

Decision No. C14-1119

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-0769CP-EXTENSION

THE APPLICATION OF ALPINE TAXI/LIMO, INC., DOING BUSINESS AS ALPINE AND/OR GO ALPINE FOR AUTHORITY TO EXTEND OPERATIONS UNDER CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY PUC NO. 26246.

**COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING IN PART
EXTENSION TO CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

Mailed Date: September 15, 2014
Adopted Date: September 3, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On July 15, 2014, Alpine Taxi/Limo, Inc., doing business as Alpine and/or Go Alpine (Alpine Taxi/Limo), filed an application for permanent authority to extend operations under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) PUC No. 26246.

2. The Commission noticed this application to all interested persons, firms, and corporations pursuant to § 40-6-108(2), C.R.S., on July 28, 2014.

3. 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.

4. In general, Alpine Taxi/Limo may, under CPCN PUC No. 26246, provide:

- a) call-and-demand limousine, call-and-demand charter, call-and-demand taxi service, scheduled service, and special bus service between points in Routt and Moffat Counties;
- b) call-and-demand shuttle, call-and-demand charter, and call-and-demand taxi service between

points in Routt County, on the one hand, and Denver International Airport, on the other hand; c) scheduled service between Denver International Airport, on the one hand, and Steamboat Springs, on the other hand; d) special bus service between points in Routt and Moffat Counties; and e) generic transportation of passengers between Stapleton International Airport and Steamboat Springs. The existing version of CPCN PUC No. 26246 is attached as Appendix A¹ to this Decision.

5. In this application, Alpine Taxi/Limo proposes to revise Item Nos. (II), (IV), (IX), and (XI) of CPCN PUC No. 26246. A review of the revisions² to CPCN PUC No. 26246, shows Alpine Taxi/Limo proposes to

- a) consolidate the taxi service authorized in Items (II) and (IV) for Moffat County into Item (II);
- b) revise the wording of Item (IX) such that the reference to Stapleton International Airport is changed to Denver International Airport;
- c) eliminate the section of Item (IX) that reads “via Interstate 70, U. S. Highway 40, and Colorado State Highways 9 and 131, serving all intermediate points in Routt County, Colorado, and serving all other points in Routt County, State of Colorado, as off-route points”;
- d) revise the wording of Item (XI) by changing the description of the route of service from “via Interstate 70, U.S. Highway 40, and Colorado Highways 9 and 131; serving the Shell Station at or near the intersection of Interstate 70 and Kipling Street in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, as an intermediate point; serving all intermediate points in Routt County Colorado, serving Silverthorne and Kremmling, Colorado, as additional intermediate points and serving all other points in the County of Routt, State of Colorado, as off-route points” to “with service to any intermediate points located (a) within ½ mile of the intersection of Interstate 70 and Youngfield Street in Golden, Colorado, (b) in Silverthorne, Colorado, (c) in Kremmling, Colorado; and (d) in Routt County Colorado”; and
- e) revise Restriction No. (4) to Item (XI) by changing the description of the route of service from “via Interstate 70, U.S. Highway 40, and Colorado Highways 9 and

¹ Three appendices are attached to this Decision. Appendix A is the existing wording of CPCN PUC No. 26246. Appendix B is the wording of CPCN PUC No. 26246 as proposed by Alpine Taxi/Limo and published in the Commission’s notice to the public on July 28, 2014. Appendix C is the wording of CPCN PUC No. 26246 as approved by this Decision.

² The wording of Alpine Taxi/Limo’s proposed revisions to CPCN PUC No. 26246 are shown in bold in Appendix B.

131; serving the Shell Station at or near the intersection of Interstate 70 and Kipling Street in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, as an intermediate point; serving all intermediate points in Routt County Colorado, serving Silverthorne and Kremmling, Colorado, as additional intermediate points and serving all other points in the County of Routt, State of Colorado, as off-route points” to “(A) Item (XI) is restricted against providing service between Denver International Airport and any intermediate points located within ½ mile of the intersection of Interstate 70 and Youngfield Street in Golden, Colorado; and (B) All scheduled operations provided under Item (XI) are restricted to points named in the carrier's filed schedule”.

6. The existing Item (IX) of CPCN PUC No. 26246, as shown in Appendix A attached to this Decision, does not identify the type of transportation service authorized between Stapleton International Airport and Steamboat Springs. Therefore, each of the transportation services defined in Rule 6201³ of the Rules Regulating Transportation by Motor Vehicle, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-6 (Definitions) is authorized by Item (IX). The revision proposed by Alpine Taxi/Limo to Item (IX) also does not indicate which type of transportation service is authorized between Denver International Airport, on the one hand, and all points in Routt County, Colorado, on the other hand. By not naming which type of transportation service is authorized, the Commission presumes Alpine Taxi/Limo is requesting to provide each of the transportation services defined in Rule 6201. However, under Items (I), (IV), and (VI) of the revised CPCN PUC No. 26246, as shown in Appendix B attached to this Decision, Alpine Taxi/Limo may provide call-and-demand shuttle, call-and-demand charter, and call-and-demand taxi service between Denver International Airport, on the one hand, and all points in Routt County, Colorado, on the other hand. Proposed Item (X) of the revised CPCN PUC No. 26246, as shown in Appendix B, also allows Alpine Taxi/Limo to provide scheduled service between Steamboat Springs and Denver International Airport, and between intermediate points in Routt County and Denver International Airport. Therefore, except for sightseeing service and special bus service between

³ The transportation services defined by Rule 6201 are scheduled, special bus, call-and-demand charter, call-and-demand shuttle, call-and-demand sightseeing, and call-and-demand taxi.

points in Routt County and Denver International Airport, Alpine Taxi/Limo may already provide the services generically allowed by the proposed revision to Item (X).

7. To eliminate the duplication of transportation services, the Commission will restrict the proposed Item (X) against the transportation of passengers in scheduled, call-and-demand shuttle, call-and-demand charter, and call-and-demand taxi service (*see* Item (VIII) in Appendix C).

8. The Commission finds that the information submitted with this application warrants granting in part the revisions to CPCN PUC No. 26246 proposed by Alpine Taxi/Limo as set forth in Appendix C attached to this Decision.

9. The Commission also finds that the present or future public convenience and necessity requires, or will require, the transportation service as requested, and the application for permanent authority is in the public interest.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. This application was deemed complete on September 3, 2014, within the meaning of § 40-6-109.5, C.R.S.

2. Alpine Taxi/Limo, Inc., doing business as Alpine and/or Go Alpine's (Alpine Taxi/Limo) application to extend operations under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity PUC No. 26246 is granted in part consistent with the above discussion.

3. The complete authority under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity PUC No. 26246, as extended, shall be as set forth in Appendix C attached to this Decision.

4. Alpine Taxi/Limo shall not commence operation until it has: (a) filed a tariff and time schedule, in compliance with applicable Commission rules, with an effective date no earlier

than ten days after filing; (b) paid the applicable issuance fee; and (c) received notice in writing from the Commission that it is in compliance and may begin service.

5. If Alpine Taxi/Limo does not comply with the requirements of this Decision within 60 days of its effective date, then the authority to conduct operations 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 60 days.

6. 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.

7. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
September 3, 2014.**

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