

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 20A-0030CP

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF COLORADO DETOURS LLC FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO OPERATE AS A
COMMON CARRIER BY MOTOR VEHICLE FOR HIRE.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
CONOR F. FARLEY
ADDRESSING REPRESENTATION, SCHEDULING
HEARING, AND SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Mailed Date: March 6, 2020

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I. STATEMENT

A. Background

1. On January 16, 2020, Colorado Detours LLC (Colorado Detours) filed the application described in the caption above (Application).

2. On January 21, 2020, the Commission issued a notice of the Application.

3. On January 31, 2020, AEX, Inc. (AEX) and San Miguel Mountain Ventures, LLC (SMMV), filed a Joint Intervention.

4. On February 26, 2020, the Commission deemed the Application complete and referred it to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) for disposition. The proceeding was subsequently assigned to the undersigned ALJ.

B. Representation of Colorado Detours

5. David C. Noe signed the Application on behalf of Colorado Detours. In the Application, Colorado Detours states that: (a) it does not believe the amount in controversy in this proceeding exceeds \$15,000; (b) Colorado Detours does not have more than three owners; and (c) Mr. Noe is an owner of Colorado Detours.

6. Based on the foregoing, the undersigned ALJ finds and concludes that, under Commission Rule 1201(a)¹ and § 13-1-127, C.R.S., Colorado Detours has established that Mr. Noe is permitted to represent Colorado Detours in this proceeding. Colorado Detours and Mr. Noe are on notice that they will be bound by, and held to, the same procedural and evidentiary rules that attorneys must follow. Mr. Noe and Colorado Detours will not be held to a lesser standard because Colorado Detours has chosen not to have an attorney represent it in this proceeding.

C. Hearing

7. The hearing in this matter shall be scheduled for **May 7, 2020**. If any party cannot attend the hearing on this date, the party with the scheduling conflict must confer with the opposing parties and file a motion to reschedule the hearing by **March 13, 2020**. The motion to

¹ 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-1, Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure.

reschedule shall identify the dates that all of the parties are available for a hearing between May 4, 2020 and May 21, 2020. The motion to reschedule must also identify the number of days that the parties anticipate the hearing will take.

D. Procedural Schedule

8. To facilitate the orderly and efficient litigation of this proceeding, the ALJ finds and concludes that a procedural schedule should be adopted, so that each party will have an opportunity prior to the hearing to review a summary of the anticipated testimony of each witness the other party intends to call at the hearing, and to review copies of the exhibits the other party will present at the hearing. Therefore, this Decision will order the parties to file, and to serve on each other, a list of witnesses, a summary of the testimony of each witness, and copies of the exhibits the filing party intends to present at the hearing.

9. On or before **March 30, 2020**, Colorado Detours will be ordered to file and serve on AEX and SMMV: (a) a list that identifies the witnesses Colorado Detours intends to call at the hearing, the last known address and telephone number of each witness, and a summary of the anticipated testimony of each witness; and (b) copies of the exhibits Colorado Detours will present at the hearing.

10. On or before **April 13, 2020**, AEX and SMMV will be ordered to file and serve on Colorado Detours: (a) a list that identifies the witnesses AEX and SMMV intend to call at the hearing, the last known address and telephone number of each witness, and a summary of the anticipated testimony of each witness; and (b) copies of the exhibits AEX and SMMV will present at the hearing.

11. As referenced in this Decision, serving a party with any document (*e.g.*, witness and exhibit lists and exhibits) means that the party is required to give the document to the other

party or parties to the proceeding. Service must be accomplished pursuant to Rule 1205 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.² The Commission's Rules (including Rule 1205) are available on the Commission's website and in hard copy from the Commission.

12. All parties must establish through a certificate of service that they have served a filed document on all other parties in the proceeding. A certificate of service is a statement indicating how and when a document was served on the other party (*e.g.*, the filing was served by placing the document in the United States mail, first class postage-prepaid to an identified address on an identified date).³

13. All exhibits shall be identified by sequential numbers (*e.g.*, Exhibit 1, Exhibit 2, and Exhibit 3). Each exhibit shall include the following information: exhibit number, proceeding number, name of the witness who will testify to the exhibit's foundation, and the date of the hearing. The parties shall work together to ensure that there are no overlaps in the numbering of the exhibits.

14. Each party shall bring to the hearing an original and three copies of each exhibit it intends to introduce at the hearing. The filing of an exhibit with the Commission does not, by itself, admit an exhibit into the evidentiary record of the hearing.

15. If any exhibit is longer than two pages, the party offering the exhibit shall sequentially number each page of the exhibit.

16. The parties are on notice that: (a) any witness may be prohibited from testifying, except in rebuttal, unless that witness is identified on the list of witnesses filed and served as required herein; (b) failure to provide an accurate description of the anticipated testimony of a

² 4 CCR 723-1.

³ See Rule 1205(e), 4 CCR 723-1.

witness may also result in an order prohibiting such witness from testifying; and (c) any exhibit may not be received in evidence, except in rebuttal, unless filed and served as required herein.

E. Additional Advisements

17. The Parties are advised and are on notice that this proceeding is governed by the Rules of Practice and Procedure found at 4 CCR 723-1. The ALJ expects the Parties to be familiar with and to comply with these rules. The rules are available on the Commission's website (<http://www.dora.colorado.gov/puc>) and in hard copy from the Commission.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. Colorado Detours, LLC (Colorado Detours), AEX, Inc. (AEX), and San Miguel Mountain Ventures, LLC (SMMV) are parties to this proceeding.

2. An evidentiary hearing in this proceeding is scheduled as follows:

DATE: May 7, 2020

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Commission Hearing Room B
1560 Broadway, 2nd Floor
Denver, Colorado

3. On or before March 30, 2020, Colorado Detours shall file and serve on AEX and SMMV: (a) a list that identifies the witnesses Colorado Detours intends to call at the hearing, the last known address and telephone number of each witness, and a summary of the anticipated testimony of each witness; and (b) copies of the exhibits Colorado Detours will present at the hearing.

4. On or before April 13, 2020, AEX and SMMV shall each file and serve on Colorado Detours: (a) a list that identifies the witnesses AEX and SMMV intend to call at the

hearing, the last known address and telephone number of each witness, and a summary of the anticipated testimony of each witness; and (b) copies of the exhibits AEX and SMMV will present at the hearing.

5. This Decision is effective immediately.

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Dean".

Doug Dean,
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

CONOR F. FARLEY

Administrative Law Judge