

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14V-0758CP

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF FREEDOM CABS, INC. FOR AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF THE RULES REGULATING TRANSPORTATION BY MOTOR VEHICLE.

DECISION GRANTING WAIVER IN PART

Mailed Date: August 22, 2014
Adopted Date: August 20, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of a petition filed on July 11, 2014 by Freedom Cabs, Inc. (Freedom Cabs).

2. In its petition, Freedom Cabs requests a waiver of Rule 6255(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 2005 Ford Freestar,¹ with a Vehicle Identification Number of 2FMZA51615BA90734. The waiver is requested from July 31, 2014 through July 31, 2015.

4. The Commission noticed this petition to all interested persons, firms, and corporations pursuant to § 40-6-108(2), C.R.S., on July 14, 2014.

¹ As of July 1, 2014, the age of the 2005 Ford Freestar is ten model years.

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. In accordance with 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 6255(b), 4 CCR 723-6, states that the maximum age of motor vehicles for taxicab carriers operating within or between the Counties of Arapahoe, Adams, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, El Paso, and Jefferson shall be eight model years. Freedom Cabs may provide taxicab service in these counties pursuant to Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity PUC No. 53638.

8. As support for the waiver, the owner of the Ford Freestar states “I am not in a good financial situation to buy another car. I was expecting to do it in 2015. The car is kept in very good condition. Another year of use will allow me to keep my job and be able to buy another car.”

9. Freedom Cabs submitted eight pictures of the interior and exterior of the Ford Freestar and the vehicle does appear to be in good condition.

10. In consideration of the support submitted with the Petition, the Commission finds that good cause has been shown to grant a waiver of Rule 6255(b) for the Ford Freestar named in this petition.

11. Freedom Cabs is advised that the grant of the waiver of Rule 6255(b) for the Ford Freestar does not ensure that it will pass a future safety inspection by the Staff of the Commission.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The petition of Freedom Cabs, Inc. (Freedom Cabs) for a waiver of Rule 6255(b) for the 2005 Ford Freestar, Vehicle Identification No. 2FMZA51615BA90734, is granted in part from the mailed date of this Decision through July 31, 2015.

2. Freedom Cabs shall keep a copy of this Decision in the 2005 Ford Freestar. Freedom Cabs shall provide this Decision immediately on request by any Commission enforcement official.

3. Freedom Cabs shall have the 2005 Ford Freestar 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. Freedom Cabs shall file with the Commission a copy of the completed inspection form within 30 days of the effective date of this Decision. If Freedom Cabs 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 6255(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
August 20, 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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