

Service Date: April 7, 1998

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF Carol T. Place)	TRANSPORTATION DIVISION
dba Tour De Great Falls , Ulm, Montana,)	
Application for a Montana Intrastate)	DOCKET NO. T-97.15.PCN
Certificate of Public Convenience and)	
Necessity)	ORDER NO. 6446

FINAL ORDER

Carol T. Place dba Tour de Great Falls (Place), presently holds PSC No. 9372, motor carrier authority, Class B, passengers by guided tours to and from points of historical, natural and general sightseeing interests/attractions within the City of Great Falls and a 25 mile radius, charter service prohibited. Place dba Great Falls Historic Trolley, also holds PSC No. 9382, motor carrier authority, Class B, passengers, Great Falls and a 10 mile radius, by replica motorized trolley.

On March 20, 1997, Place filed before the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) an Application for Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (motor carrier authority), Class B, passengers by guided tours to and from points of historical, cultural, natural and general sightseeing interests / attractions between all points and places in Montana, charter service prohibited. Place's application for additional motor carrier authority was publicly noticed. Protests were filed by numerous existing motor carriers authorized to provide the passenger services proposed by Place.

The PSC held a public hearing on the matter March 12, 1998. Between the time of the filing protests and the time of public hearing Place and most of the protesting carriers reached agreements. On the day prior to hearing Place amended her proposed authority to reflect the agreements reached. At the time of hearing only two protesting carriers remained. One, Fred M. Zweifel dba Circle Z Enterprises, did not appear at hearing. The other, Hall Transit Charter Service, Inc. (Hall), did appear.

The public hearing commenced as scheduled. During the first recess, Place and Hall reached an agreement. Place agreed to further amend her proposed authority and Hall agreed to withdraw its protest. The PSC determines that the application of Place, as amended, should be granted. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, **Carol T. Place dba Tour de Great Falls** is granted motor carrier authority as follows:

Class B -- Passengers, by guided tours to and from points of historical, cultural, natural, and general sightseeing interests/attractions between all points and places in the state of Montana.

Limitations: (1) Transportation of passengers in charter service is prohibited. (2) Transportation must not originate in Big Horn, Carbon, Flathead, Gallatin, Lake, Lincoln, Madison, Park, Sanders, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, Treasure, or Yellowstone counties, or within the City of Butte and a five (5) mile radius thereof, or within the City of Billings and a fifty (50) mile radius thereof. (3) Transportation of passengers in luxury limousines in Flathead, Glacier, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli, and Sanders counties is prohibited. (4) Transportation must not originate or terminate in Missoula or Ravalli counties. (5) Transportation is restricted to that of vehicles with a rated seating capacity of twenty-five (25) passengers or less. (6) Transportation of passengers in motorized tours within the City of Virginia City and a two (2) mile radius thereof is prohibited, unless the carrier operating under PSC No. 9270 states it is unavailable to provide the requested motorized tour.

Done and dated this 6th day of April, 1998, by a vote of 3-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BOB ANDERSON, Presiding Commissioner

DAVE FISHER, Chair

NANCY MCCAFFREE, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the Notice of Public Hearing issued in Docket T-97.15.PCN in the matter of Carol T. Place dba Tour de Great Falls has today been sent to all parties listed.

MAILING DATE: April 7, 1998

FOR THE COMMISSION

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Carol T. Place
dba Tour de Great Falls
108 Old Ulm-Cascade Road
P.O. Box 27
Ulm, MT 59485-0027

Foosco, Inc.
dba City Cab
2319 Mont. Avenue
P.O. Box 2333
Billings, MT 59103-2333

John and Carma Sinerius
dba Just An Experience
Highway 287 West
Virginia City, MT 59755

Beach Transportation
Company
825 Mount Avenue
Missoula, MT 59801

Hall Transit Charter Service,
Inc.
2620 Upper River Road
Great Falls, MT 59405

Two Shews, Inc.
dba Billings Yellow Cab
18 Burlington Avenue
P.O. Box 1831
Billings, MT 59103

Flathead Area Custom
Transportation, Inc.
dba Kalispell Taxi and Airport
Shuttle Service
P.O. Box 2508
Kalispell, MT 59901

Karst Stage, Inc.
511 North Wallace
P.O. Box 1127
Bozeman, MT 59771-1127

Valet Limousine, Inc.
3820 South Third West
Missoula, MT 59801

Randall Eugene Johnson
dba Flathead Glacier
Transportation
P.O. Box 1707
Whitefish, MT 59937

James E. Michael
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P.O. Box 2508
Kalispell, MT 59901

Fred M. Zweifel
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P.O. Box 373
Virginia City, MT 59755

Mark L. Foos
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P.O. Box 2333
Billings, MT 59103-2333

Rocky Mountain
Transportation, Inc.
1410 East Edgewood Drive
Whitefish, MT 59937

Paul Kleffner
P.O. Box 427
East Helena, MT 59635

Milam, Inc.
dba A-Limo Limousine Co.
66 West Arrow Creek Road
Huntley, MT 59037

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