

Service Date: March 31, 1998

FINAL ORDER NO. 6445

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601
Helena, Montana 59620-2601

IN THE MATTER OF **Anaconda Chamber**)
of Commerce, Anaconda, Montana,)
Application for a Montana Intrastate) Docket No. T-98.7.PCN
Certificate of Public Convenience) Order No. 6445
and Necessity.)

The Commission, being fully advised in the premises, makes the following findings, conclusions and order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On February 26, 1998, the **Anaconda Chamber of Commerce**, Anaconda, Montana, filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission under Title 69, MCA, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity amending their authority as follows:

Current Authority:

Class B - Passengers within the city of Anaconda, Montana, and a twenty (20) mile radius thereof.
Limitations: Transportation is limited to that annual service between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Authority Sought:

Class B - Passengers within the city of Anaconda, Montana, and a twenty (20) mile radius thereof.
Limitations: Transportation is limited to that annual service between June 14 and September 12.

2. In accordance with Section 69-23-321, MCA, this matter was noticed to the public March 4, 1998. That notice said in pertinent part:

If no written protests are received by March 24, 1997, a hearing may

not be held and a final order may be issued in this Docket. If a protest is received, a hearing will be scheduled. Individual notice of the hearing will be given only to Protestants and Applicant.

The application included affidavits of support.

3. No protests or responses of any kind were received.
4. The record of this application is available for inspection at the Public Service Commission Office, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter in this proceeding.
2. The Commission afforded all parties interested in this proceeding proper notice and an opportunity to participate.
3. Public Convenience and Necessity require a grant of the authority sought by the Applicant.

ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, at a session of the Public Service Commission, Department of Public Service Regulation of the State of Montana, held in its offices at 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, on the 30th day of March, 1998, there being present a quorum of Commissioners, there came regularly before the Commission for final action the matters and things in Docket No. T-98.7.PCN, and the Commission being fully advised in the premises;

IT IS ORDERED by the Commission that the application of **Anaconda Chamber of Commerce**, Anaconda, Montana, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity IS GRANTED to the following extent:

Class B - Passengers within the city of Anaconda, Montana, and a twenty (20) mile radius thereof.
Limitations: Transportation is limited to that annual service

between June 14 and September 12.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a full, true and correct copy of this order be sent forthwith by first class mail to the applicant and all parties herein.

THE FOREGOING ORDER was adopted by the Department of Public Service Regulation of the State of Montana, Public Service Commission, IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana, this 30th day of March, 1998, by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

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.