

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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THE APPLICATION OF ROCKY )  
MOUNTAIN SHUTTLINES, INC., )  
FOR TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO )  
CONDUCT OPERATIONS AS A COMMON ) DOCKET NO. 92A-553CP-TA  
CARRIER BY MOTOR VEHICLE FOR )  
HIRE. )  
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**COMMISSION ORDER GRANTING  
TEMPORARY AUTHORITY**

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Mailed date: December 18, 1992  
Adopted date: December 10, 1992  
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STATEMENT, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS

BY THE COMMISSION:

1. On October 20, 1992, Rocky Mountain Shuttlines, Inc. ("RMS"), filed an application (Docket No. 92A-553CP-TA) for temporary authority to conduct operations as a common carrier by motor vehicle for hire for the transportation of passengers and their baggage (1) on schedule, between Greeley, Colorado and Stapleton International Airport and (2) on call-and-demand limousine service between all points in Greeley, Colorado. Item (2) is restricted to providing service immediately prior to or immediately subsequent to and in conjunction with the scheduled service in item (1) above.

2. The Commission gave notice of the application on October 26, 1992. Interventions opposing a grant of the application were filed by Airport Express, Inc., and Shamrock Taxi of Fort Collins, Inc.

3. On November 6, 1992, Applicant filed a Motion to Strike Interventions and Request to Shorten Response Period.

4. By § 40-6-120, C.R.S., the application for temporary

authority is under consideration for a Commission order.

5. Section 40-6-120(1), C.R.S., authorizes the Commission to grant temporary authority when there appears to be ". . . an immediate and urgent need to any point or within a territory having no carrier service capable of meeting such need."

6. The support filed on behalf of this application indicates strong public desire for a scheduled carrier that provides "door-to-door" service between Greeley and Stapleton International Airport ("SIA"). Ninety-one letters were submitted in support of this application. Seventy of these were form letters. The support letters were submitted by individuals, travel agencies, and representatives of businesses in Greeley and the University of Northern Colorado. These letters expressed support for the service previously provided between Greeley and SIA by the Applicant under an authority granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Many of the letters also expressed dissatisfaction with Airport Express, Inc. ("AEI"), the carrier currently providing scheduled service between Greeley and SIA. Kay Kosmicki of Cottonwood Travel Co. in Greeley states that "it is imperative that we offer our senior citizens, physically restricted, and visually impaired clientele a private residence pickup and dropoff service." Two passengers, Patricia Graham and Edna Warren, state in their support letters that they were forced to sit on the floor of the vehicle transporting them from SIA to Greeley due to overloading of the shuttle. Jack Thompson, Manager of Longmeadow Apartments in Greeley, states that the call-and-demand service RMS previously provided was a real asset to the tenants of the Longmeadow Apartments who do not drive. Lelloine Gunning states she has taken the AEI shuttle and that it is inconvenient having to change buses at the Loveland exit at Interstate 25. Ms. Gunning also states that a trip from SIA to Greeley was "twice as long" because the shuttle stopped at Longmont and Loveland rather than traveling directly to Greeley.

AEI purchased the Greeley to SIA authority from Greeley Commuter System, LTD. in 1990. At the time of the transfer of authority, service was provided via Highway 85 between Greeley and SIA. AEI changed the schedule such that passengers must travel from Greeley to the Loveland exit at Interstate 25 and Highway 34 before being transported to SIA.

The Applicant proposes to transport passengers directly from Greeley to SIA via Highway 85. To meet the needs and requests of the public, the Applicant proposes to provide call-and-demand service to a passenger's home or business immediately prior or subsequent to the scheduled service.

7. The Commission finds due to the facts stated in paragraph

6 above, there is as immediate and urgent need for additional transportation services. The Commission will grant the application.

8. The Applicant has adequate equipment and financial resources to begin immediate service within the scope of the authority sought and is willing, ready, and able to operate under all Commission rules and regulations governing carriers by motor vehicle.

9. This application for temporary authority is in the public interest and should be granted.

10. The Applicant is advised that the granting of a temporary authority makes no presumption that permanent authority will be granted.

THEREFORE THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Rocky Mountain Shuttlines, Inc. is granted temporary authority to conduct operations as a common carrier by motor vehicle for hire for a period of 180 days commencing from the mailed date of this order, with authority as set forth in the attached Appendix.

2. The Motion to Strike Interventions and Request to Shorten Response Period filed November 6, 1992, by Applicant is denied.

3. Rocky Mountain Shuttlines, Inc. shall not commence operation until all requirements have been met and notice in writing has been received from the Commission that the Applicant is in compliance and may begin service. If the Applicant does not comply with the requirements of this ordering paragraph within 30 days after the effective date of this Order, the ordering paragraph 1 above, which grants authority to the Applicant, shall be void, and the authority granted shall then be void.

4. The 20-day time period provided by § 40-6-114(1), C.R.S., to file an application for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration shall begin on the first day after the Commission mails or serves this decision.

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5. This Order is effective on its date of mailing.

ADOPTED IN OPEN MEETING December 10, 1992.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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Commissioners

CHAIRMAN ROBERT E. TEMMER ABSENT.

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Decision No. C92-1485  
Docket No. 92A-553CP-TA  
December 10, 1992

Transportation of  
passengers and their baggage

- (1) on schedule, between Greeley, Colorado and Stapleton International Airport; and
- (2) in call-and-demand limousine service between all points in Greeley, Colorado

This Certificate is restricted as follows:

Item (2) is restricted to providing service immediately prior to or immediately subsequent to and in conjunction with the scheduled service in Item (1).

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