

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14V-0269CP

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF FREEDOM CABS, INC. FOR AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF RULE 6007(A) OF THE RULES REGULATING TRANSPORTATION BY MOTOR VEHICLE, 4 CCR 723-6, AND REQUEST FOR SHORTENED NOTICE.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION
GRANTING SHORTENED NOTICE**

Mailed Date: April 14, 2014
Adopted Date: April 2, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of a Petition for Waiver and Related Relief from Provisions of Rule 6007 of the Rules and Regulations Governing Common Carriers Regarding Minimum Limits of Liability Coverage Together with Request for 10 Day Notice filed on March 26, 2014, by Freedom Cabs, Inc. (Freedom Cabs).

B. Findings and Conclusions

2. Freedom Cabs may provide taxi service in the Denver metro area under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 53638. Rule 6007(a) (Financial Responsibility) of the Rules Regulating Transportation by Motor Vehicle, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-6 (CCR) requires that a common carrier operating vehicles with a seating

capacity of eight passengers or less must obtain and file with the Commission liability insurance of a combined single limit liability of \$1,500,000 for these vehicles.¹

3. Rule 1206(d) (Commission Notice) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 CCR 723-1 requires that the intervention period for a notice mailed by the Commission shall expire 30 days after the mailing date. In this Petition, Freedom Cabs requests that the 30-day notice period be shortened to 10 days.

4. Rule 1401(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 CCR 723-1 states:

Except as provided by paragraph (d) of this rule, any person may file a notice of intervention as of right or a motion to intervene by permission within 30 days of notice of any administrative or adjudicatory proceeding, unless the Commission's notice or a specific rule or statute provides otherwise.

5. Rule 1003(a) provides that:

The Commission has promulgated these rules to ensure orderly and fair treatment of all persons. The Commission may, for good cause shown, grant waivers or variances from tariffs, Commission rules, and substantive requirements contained in Commission decisions. In making its 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.

6. The Commission is aware that the increased insurance requirements named in Rule 6007(a) may result in an increase in insurance policy costs for carriers providing common carrier taxi service. Therefore, we find that good cause exists to grant Freedom Cabs' shortened notice request. The notice period for this Petition will be shortened to ten days.

¹ The rule amendments adopted in Proceeding No. 13R-0009TR on February 14, 2014, increased the minimum level of liability insurance coverage for common carriers operating vehicles with a seating capacity of eight passengers or less from \$500,000 to \$1,500,000.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The request by Freedom Cabs, Inc. to shorten the notice period for the Petition for a Waiver from Rule 6007(a) (Financial Responsibility) of the Rules Regulating Transportation by Motor Vehicle, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-6 filed on March 26, 2014, is granted. The notice period shall be ten days.²

2. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
April 2, 2014.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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Commissioners

² This Petition will be included in the Commission's Notice of Applications Filed as mailed on April 7, 2014. Therefore, the ten-day notice period shall expire at 5:00 p.m. on April 17, 2014.