#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24A-0401BP

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MEDRIDE, LLC FOR A PERMIT TO OPERATE AS A CONTRACT CARRIER BY MOTOR VEHICLE FOR HIRE.

# INTERIM DECISION GRANTING STIPULATED MOTION AND CONTINUING EVIDENTIARY HEARING

Issued Date: March 27, 2025

### I. STATEMENT, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS

- 1. On September 20, 2024, MedRide, LLC ("MedRide" or "Applicant") initiated this Proceeding by filing the above-captioned Application ("original Application").
- 2. On September 27, 2024, MedRide filed an Amendment to the original Application ("Amended Application").
- 3. On October 8, 2024, the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") provided public notice of the Amended Application, among other matters.<sup>1</sup>
- 4. On November 6, 2024, Tazco, Inc., doing business as Sunshine Taxi ("Tazco") filed a Notice of Intervention of Right, Alternative Motion for Intervention, Entry of Appearance, and Request for Hearing timely claiming intervention of right ("Intervention").
- 5. On November 13, 2024, the Commission deemed the Amended Application complete and referred this matter by minute entry to an administrative law judge ("ALJ") for disposition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Notice of Applications filed October 8, 2024.

- 6. By Decision No. R24-0841-I, issued November 19, 2024, Tazco's Intervention was acknowledged, procedural deadlines were vacated, and a prehearing conference was scheduled.
- 7. By Decision No. R24-0902-I, issued December 11, 2024, a procedural schedule was adopted, and a remote evidentiary hearing was scheduled for March 31 and April 1, 2025.
- 8. On February 28, 2025, MedRide and Tazco filed a Stipulated Motion to Continue Hearing ("Stipulated Motion").
- 9. The Stipulated Motion states that the parties are engaged in settlement discussions and would like additional time to continue those negotiations. Therefore, the parties request a continuance of the evidentiary hearing in this proceeding, and a continuance of related pre-hearing deadlines. Additionally, in order to accommodate said continuance, MedRide waived the applicable statutory requirement that the Commission issue its decision in this matter no later than 250 days after the Commission deemed their application complete, and requested that the Commission accept their waiver.
- 10. The Stipulated Motion also states that if no settlement has been reached within 30 days of the filing of the Stipulated Motion, the parties would file a Status Report with the Commission, either seeking a further continuance to progress with settlement discussions or to reschedule the evidentiary hearing and related pre-hearing deadlines.
- 11. Based upon cause shown for the unopposed request, the ALJ will grant the Stipulated Motion and continue the evidentiary hearing, as ordered below.
- 12. Similarly, the ALJ acknowledges MedRide's waiver of the applicable statutory period governing this proceeding pursuant to § 40-6-109.5, C.R.S.

## II. ORDER

#### A. It Is Ordered That:

- 1. The remote evidentiary hearing scheduled for March 31, 2025, and April 1, 2025, and related procedural schedule is vacated.
- 2. On or before April 30, 2025, the parties shall either file a motion to approve any settlement agreement in this proceeding or a Status Report regarding negotiations or requesting to reschedule the evidentiary hearing and related pre-hearing deadlines.
- 3. MedRide, LLC's waiver of the applicable statutory period pursuant to \$ 40-6-109.5(3), C.R.S., is acknowledged.
  - 4. This Decision is effective immediately.

(SEAL)

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

G. HARRIS ADAMS

Administrative Law Judge

Rebecca E. White, Director