Decision No. C25-0287

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23A-0553CP-EXT

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SOBER BUDDY SHUTTLE LLC FOR AUTHORITY TO EXTEND OPERATIONS UNDER CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY NO. 55951.

COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING ADDITIONAL EXTENSION OF TIME

Issued Date:April 15, 2025Adopted Date:April 9, 2025

I. <u>BY THE COMMISSION</u>

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of an Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to Comply with Commission Decision No. C24-0022, filed on March 28, 2025, by Sober Buddy Shuttle, LLC ("Sober Buddy"), requesting that the Commission grant an additional extension of time to comply with the requirements of Commission Decision No. C24-0022 ("Decision").¹

2. On November 6, 2023, Sober Buddy filed an application for authority to extend operations under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") No. 55951.

3. The Commission noticed the application to all interested persons, firms, and corporations pursuant to § 40-6-108(2), C.R.S., on November 13, 2023. This proceeding was uncontested and therefore was determined without a hearing.

¹ The motion requests a brief extension of time, until April 4, 2025, to comply with Decision No. C24-0022, as amended by Decision No. C24-0190.

4. On January 11, 2024, the Commission issued Decision No. C24-0022 granting the extension application, subject to Sober Buddy's compliance with the requirements named in the Ordering Paragraph No. 3 of the Decision.

5. Ordering Paragraph No. 3 of the Decision requires Sober Buddy to file proof of insurance; pay the motor vehicle fee and issuance fee; submit an advice letter and tariff; and register with the Commission's electronic filing system.

6. The Decision required Sober Buddy to comply with each of these requirements within 60 days of its effective date of January 11, 2024. Therefore, Sober Buddy had until March 11, 2024, to complete the requirements of Ordering Paragraph No. 3. Sober Buddy did not complete all the requirements by March 11, 2024.

7. Ordering Paragraph No. 5 of the Decision states:

If Applicant does not comply with each requirement in Ordering Paragraph No. 3, within 60 days of the effective date of this Decision, the extension of authority under CPCN PUC No. 55951 is denied without further action of the Commission. 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.

8. On March 13, 2024, Sober Buddy filed a letter requesting an additional 45 days to comply with the Decision. On March 22, 2024, the Commission granted the request for an extension of time, pursuant to Decision No. C24-0190.

9. On March 28, 2025, Sober Buddy filed a motion for an additional extension of time to fully comply with the Decision. In defense of its motion, Sober Buddy stated that it had overlooked a specific compliance item, specifically the payment of the \$5.00 issuance fee, and was under the assumption that this compliance item had already been addressed and that it had fully

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complied with the Decision. Sober Buddy requests an additional extension of time, until April 4, 2025, to address any outstanding requirements.

10. Since there were no interventions filed in the underlying application for extension of authority, and the oversight on meeting all requirements, including the \$5.00 payment, appears to be relatively minor in scope, the Commission grants the motion for extension of time for Sober Buddy to meet all the requirements listed in Order Paragraph No. 3 of Decision No. C24-0022. Given the timing of the filing and that no confirmation of the \$5.00 payment has been provided in the record as of the time of this Decision,² we permit Sober Buddy 20 days from the Issue Date of this Decision to comply with the remaining requirements set forth in Decision No. C24-0022.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The motion submitted by Sober Buddy Shuttle, LLC ("Sober Buddy"), on March 28, 2025, requesting that the Commission grant an additional extension of time for it to complete the requirements set forth in Decision No. C24-0022, is granted.

2. Sober Buddy is granted an additional 20 days from the Issued Date of this Decision to comply with the requirements set forth in Decision No. C24-0022.

3. 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.

² Confirmation in the record is not necessarily required; however, given the filings here we note that the record simply does not reflect whether the \$5.00 payment has been made, and permit a reasonable amount of time for compliance following this Decision.

4. This Decision is effective on its Issued Date.

B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING April 9, 2025.



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