Decision No. C04-1369

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 04A-591CP-EXTENSION-ETA

THE APPLICATION OF RIDE PROVIDE, INC. FOR EMERGENCY TEMPORARY **AUTHORITY** TO EXTEND **OPERATIONS** UNDER CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC

CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY PUC NO. 55720.

COMMISSION ORDER GRANTING **EMERGENCY TEMPORARY AUTHORITY**

Mailed Date: November 19, 2004

Adopted Date: November 17, 2004

T. **BY THE COMMISSION:**

> Α. **Statement, Findings and Conclusions**

On November 10, 2004, Ride Provide, Inc. filed an application for emergency 1.

temporary authority to extend operations under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

PUC No. 55720 to include the transportation of passengers and their baggage, in scheduled

service, between all points in an area: beginning at the intersection of Allison Street and I-70,

Arvada, Colorado; thence north on Allison Street as extended to its intersection with 58th

Avenue; thence east on 58th Avenue to its intersection with Wadsworth Bypass; thence south on

Wadsworth Bypass to I-70; thence west on I-70 to the point of beginning, on the one hand, and

the Arvada Center, 6901 Wadsworth Boulevard, Arvada, Colorado, on the other hand. This

emergency temporary authority application is restricted to providing service from November 26,

2004 to December 25, 2004.

2. Pursuant to § 40-6-120(1), C.R.S., the Commission is authorized 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." Section 40-6-120(4), C.R.S., further states: "If the Commission is of the opinion that an emergency exists, it may issue temporary authority or approval at once by making specific reference in its order to the circumstances constituting the emergency, in which case no notice need be given, but any such emergency authority or approval shall expire no later than thirty days after it was issued."

- 3. Ride Provide, Inc. must meet a two-fold test: first, that there is an emergency need for the transportation services, and second, that there is no existing carrier capable of meeting the need. If Ride Provide, Inc. fails to meet either test, the application must be denied.
- 4. Ken Fellman, the mayor of Arvada, submitted a letter in support of this application. In his letter Mr. Fellman states "It is especially critical for our Olde Town shopping district to attract holiday shoppers. As you are probably aware, the recent construction of the Olde Wadsworth streetscape caused street closures and business disruption. The City of Arvada and Arvada Urban Renewal Authority are making every effort to promote the Olde Town shopping district to bring back its customer base. We believe the Ride Provide service will help accomplish that goal." Debbie Pearson, the president of Historic Olde Town Arvada, also submitted a letter in support of this application. In her letter, Ms. Pearson states "On behalf of the Historic Olde Town Arvada Organization, we wish to express our support for the upcoming Holiday Express project. The project definition is to use the Ride Provide bus to shuttle shoppers from the Arvada Center Holiday Craft Fair to Olde Town Arvada. As this event is occurring only three weeks from now, the momentum to utilize the shuttle in this promotional effort is paramount. Funding has been identified and all arrangements have been finalized."

- 5. The Commission finds that an emergency need for the requested transportation has been shown to exist, and no other carrier has been shown to be capable of providing the service.
- 6. Ride Provide, Inc. has adequate equipment and financial resources to begin immediate service within the scope of the authority sought.
 - 7. This application for emergency temporary authority is in the public interest.
- 8. Ride Provide, Inc. is advised that the grant of an emergency temporary authority creates no presumption that either a temporary or permanent authority will be granted.

II. **ORDER**

Α. **The Commission Orders That:**

- 1. Ride Provide, Inc. is granted emergency temporary authority to extend operations under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity PUC No. 55720 for a period of 30 days with authority as set forth in the Appendix.
- 2. Ride Provide, Inc. shall operate in accordance with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.
- 3. Ride Provide, Inc. shall not commence operation until it has filed the proper tariff and time schedule and notice in writing has been received from the Commission that it is in compliance and may begin service.
- 4. The 20-day time period provided by § 40-6-114(1), C.R.S., to file an application for rehearing, re-argument, or reconsideration shall begin on the first day after the Commission mails or serves this Order.

- 5. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.
- B. ADOPTED IN THE COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING November 17, 2004.

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