

(Decision No. C96-1241)

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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THE APPLICATION OF GISDHO)	
SHUTTLE, INC. FOR EMERGENCY)	
TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO EXTEND)	DOCKET NO. 96A-500CP-
OPERATIONS UNDER CERTIFICATE OF)	EXTENSION-ETA
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY)	
PUC NO. 53828.)	

**COMMISSION ORDER GRANTING
EMERGENCY TEMPORARY AUTHORITY, IN PART**

Mailed date: November 29, 1996
Adopted date: November 27, 1996

I. BY THE COMMISSION:

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusion

1. On November 21, 1996, GISDHO Shuttle, Inc., filed an application (Docket No. 96A-500CP-Extension-ETA) for emergency temporary authority to extend operations under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity PUC No. 53828 for the transportation of passengers and their baggage, on schedule, and in call-and-demand limousine service, between Grand Junction, Colorado, and Aspen, Colorado via Interstate 70, Colorado Highway 82, and Brush Creek Road, with service to the intermediate point of Rifle, Colorado, and the off-route points of Pitkin County Airport, Snowmass Village, and Snowmass Ski Resort. This application is restricted as follows: (1) to the use of vehicles with a seating capacity of between seven and fourteen passengers, including the

driver; and (2) to providing service between the 1st day of December and the 15th day of April of the following year, inclusive.

2. By § 40-6-120, C.R.S., the application for emergency temporary authority is under consideration for a Commission order.

3. Pursuant to § 40-6-120, C.R.S., the Commission is authorized to grant emergency temporary authority when there appears to be an emergency need to any point or within a territory having no carrier service capable of meeting such need.

4. The support filed on behalf of this application indicates that at present, there are very limited transportation service alternatives for airline passengers wishing to travel between Grand Junction, Colorado and Aspen, Colorado during the winter ski season. The letters indicate that available call-and-demand services are far too costly to be of any great benefit to the traveling public, and that there are presently no scheduled services being offered between these two locations. A review of the Commission's records indicate that, with regard to scheduled service, the support letters are correct. There are no schedules on file to provide this service. Thus, this portion of the application should be granted. However, with respect to the Applicants request to provide call-and-demand limousine service between the same points, there are certificated carriers who are authorized to provide such services. The support references the fact that such services, though costly, are available to the

public. This portion of the application does not meet the criteria demanded by the law, and should be denied.

5. The Commission finds due to the facts stated in paragraph 4 above, there is an emergency need for additional transportation services. The Commission will grant the application, in part. The Applicant shall be authorized to provide scheduled service between Grand Junction, Colorado and Aspen, Colorado, with service to the intermediate point of Rifle, Colorado, and the off-route points of Pitkin County Airport, Snowmass Village, and Snowmass Ski Resort.

6. 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.

7. The Applicant is advised that the granting of an emergency temporary authority makes no presumption that temporary or permanent authority will be granted.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. GISDHO Shuttle, Inc. is granted emergency temporary authority to extend operations under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity PUC No. 53828 for a period of 30 days commencing from the Mailed Date of this Order, with authority as set forth in the attached Appendix.

2. GISDHO Shuttle, 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.

3. 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.

B. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

C. ADOPTED IN OPEN MEETING November 27, 1996.

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

ROBERT J. HIX

Bruce N. Smith
Director

VINCENT MAJKOWSKI

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Commissioners

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Transportation of passengers and their baggage, on schedule,

between Grand Junction, Colorado, and Aspen, Colorado via Interstate 70, Colorado Highway 82, and Brush Creek Road, with service to the intermediate point of Rifle, Colorado, and the off-route points of Pitkin County Airport, Snowmass Village, and Snowmass Ski Resort.

This **emergency temporary authority** is restricted to the use of vehicles with a seating capacity of between seven and fourteen passengers, including the driver.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, Bruce N. Smith, Director of The Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado, certify that I served a true and correct copy of the above Commission Decision -- entered in the above numbered matter of record -- upon each of the persons whose names and addresses appear below, by mailing the same in sealed envelopes properly addressed, with sufficient postage prepaid to carry the same to its destination on the date noted on this certificate at Denver, Colorado.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

BRUCE N. SMITH
DIRECTOR