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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.

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Industry Advisory

Reduction of GST and Impact on PDV Rates

On October 30, 2007, the Government of Canada announced that its Goods and Services Tax ("GST") will be reduced from 6% to 5% effective January 1, 2008. The Board is proceeding with this advisory based on an expectation that the federal government will make legislative changes for the announced GST reduction.

This advisory applies to taxis, limousines and other passenger directed vehicles ("PDVs") in B.C.

A. Rates for Limousines and Other Non-Taxi PDVs

- The federal GST rate of 5% is to be effective January 1, 2008. Fares collected for limousine services provided as of that date are subject to 5% GST. This also applies to other passenger directed vehicles ("PDVs") such as shuttle vans.
- If a licensee's Board-approved rates **do not** include GST, then no change to the approved rates is required.
- In limited cases, Board-approved rates for a limousine or shuttle van service includes GST. These licensees **must** submit a letter to the Board by **December 8, 2007**, requesting that their rates be adjusted in one of two ways:
 - (a) to reflect the GST reduction, or
 - (b) to exclude GST.

B. Rates for Taxicabs in BC

Background:

- Taxi meters automatically add GST to the Board-approved rates, and the change in GST means that taxi meters must be reprogrammed. Some taxis in BC do not use taxi meters and charge rates with GST included; these rates must be revised to reflect the GST reduction.
- The Board recognizes the operational realities for taxi operators at the end of December and acknowledges the difficulty of having meters reprogrammed and rates re-stated at that time. Thus, the Board is setting January 7, 2008, as the effective date for adjustments to Board-approved taxi rates that include GST.

Requirements:

- If taxicab rates are metered, then operators **must** have their meters reprogrammed to reflect the federal GST rate of 5% effective January 7, 2008.
- If taxicab operators do not use a meter and have GST included in their rates, then licensees must submit a letter to the Board by **December 8, 2007** requesting that their rates be adjusted to reflect the GST reduction.
- The Board will send out adjusted rates before January 7, 2008.

Note: The Board has issued a Taxi Cost Index ("TCI") 2008 rule. Taxi operators in BC can request a TCI increase. For TCI requests that are received on or before December 8, 2007, the Board will issue rates effective January 7, 2008, that (a) include the allowable TCI increase and (b) reflects the new federal GST rate of 5%. In addition to the Board Rule, see the Industry Advisory dated November 14, 2007: Taxi Cost Index 2008.

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
<u>AV2763-07</u>	Guildford Cabs (1993) Ltd. Surrey BC	Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV) Proposed addition of 12 motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 40 vehicles, of which 34 may be non-accessible to 52 vehicles of which 43 may be non-accessible. (Of these 12 additional vehicles, the applicant is proposing that 3 will be accessible taxis.)	December 6, 2007
<u>2842-07</u>	KNIGHT, Michael Edward Vanderhoof BC (transferee) dba Taxi Time MORRIS, Kirk Isaac David & MORRIS, Judy Arlene Vanderhoof BC (transferors) dba Taxi Time	Transfer of Licence (PDV) Proposed transfer of passenger transportation licence 71158 from Kirk Isaac David MORRIS and Judy Arlene MORRIS dba Taxi Time, to Michael Edward KNIGHT dba Taxi Time.	December 6, 2007
<u>T2705-07</u>	LECOUFFE, Leona Rose Duncan BC dba Cobble Hill Taxi	Change of Rates (PDV) Proposed increase in rates that were previously approved or set by the Board.	December 1, 2007
<u>2909-07</u>	MACEY, Scott Elliott Halfmoon Bay BC dba Sunshine Coast Circle Tours	Amendment of Licence (PDV) Proposed addition of Service 3 Introduction of proposed new rates for services the applicant proposes in the amendment of licence application. Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV) Proposed addition of 3 motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 2 to 5 vehicles. None of the additional vehicles will be accessible vehicles.	December 6, 2007
<u>2433-07</u>	S.A.M. Productions Ltd. Masset BC dba Mile Zero Pub	New Special Authorization (PDV) Proposed new special authorization to operate passenger directed vehicles on the Queen Charlotte Islands with a maximum fleet size of 1 vehicle that accommodates a driver and not less than 6 and not more than 11 passengers.	December 6, 2007

Application	Applicant	Brief Summary of Application	Deadline for Submissions
<u>2746-07</u>	Time Limousine Service Ltd. Surrey BC	<p>Amendment of Licence (PDV) Proposed amendment to include 2 sedan limousines and 1 classic vehicle.</p> <p>Introduction of proposed new rates for services the applicant proposes in the amendment of licence application.</p> <p>Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV) Proposed addition of 6 motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 3 to 9 vehicles.</p>	December 6, 2007
<u>AV2572-07</u>	Vernon Taxi Inc. Vernon BC	<p>Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV) Proposed addition of 4 motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 14 to 18 vehicles. (Of these 4 additional vehicles, the applicant is proposing that 1 will be an accessible taxi.)</p>	December 6, 2007

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 (10 days for Change of Rates applications).*

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
T1845-07, T1846-07, T1848-07, T1850-07, T1854-07, T1860-07, T1866-07, T1867-07, T1868-07, T1869-07, T1870-07, T1884-07, T1885-07, T1902-07	Alberni District United Cabs Association and the 13 licensees who are members of the Association Port Alberni BC	Change of Rates (PDV) Increase in rates from the Board Rule Respecting Port Alberni Taxi Rates.	Refused
<u>1427-07</u>	BEAM, Darrell Wayne Golden BC dba Kicking Horse Eco Tours	New Special Authorization (PDV) New special authorization to operate passenger directed vehicles in Golden area with a maximum fleet size of 1 vehicle that accommodates a driver and not less than 4 and not more than 5 passengers.	Approved as set out in the Decision
<u>18-07 TOP</u>	Lake Country Taxi Ltd. Lake Country BC	Application for Temporary Operating Permit (PDV) 1 temporary operating permit to operate an additional passenger directed vehicle for 92 days.	Approved as set out in the Decision
<u>3002-07 UPN</u>	TILBE, Robert & NESPLAK, Jill Chilliwack BC dba Kidz-go	New Special Authorization (PDV) – Urgent Public Need New special authorization to operate 1 passenger directed vehicle in Chilliwack with vehicles that accommodate a driver and not less than 6 passengers and not more than 11 passengers. The applicant proposes to provide door-to-door transportation services for children.	Approved
<u>19-07 TOP</u>	Time Limousine Service Ltd. Surrey BC	Application for Temporary Operating Permit (PDV) 2 temporary operating permits to operate additional passenger directed vehicles.	Approved as set out in the Decision
<u>351-07</u>	Trendtham Group Enterprises Inc. Kelowna BC dba Star Taxi	Amendment of Licence (PDV) Addition of "Return Trip" authority. Amendment to expand the <i>vehicle capacity</i> to include vehicles that accommodate a driver and not less than 4 and not more than 7 passengers. Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV) Addition of 5 motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 11 to 16 vehicles.	Refused

Part 3: Hearing Notices

None

Part 4: Appeal Decisions

None

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

None

Part 6: Other Matters

None