

Service Date: April 12, 1999

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF RAVALLI COUNTY      | ) | TRANSPORTATION DIVISION |
| COUNCIL ON AGING, Hamilton, Montana, | ) |                         |
| Application for a Montana            | ) |                         |
| Intrastate Certificate               | ) | DOCKET NO. T-99.1.PCN   |
| of Public Convenience and Necessity  | ) | ORDER NO. 6461          |

FINAL ORDER

On January 8, 1999, Ravalli County Council on Aging (COA), Hamilton, Montana, filed an application before the Public Service Commission (PSC) for Class B motor carrier authority, passengers between all points and places in Ravalli County, Montana. COA's application was protested by Valet Limousine, Inc. (Valet), Missoula, Montana, and Victor Pizzola, dba Valley Taxi (Valley Taxi), Hamilton, Montana, both being existing motor carriers holding PSC motor carrier authorities which, in whole or in part, authorize the same or similar service as that applied for by COA.

COA and Valet have settled their differences through a stipulation limiting COA's authority in regard to limousine services. COA and Valley Taxi have settled their differences through a stipulation limiting COA's authority in regard to advance notice for all regulated transportation movements by COA, minimum fees for regulated medicaid transportation movements by COA, and transferability of COA's authority.

The PSC determines that the stipulations entered by the applicant and each of the protestants settle all contested issues regarding COA's application. The stipulations are hereby approved and the motor carrier authority requested by COA is hereby granted as follows:

Class B: passengers between all points and places in Ravalli County, Montana. Limitations: 1) twenty-four hour advance notice required of all regulated transportation; 2) Council on Aging or successor in interest must not charge a fee for regulated medicaid transportation less than that charged by Valley Taxi or Valley Taxi's successor in interest; 3) no sale, transfer, or lease to a for-profit entity; 4) transportation of passengers in limousine service is prohibited.

This order is effective immediately. COA may commence regulated motor carrier operations following COA's compliance with PSC post-order compliance requirements and PSC issuance of a motor carrier certificate.

Done and dated this 8th day of April, 1999, by a vote of 3-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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DAVE FISHER, Chair

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NANCY MCCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

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