

Decision No. C14-0744

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14V-0413EC

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ANIMAS TRANSPORTATION FOR AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF THE RULES REGULATING TRANSPORTATION BY MOTOR VEHICLE.

DECISION GRANTING WAIVER

Mailed Date: July 1, 2014
Adopted Date: June 25, 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 May 5, 2014 by Animas Transportation (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 is a 2002 BMW 325XIT, VIN No. WBAEP33492PF00864. This waiver is requested from July 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015.

4. The Commission noticed this petition for a period of 30 days to all interested persons, firms, and corporations pursuant to § 40-6-108(2), C.R.S., on May 19, 2014.

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 holds Commission Luxury Limousine Permit No. LL-02679. Petitioner operates in the Durango area. Petitioner states that the waiver is necessary because Petitioner’s money is tied up for the next several months, and this car is needed in the meantime to transport elderly clients in town who have trouble getting in and out of Petitioner’s other vehicle, a Suburban.

9. The Commission finds that good cause has been shown to grant a waiver of Rule 6305(b) for the 2002 BMW 325 XIT 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 Animas Transportation for a waiver of Rule 6305(b) for the 2002 BMW 325XIT, VIN No. WBAEP33492PF00864, is granted from July 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015.

2. Animas Transportation shall keep a copy of this Decision in the 2002 BMW 325XIT, VIN No. WBAEP33492PF00864 named in this petition. Animas Transportation shall provide this Decision immediately on request by any Commission enforcement official.

3. Animas Transportation shall have the 2002 BMW 325 XIT 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. Animas Transportation shall file with the Commission a copy of the completed inspection form within 30 days of the effective date of this Decision. If Animas Transportation 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
June 25, 2014.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Doug Dean'.

Doug Dean,
Director

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