

Decision No. C14-1026

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-0748BP

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SHIWAYE BELETE DOING BUSINESS AS BELETE TRANSPORTATION FOR A PERMIT TO OPERATE AS A CONTRACT CARRIER BY MOTOR VEHICLE FOR HIRE.

**COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING
PERMANENT CONTRACT CARRIER PERMIT**

Mailed Date: August 26, 2014

Adopted Date: August 20, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On July 9, 2014, Shiwaye Belete, doing business as Belete Transportation (Applicant), filed an application for permanent authority to conduct operations as a contract carrier by motor vehicle for hire.

2. Applicant requests authority to transport passengers between all points in the Counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson, State of Colorado. The application is restricted: (a) to the transportation of passengers who are recipients of Medicaid; (b) to providing Non-Medical Transportation services for the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, 1570 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado; (c) against providing transportation services to or from airports, hotels, and motels; (d) to no more than two vehicles in service at any one time; and (e) against providing service in Douglas County, Colorado south of a line beginning on the Douglas and Jefferson County boundary, to a point on the Douglas and Elbert County boundary, said line being an east-west line drawn through Exit 172 of Interstate Highway I-25.

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

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

5. We find that the information submitted with this application warrants the granting of the requested contract carrier permit. Applicant is a sole proprietor who has submitted an Affidavit of Eligibility and registered her trade name with the Secretary of State. The application includes the requisite customer support letter from the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. The application also includes a sufficient statement of fact and fitness.

6. We conclude that a present and special need for the requested transportation service exists. A grant of the requested authority will not impair the efficient public service of any authorized common carrier adequately serving the same territory over the same general route or routes.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. This application was deemed complete for purposes of § 40-6-109.5, C.R.S., on August 20, 2014.

2. Shiwaye Belete, doing business as Belete Transportation, is granted a Permit to operate as a contract carrier by motor vehicle for hire as set forth in the Appendix attached to this Decision.

3. Shiwaye Belete, doing business as Belete Transportation, shall operate in accordance with all applicable Colorado law and Commission rules. All operations under the permit granted shall be strictly contract carrier operations.

4. Shiwaye Belete, doing business as Belete Transportation, shall not commence operation until it has complied with the requirements of Colorado law and Commission rules, including without limitation:

- (a) causing proof of insurance (Form E or self-insurance) or surety bond (Form G) coverage to be filed with the Commission;
- (b) paying to the Commission, the motor vehicle fee (\$5) for each vehicle to be operated under authority granted by the Commission, or in lieu thereof, paid the fee for such vehicle(s) pursuant to the Unified Carrier Registration Agreement;
- (c) having an effective tariff on file with the Commission. [Shiwaye Belete, doing business as Belete Transportation, shall file an advice letter and tariff on not less than ten days' notice. The advice letter and tariff shall be filed as a new Advice Letter proceeding and shall comply with all applicable rules. In calculating the proposed effective date, the date received at the Commission is not included in the notice period and the entire notice period must expire prior to the effective date. (Additional tariff information can be found on the Commission's website at dora.colorado.gov/puc and by following the transportation common and contract carrier links to tariffs)]; and,
- (d) paying the applicable issuance fee (\$5).

5. If Shiwaye Belete, doing business as Belete Transportation, does not cause proof of insurance or surety bond to be filed, pay the appropriate motor vehicle fees, file an advice letter and proposed tariff, and pay the issuance fee within 60 days of the effective date of this Decision, then the grant of the Permit shall be void. For good cause shown, the Commission may grant additional time for compliance if the request for additional time is filed within 60 days of the effective date of this Decision.

6. The Commission will notify Shiwaye Belete, doing business as Belete Transportation, in writing when the Commission’s records demonstrate compliance with Ordering Paragraph No. 4.

7. 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 or serves this Decision.

8. 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

Doug Dean,
Director

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