BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24A-0446CP-EXT

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TAVA CAB LLC DOING BUSINESS AS TAVA CAB, TO EXTEND OPERATIONS UNDER CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY NO. 55994.

RECOMMENDED DECISION ACCEPTING AMENDMENT; DISMISSING INTERVENTION; GRANTING APPLICATION AMENDED UNDER MODIFIED PROCEDURE; AND CLOSING PROCEEDING

Issued Date: May 16, 2025

I. <u>STATEMENT</u>

- 1. On October 16, 2024, Tava Cab LLC doing business as Tava Cab ("Tava Cab" or "Applicant") initiated the captioned proceeding by filing an application through its counsel seeking a Certificate of Public Necessity and Convenience to Extend Operations as a Common Carrier by Motor Vehicle for Hire ("Application") with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission ("Commission").
- 2. On October 28, 2024, the Commission provided public notice of the application by publishing a summary of the same in its Notice of Applications Filed:

Currently, CPCN No. 55994 authorizes the following:Transportation of passengers in call-and-demand taxi service:

between all points in Teller County, and between said points on the one and all points in the Counties of Denver, Douglas, El Paso, Fremont, and Pueblo, on the other hand.

Restriction:

This certificate is restricted against providing any taxi service that originates in El Paso County.

If the extension is granted, CPCN No. 55994 will read:

1. Transportation of passengers in call-and-demand taxi service between all points in Teller County, and between said points on the one hand, and all points in the Counties of Denver, Douglas, El Paso, Fremont, Park, and Pueblo, on the other hand.

Restriction:

This portion of said certificate is restricted against providing any taxi service that originates in El Paso County.

- 2. Transportation of passengers in call-and-demand taxi service from Colorado Springs Peterson Field Airport, also known as City of Colorado Springs Municipal Airport, 7770 Milton E. Proby Pkwy, Colorado Springs,
- El Paso County, CO 80916, on the one hand, to all points in Teller County, Colorado, on the other hand.
- 3. Transportation of passengers in call-and-demand taxi service from the communities of Cascade, Chipita Park, and Green Mountain Falls, including all points within one mile of the town limits of Cascade, Chipita Park, and Green Mountain Falls, all located in El Paso County, Colorado, on the one hand, to all points in Teller County, Colorado, on the other hand.
- 4. Transportation of passengers in call-and-demand shuttle service between Colorado Springs Peterson Field Airport, also known as City of Colorado Springs Municipal Airport, 7770 Milton E. Proby Pkwy, Colorado Springs, El Paso County, CO 80916, on the one hand, and the communities of Cascade, Chipita Park, and Green Mountain Falls, including all points within one mile of the town limits of Cascade, Chipita Park, and Green Mountain Falls, all located in El Paso County, Colorado, on the other hand.
- 3. On November 27, 2024, Pikes Peak Cab LLC doing business as Pikes Peak Transport ("Pikes Peak" or "Intervenor") filed its Petition for Intervention through Marcos Griego and Tamara Zvonkovich, the owners of Pikes Peak. This filing attached Commission Authority No. 55884 held by Pikes Peak.

- 4. On December 11, 2024, the Commission deemed the application complete and referred it by minute entry to the undersigned Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") for disposition.
- 5. On December 24, 2024, by Decision No. R24-0943-I, a prehearing conference was scheduled for January 21, 2025.
- 6. On January 6, 2025, Pikes Peak filed its Request to Dismiss Application ("Motion to Dismiss").
- 7. On January 21, 2025, Tava Cab filed its Motion to Strike Request to Dismiss Filed by Pikes Peak Cab LLC d/b/a Pikes Peak Transport and Alternate Response in Opposition Thereto and Motion for Attorney Fees ("Motion to Strike Request to Dismiss").
- 8. Also on January 21, 2025, a prehearing conference was held; Tava Cab and Pikes Peak ("the Parties") agreed to a procedural schedule; and the Motion to Dismiss was taken under advisement to be ruled on in a future decision including a procedural schedule.
- 9. On January 27, 2025, by Decision No. R25-0061-I, the Motion to Dismiss was denied, the Motion for Attorney fees was denied and a procedural scheduled was adopted. The procedural schedule required the Applicant to file its witness list and exhibits by February 21, 2025; Intervenor to file its witness list and exhibits by March 7, 2025, and set an evidentiary hearing on March 18, 2025.
- 10. On February 21, 2025, the Applicant filed its Motion for Extension of Time to File Witness List and Exhibits ("Motion for Extension of Time").
- 11. On February 25, 2025, by Decision No. R25-0135-I, the Motion for Extension of Time was granted.
- 12. On March 3, 2025, Pikes Peak filed its Request for Dismissal ("Second Motion to Dismiss").

- 13. On March 11, 2025, by Decision No. R215-0175-I, the evidentiary hearing scheduled for March 18 & 19, 2025, was vacated.
- 14. On March 17, 2025, the Applicant filed its Motion to Strike the Second Request to Dismiss; Alternate Response in Opposition Thereto; and Second Motion for Attorney Fees ("Response").
 - 15. On April 28, 2025, counsel for Applicant filed his Motion to Withdraw.
 - 16. On May 1, 2025, the Parties filed their Signed Agreement.
 - 17. On May 12, 2025, the Parties filed their Proposed Authority.

II. <u>AMENDMENT AND PROPOSED AUTHORITY</u>

18. The Signed Agreement restrictively amend the authority. The amended authority will read:

Transportation of passengers in call-and-demand taxi service:

between all points in Teller County, and between said points on the one hand, and all points in the Counties of Denver, Douglas, Fremont, Park, and Pueblo, on the other hand;

and

Transportation of passengers in call-and-demand taxi service:

between all points in Teller County, and between said points on the one hand, and the following named locations in

- 1) El Paso County, on the other hand, a) all points within a .5-mile radius of the intersection of the Pikes Peak Highway and Chipita Pines Drive in Cascade; b) all points within a .5-mile radius of the intersection of Wellington Road and U. S. Highway 24 in Chipita Park; and c) all points within a .5-mile radius of the intersection of Oak Street and Ute Pass Avenue in Green Mountain Falls.
- 2) Chipita Park; on the other hand, and a) all points within .5-mile radius of the intersection of Oak Street and Ute Pass Avenue in Green Mountain Falls.

- 19. The Signed Agreement also states that the Applicant shall not request an additional extension of its Commission authority for thirty (30) months or until November 12, 2027.
- 20. To be acceptable, restrictions must be restrictive in nature, clear and understandable, and administratively enforceable. Both the authority and any restriction on that authority must be unambiguous and must be contained wholly within the permit. Both must be worded so that a person will know, from reading the permit and without having to resort to any other document, the exact extent of the authority and of each restriction. Clarity is essential because the scope of an authority must be found within the four corners of the permit, which is the touchstone by which one determines whether the operation of a contract carrier is within the scope of its Commission-granted authority. The proposed amendment to the Application meets these standards.
- 21. The ALJ finds and concludes that the proposed amendment is restrictive in nature, is clear and understandable, and is administratively enforceable.
- 22. The restriction to the authority sought by Applicant (*i.e.*, the amendment to the Application) will be accepted.
- 23. Accepting the amendment to the Application has two impacts. First, the authority sought will be amended to conform to the restrictive amendment. Second, the intervention of Pikes Peak will be withdrawn.

III. <u>FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS</u>

- 24. The Applicant is a limited liability company in good standing.
- 25. The Applicant requests authority to extend operations as a common carrier.

- 26. The verified Application establishes that Applicant is familiar with the Rules Regulating Transportation by Motor Vehicle, 4 CCR 723-6, and agrees to be bound by, and to comply with, those rules. The verified Application and its supporting documentation establish that Applicant has sufficient equipment with which to render the proposed service and is financially fit to conduct operations under the authority requested. Finally, review of the verified Application indicates a need for the proposed service. Therefore, because the Applicant is fit, financially and otherwise, to perform the proposed service and because the other prerequisites have been met, the authority should be granted.
- 27. In accordance with § 40-6-109, C.R.S., the ALJ recommends that the Commission enter the following order

IV. **ORDER**

It Is Ordered That: Α.

- 1. The filed Signed Agreement filed by Tava Cab LLC doing business as Tava Cab ("Tava Cab") and Pikes Peak Cab LLC doing business as Pikes Peak Transport ("Pikes Peak") is approved and granted.
- 2. The verified Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Extend Operations as a Common Carrier of Passengers by Motor Vehicle is amended and granted consistent with the discussion above.
 - The evidentiary hearing scheduled for June 3 & 4, 2025, is vacated. 3.
 - The Motion to Withdraw filed by counsel for Tava Cab is granted. 4.
- 5. Tava Cab shall not seek an extension of their Commission authority for 30 months or until November 12, 2027.

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- 6. The intervention filed by Pikes Peak is withdrawn, and they are dismissed from the proceeding.
- 7. Tava Cab, is granted an extension of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate as a Common Carrier of Passengers by Motor Vehicle as follows:

Transportation of passengers in call-and-demand taxi service:

between all points in Teller County, and between said points on the one hand, and all points in the Counties of Denver, Douglas, Fremont, Park, and Pueblo, on the other hand;

and

Transportation of passengers in call-and-demand taxi service:

between all points in Teller County, and between said points on the one hand, and the following named locations in

El Paso County, on the other hand, a) all points within a .5-mile radius of the intersection of the Pikes Peak Highway and Chipita Pines Drive in Cascade; b) all points within a .5-mile radius of the intersection of Wellington Road and U. S. Highway 24 in Chipita Park; and c) all points within a .5-mile radius of the intersection of Oak Street and Ute Pass Avenue in Green Mountain Falls.

Chipita Park; on the other hand, and a) all points within .5-mile radius of the intersection of Oak Street and Ute Pass Avenue in Green Mountain Falls.

- 8. Tava Cab shall operate in accordance with all applicable Colorado laws and Commission rules.
- 9. Tava Cab shall not commence operation under the extended authority 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 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, Express Services 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 doraccolorado.gov/puc and by following the transportation common and contract carrier links to tariffs); and
- d) paying the applicable issuance fee.
- 10. If Tava Cab 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.
- 11. The Commission will notify Tava Cab in writing when the Commission's records demonstrate compliance with paragraph 7.
 - 12. Proceeding No. 24A-0446CP-EXT is closed.
- 13. This Recommended Decision shall be effective on the day it becomes the Decision of the Commission, if that is the case, and is entered as of the date above.
- 14. As provided by § 40-6-106, C.R.S., copies of this Recommended Decision shall be served upon the parties, who may file exceptions to it.
- 15. If no exceptions are filed within 20 days after service or within any extended period of time authorized, or unless the recommended decision is stayed by the Commission

upon its own motion, the recommended decision shall become the decision of the Commission and subject to the provisions of § 40-6-114, C.R.S.

- 16. If a party seeks to amend, modify, annul, or reverse a basic finding of fact in its exceptions, that party must request and pay for a transcript to be filed, or the parties may stipulate to portions of the transcript according to the procedure stated in § 40-6-113, C.R.S. If no transcript or stipulation is filed, the Commission is bound by the facts set out by the administrative law judge; and the parties cannot challenge these facts. This will limit what the Commission can review if exceptions are filed.
- 17. If exceptions to this Recommended Decision are filed, they shall not exceed 30 pages in length, unless the Commission for good cause shown permits this limit to be exceeded..

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

ROBERT I. GARVEY

Administrative Law Judge

Rebecca E. White,

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