

Leipski, Tina (UTC)

From: Gomez, David (UTC)
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 5:09 PM
To: Pratt, David (UTC); Leipski, Tina (UTC)
Cc: Eckhardt, Gene (UTC)
Subject: RE: Discontinuance of Service; All-Ways Transportation C-1085

Dave,

The company advised its customers but not officials of cities and counties where affected passengers reside, and the commission. Hence the company did not meet this requirement.

From: Pratt, David (UTC)
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 4:28 PM
To: Gomez, David (UTC); Leipski, Tina (UTC)
Cc: Eckhardt, Gene (UTC)
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Dave, thanks for the email addressing All Ways Transportation's request to discontinue operations. I have one final question. It appears that you inadvertently missed 480-30-186(2)(a) which is about the customer notice requirement.

Since you did not address this requirement, does that mean you just missed it or do you believe they met that requirement? I did not see anything in their request addressing this item.

Thanks.

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From: Gomez, David (UTC)
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 3:38 PM
To: Leipski, Tina (UTC)
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Tina,

I have reviewed Delores Weza's email requesting cancellation of her certificate and have compared them with the content requirements in WAC 480-30-186 (2) (b).

- (i) The name, telephone number, mailing address, fax number (if any) and e-mail address (if any) of a contact person;

All-Ways Transportation, Inc.
Certificate Number:C-1085
326 W Reservoir Drive
Lewiston, ID 83501
Delores Weza; Owner
Telephone Number: 208- 746-0257

Fax Number:208-746-0257

dweza@q.com

- (ii) An explanation of the company's reasons for requesting approval to discontinue operations;

Cuts to Medicaid funding for client transportation, which was 90 percent of revenue for the company, and the high cost of fuel, taxes, insurance and maintenance has caused the company's permanent closure, due to lack of funds.

- (iii) An explanation of consequences for the company if the commission does not approve the request to discontinue operations;

The company has ceased to operate; Chapter 7 Liquidation.

- (iv) A statement of the number of passengers, by class of service provided, who will lose service if the commission approves the discontinuance of operations

In 2010, the company mad over 4,000 trips and transported 6,500 passengers (6000 medical and 500 airport.)

- (v) An explanation of options available to the customers who will lose service; and

Our UTC authority overlaps that of Wheatland Express in Pullman, Washington. Customers may use either Spokane Transit or Lewiston Transit System; (LTS) ADA Paratransit Service.

- (vi) If the request is for approval to temporarily discontinue service, the written request must contain a statement declaring the date by which the company will return to service.

N/A

The email from Ms. Weza, in my opinion, meets the content requirements specified in rule. Clearly the rule was meant for a company to request from the commission discontinuance before ceasing operations, but in this case we became aware after she stopped running on her own. The easiest and clearest course of action is to issue an order and cancel her certificate. I therefore recommend that you write an order cancelling certificate C-1085.

Thanks,

This e-mail states the informal opinions of commission staff, offered as technical assistance, and are not intended as legal advice. We reserve the right to amend these opinions should circumstances change or additional information be brought to our attention. Staff's opinions are not binding on the commission.

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Subject: Discontinuance of Service

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Delores Weza

Leipski, Tina (UTC)

From: Gomez, David (UTC)
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 1:32 PM
To: Leipski, Tina (UTC)
Subject: FW: Discontinuance of Service

Here you go

From: Dee Weza [mailto:dweza@q.com]
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