Public Service Commission Implementation of SB 396: Establish Motor Carrier Certificates of Compliance and Class E Transportation Network Carriers in Montana

May 2015

May 8, 2015 - SB 396 was signed into law.

May 18, 2015 - The Public Service Commission initiates administrative rulemaking required by SB 396.

June 24, 2015 – A public hearing was held regarding the proposed administrative rules involving certificates of compliance and class E motor carriers.

July 1, 2015 - SB 396 becomes effective.

July 29, 2015 - Raiser-MT, LLC d/b/a Uber files an application for a Class E certificate of compliance to operate as a Transportation Network Carrier.

August 17, 2015 - The Public Service Commission responds to public comment on the draft rules and adopts the rules as proposed with one minor change.

August 19, 2015 – The State of Montana and the Public Service Commission was sued by Carrier Anne Pintar d/b/a Amazing Taxi. She alleged that the new statutory provisions violate equal protection, they are a breach of contract, they constitute a deregulatory taking, and an emergency injunction is requested. A motion to dismiss was filed by the Commission and that motion is pending in Lewis and Clark County District Court.

October 20, 2015 - Raiser-MT supplements its application to provide more complete financial information. The application was noticed to the public and a protest was filed by the Montana Authority Holders Association but was subsequently withdrawn on December 11, 2015.

December 15, 2015 - The Commission held a work session and granted Raiser-MT's application for Class E motor carrier service. The Commission placed no limitations on Raiser's operations. Raiser was released to operate as they previously submitted insurance information to the Commission.

August 2016 - Rasier-MT (Uber) begins operations in Montana, targeting rollouts in select cities in Montana but also opening up the application for statewide use.

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