

Passenger Transportation Board Bulletin

November 9, 2005

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The *PT Board Bulletin* gives notice of the applications for special authorization that have been received by the Board, the determinations the Board makes on those applications, as well as appeals from enforcement orders of the Registrar of Passenger Transportation. Board Advisories may also be published in the *PT Board Bulletin* to update the public and commercial passenger transportation industry on Board initiatives and changes to Board rules or procedure and policy guidelines.

Date: November 9, 2005

Subject: ***Implementation of Temporary Fuel Surcharge***

Advisory: This is a follow up to the Industry Advisory of October 19, 2005. On November 13, 2005, taxi companies in British Columbia are to add the temporary fuel surcharge of 4.5% to their metered taxi rates. For Lower Mainland companies, the implementation date is November 12, 2005.

The specific requirements and metered rates of each company are set out in Board rules that have been posted at the Board web site at www.ptboard.bc.ca. As well, this information is being sent to each taxi company by letter or fax.

For more than a year, taxi operators have had to cover the full burden of increased fuel costs. The temporary fuel surcharge means that taxi companies and passengers will start sharing these extra costs.

The temporary fuel surcharge is expected to be in effect until the last half of 2006; however, the Board is monitoring fuel prices on a quarterly basis and the surcharge could be adjusted or discontinued if a significant change occurs.

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Part 1: Applications Received

Applications in which special authorization is sought are published in Part 1 of the *PT Board Bulletin*. To see a more detailed summary of the application, click on the application number.

Application	Applicant	Brief Summary of Application	Deadline for Submissions
2129-05	Sardis Taxi Ltd Chilliwack BC (Transferor) Chilliwack Taxi Ltd. Chilliwack BC (Transferee)	Transfer of Licence (PDV) Proposed transfer of passenger transportation licence 70186 from Sardis Taxi Ltd. to Chilliwack Taxi Ltd. Sardis Taxi Ltd. and Chilliwack Taxi Ltd. currently have identical service areas. If this transfer is approved, Chilliwack Taxi would hold one licence and licence number under the name of Chilliwack Taxi Ltd. The maximum fleet size would be 15 vehicles and the Services would be the same as those of Chilliwack Taxi and Sardis Taxi.	November 24, 2005
2127-05	Bob's Cabs (1973) Ltd. Chilliwack BC (Transferor) Chilliwack Taxi Ltd. Chilliwack BC (Transferee)	Transfer of Licence (PDV) Proposed transfer of passenger transportation licence 70254 from Bob's Cabs (1973) Ltd. to Chilliwack Taxi Ltd. If approved, Chilliwack Taxi Ltd. will hold a licence, with a licence #, that contains terms and conditions as outlined in the current licence of Bob's Cabs (1973) Ltd. The maximum fleet size would be 10 vehicles.	November 24, 2005
2131-05	Chilliwack Taxi Ltd.	Amendment of Licence If the Board approves the transfer of Sardis Taxi Ltd. to Chilliwack Taxi Ltd. (applications 2128-05 & 2129-05) and the transfer of Bob's Cabs (1993) Ltd. to Chilliwack Taxi Ltd. (applications 2126-05 & 2127-05), the effect of these transfers would be that Chilliwack Taxi Ltd. would hold 2 separate passenger transportation licences, each with a different licence number. One licence would have a maximum fleet size of 15 vehicles and would encompass the current services areas of Sardis Taxi & Chilliwack Taxi (which are the same); and one would have a maximum fleet size of 10 vehicles and would encompass the current services of Bob's Cabs. Application 2131-05 will not be considered by the Board unless the (1) Board has made a decision on the transfer of Sardis Taxi to Chilliwack Taxi and the transfer of Bob's Cabs to Chilliwack Taxi and (2) the Board has approved these applications. If Application 2131-05 is approved by the Board, Chilliwack Taxi Ltd. would hold one passenger transportation licence number with the terms and conditions would be outlined below.	November 24, 2005

Submissions:

Any person may make a submission on an application to the Passenger Transportation Board. Submissions should relate to the following matters that the Board must consider (see section 28 of the Passenger Transportation Act):

- (a) *whether there is a public need for the service the applicant proposes to provide under any special authorization;*
- (b) *whether the applicant is a fit and proper person to provide that service and is capable of providing that service; and*
- (c) *whether the application, if granted, would promote sound economic conditions in the passenger transportation business in British Columbia.*

All submissions must be:

- *in writing*
- *accompanied by a \$50 fee (payable only by cheque or money order to the Minister of Finance)*
- *received at the Passenger Transportation Board office in Victoria by 4:30 p.m. within 15 days of the PT Board Bulletin publication date.*

All information that a person submits on an application is routinely disclosed by the Board to the applicant. Any person who gathers and submits personal information from third parties is subject to the Personal Information Protection Act and should not guarantee the confidentiality of the information being submitted.

Within 10 days of when a submission is forwarded by the Board to the applicant, the applicant may reply by sending written comments to the Board.

Part 2: Application Decisions

Board decisions on applications for special authorization are published in Part 2 of the *PT Board Bulletin*. To see a more detailed summary of the application, click on the application number.

Application	Applicant	Brief Summary of Application	Decision
2872-05	FENTON, Jeffrey Oliver BC dba Oliver Taxi	Amendment of Licence (PDV) – Urgent Public Need Proposed amendment to expand the <i>vehicle capacity</i> to include vehicles that can accommodate a driver and not less than 5 passengers and not more than 6 passengers.	Approved
AV1139-05	Haca Limousine Services Ltd. Surrey BC	Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV) Proposed addition of motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 1 to 3. Proposed minor changes to rules governing rates	Additional Vehicle Request Refused Minor Changes to Rules Approved
419-05	JAQUES, Richard Lake Cowichan BC dba Cowichan Mini Cabs & Cartage	New Special Authorization New special authorization to operate on the Cowichan Tribes Reserve Lands, in the City of Duncan, and the Municipality of North Cowichan, and with a fleet of 4 vehicles that can accommodate not less than a driver and 4 passengers and not more than a driver and 5 passengers.	Refused

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Whistler Limousine Ltd.
Whistler BC

Change of Rates (PDV)
Proposed increase in rates.

Approved

Part 3: Hearing Notices

None

Part 4: Appeal Decisions

None

Part 5: Decisions Whether Application for General Authorization Requires Special Authorization

None

Part 6: Taxi Cost Index (TCI) Requests

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