-6.

II. ORDER**A. The Commission Orders That:**

1. The Petition for Waiver and Related Relief from Provisions of Rule 6007 of the Rules Regulating Transportation by Motor Vehicle, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-6 filed on March 26, 2014 by Freedom Cabs, Inc., is denied as moot.

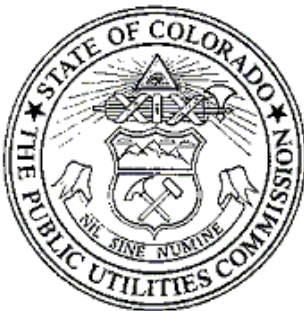
2. The Entry of Appearance, Intervention by Right, and Alternative Motion to Permissively Intervene filed on April 17, 2014 by Metro Taxi and/or Taxis Fiesta and/or South Suburban Taxi and/or Northwest Suburban Taxi is denied as moot.

3. The Entry of Appearance, Petition for Permissive Intervention, Opposition to the Petition and Request for Hearing filed on April 17, 2014 by Colorado Cab Company, LLC, is denied as moot.

4. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
April 30, 2014.**

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Doug Dean,
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