

Decision No. C14-0162

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 13V-1357EC

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF AMER STAR LIMOUSINE, INC. FOR AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF RULE 6305(B) (AGE OF VEHICLES) OF THE RULES REGULATING TRANSPORTATION BY MOTOR VEHICLE, 4 CCR 723-6.

DECISION GRANTING WAIVER IN PART

Mailed Date: February 11, 2014
Adopted Date: February 5, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of a Petition for Waiver/Variance of Limited Regulation Carrier Rules filed on December 20, 2013, by Amer Star Limousine Inc. (Petitioner).

2. Petitioner requests a waiver of Rule 6305(b) of the Rules Regulating Transportation by Motor Vehicle, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-6 (Age of Motor Vehicles).

3. The vehicle for which a waiver is requested involves a 2003 Lincoln Town Car Executive, VIN No. 1L1FM81W43Y617758. The waiver is requested from December 15, 2013 through December 15, 2018.

4. The Commission noticed this petition to all interested persons, firms, and corporations pursuant to § 40-6-108(2), C.R.S., on December 30, 2013.

5. No petition to intervene or otherwise participate in this proceeding has been filed. This proceeding is therefore uncontested. Pursuant to § 40-6-109(5), C.R.S., this matter may be determined without a hearing.

6. Pursuant to Rule 1003 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 CCR 723-1, the Commission may grant waivers or variances from tariffs, Commission rules, and substantive requirements contained in Commission decisions and orders for good cause. In making a determination, the Commission may take into account, but is not limited to, considerations of hardship, equity, or more effective implementation of overall policy on an individual basis.

7. Rule 6305(b), 4 CCR 723-6, states that “luxury limousine carriers shall not use vehicles older than ten model years as of July 1 of each year.”

8. Petitioner operates as a limited regulation passenger carrier (luxury limousine) pursuant to PUC Permit No. LL-02276. Omar Alabassi, the owner of the company, states that the waiver is necessary because the vehicle provides income “to me and my family.” Petitioner submitted pictures of the interior and exterior of the vehicle. It is a large, stretched limousine with a luxurious interior. The petition states that the vehicle has a total mileage of 136,542 miles.

9. The Commission finds that good cause has been shown to grant a waiver of Rule 6305(b) for the 2003 Lincoln Town Car Executive named in this petition.

10. Petitioner is advised that the grant of the waiver of Rule 6305(b) for the vehicle named in this petition does not ensure that this vehicle will pass a future safety inspection by the Staff of the Commission.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The petition of Amer Star Limousine Inc. for a waiver of Rule 6305(b) for the 2003 Lincoln Town Car Executive, VIN No. 1L1FM81W43Y617758, is granted, in part, from the mailed date of this Decision through December 31, 2015.

2. Amer Star Limousine Inc. shall keep a copy of this Decision in the 2003 Lincoln Town Car Executive, VIN No. 1L1FM81W43Y617758, named in this petition. Amer Star Limousine Inc. shall provide this Decision immediately on request by any Commission enforcement official.

3. Amer Star Limousine Inc. shall have the 2003 Lincoln Town Car Executive named in this petition inspected pursuant to 49 *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 396.17, as incorporated by Commission Safety Rules, by an inspector qualified in accordance with 49 CFR 396.19; and, the vehicle shall pass such an inspection. Amer Star Limousine Inc. shall file with the Commission a copy of the completed inspection form within 30 days of the effective date of this Decision. If Amer Star Limousine Inc. fails to comply with this requirement within 30 days of the effective date of this Decision or if the vehicle fails the inspection, then the waiver of Rule 6305(b) shall be void. For good cause shown, the Commission may grant additional time for compliance if the request for additional time is filed within the 30 days.

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 this Decision.

5. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
February 5, 2014.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY



Doug Dean,
Director

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