

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-0913CP

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BRUCE R. KUHNS DOING BUSINESS AS B.A.C.K. COUNTRY TAXI CAB FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO OPERATE AS A COMMON CARRIER BY MOTOR VEHICLE FOR HIRE.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
ROBERT I. GARVEY
SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Mailed Date: November 14, 2014

I. STATEMENT

1. On September 3, 2014, Bruce Kuhns, doing business as B.A.C.K. Country Taxicab Service (Applicant), filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate as a Common Carrier by Motor Vehicle for Hire (Application). That filing commenced this proceeding.

2. On September 8, 2014, the Commission issued its Notice of Application Filed (Notice) in this proceeding by publishing a summary of the same in its Notice as follows:

For authority to operate as a common carrier by motor vehicle for hire for the transportation of

passengers in call and demand taxi service

between all points in the Counties of Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande, and Saguache, State of Colorado.

3. On October 6, 2014, Arthur Joe Martinez, doing business as Little Stinkers Taxicab Service (Little Stinkers/Intervenor) filed their Entry of Appearance and Notice of

Intervention through counsel. This filing attached a preliminary list of witnesses, exhibits, and Commission Authority No. 55607 held by Little Stinkers.

4. On October 15, 2014, by Minute Order, the Commission referred this matter to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ).

5. By Decision No. R14-1305-I, issued October 29, 2014, a prehearing conference was scheduled for November 14, 2014.

6. At the prehearing conference the parties agreed upon the following procedural schedule:

Applicant’s Witness and Exhibit List & Exhibits due date..... December 19, 2014
Intervenor’s Witness and Exhibit List & Exhibits due date..... January 16, 2015
Evidentiary Hearing on Application February 10 and 11, 2015

7. Witness lists shall include a description of the witnesses’ anticipated testimony and the witnesses’ last known address and telephone number.

8. If a party intends to introduce any documents in support of their case, they must file and serve an exhibit list which references that document and they must serve the exhibit on the other party. An exhibit is any document or other tangible item the party wishes the ALJ to consider in reaching a decision in this matter.

9. As referenced in this Decision, serving a party with any document (*e.g.*, witness and exhibit lists and exhibits) means that the party is required to give the document to the other party to the proceeding. Service may be accomplished by United States Mail, or through the Commission’s E-filing system, if the party is registered with the E-filing system.

10. Except as stated below, all parties must demonstrate through a certificate of service that they have served the filed document on the other party. Documents served through the Commission's E-filing system do not require a certificate of service. A certificate of service is a statement indicating how and when a document was served on the other party (*e.g.*, the filing was served by placing the document in the United States mail, first class postage-prepaid to an identified address on an identified date).

11. Likewise, reference to filing a document means that the party shall provide the document to the Commission.

12. All exhibits shall be identified by sequential numbers (*e.g.*, Exhibit 1, Exhibit 2, and Exhibit 3). The exhibits shall include the following information: exhibit number, proceeding number, name of the witness who will testify to the exhibit's foundation, and the date of the hearing.

13. At the hearing, the parties shall bring an original and two copies of each exhibit they intend to introduce at the hearing. The filing of an exhibit with the Commission does not, by itself, admit an exhibit into the record of the proceeding.

14. If any exhibit is longer than two pages, the party offering the exhibit shall sequentially number each page of the exhibit.

15. The parties are on notice that no witness, other than the Applicant, shall be permitted to testify, except in rebuttal, unless that witness is identified on a list of witnesses filed and served as required herein. The parties are on notice that failure to provide a description of the witnesses' testimony may also result in a decision prohibiting such witness from testifying.

16. The parties are on notice that no exhibit will be received in evidence, except in rebuttal, unless filed and served as required herein.

17. All parties are advised that this proceeding is governed by the Rules of Practice and Procedure found at 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1, Part 1. The ALJ expects the parties to comply with the Rules of Practice and Procedure. The rules are available on the Commission's website and in hard copy from the Commission.

18. Non-attorneys will be held to the same standards as attorneys.

19. Any party wishing to make an oral closing statement may do so immediately following the close of the evidence (*i.e.*, after presentation of evidence near the end of the hearing).

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. An evidentiary hearing is scheduled in this matter as follows:

DATES: February 10 and 11, 2015

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Colorado Department of Transportation
1205 West Avenue
Alamosa, Colorado 81101

2. The procedural schedule as stated in ¶ 6 is adopted.

3. The Parties shall be held to the advisements in this Decision.

4. This Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

ROBERT I. GARVEY

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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

Doug Dean,
Director