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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

Fuel Costs & Temporary Surcharges

Taxicabs

If the average price of unleaded gas in British Columbia exceeds \$1.35 per litre, the Board will review taxi rates and fuel surcharges. The average price of gas this week is \$1.31 per litre. Notice of any implementation of temporary fuel surcharges will be sent to taxi licensees by mail and posted online in the PT Board Bulletin.

The review threshold of \$1.35 per litre is about 30% higher than the 2006 fuel costs that were used to calculate the most recent Taxi Cost Index increase. The Board uses fuel prices in five cities to calculate the BC average: Kelowna, Kamloops, Prince George, Vancouver and Victoria.

Limousine / Shuttles / Tour Vans

The Board has had requests from limousine and other passenger directed vehicle operators for fuel surcharges. The Board is receptive to these requests and wants a surcharge that is understandable and administratively simple. It is likely that a surcharge would be established that applies to all licensees.

The Board needs more cost structure information from industry before the specifics of a surcharge can be determined. To obtain this information, the Board is posting a "PDV - Limousine Operating Cost Survey" on its website and asking licensees to complete the form and fax it to the Board office by **Monday May 26, 2008** at 250-953-3788. The Board requires survey responses from **30 or more licensees** to obtain a representative sampling of licensees. The survey is posted on the Board's home page at www.ptboard.bc.ca. Licensees may also submit specific proposals for a limousine temporary fuel surcharge.

Limousine Minimum Rates & Common Rules

Some limousine operators have asked the Board to take a second look at establishing a minimum rate and common rules for the limousine industry. The Board is reviewing these issues and does not want to delay a fuel surcharge while a review is in progress.

Standing Options for Rate Increases

Licensed operators of taxis, limousines and other passenger directed vehicles may make a formal Change of Rates application at any time.

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>293-08</u> | Canadian VIP Limousine Services Ltd. Burnaby BC | New Special Authorization (PDV) Proposed new special authorization to operate passenger directed vehicles in Vancouver area with a maximum fleet size of 10 limousines that accommodate a driver and not less than 6 and not more than 11 passengers. | May 29, 2008 |
| <u>948-08</u> | Checkmate Cabs Ltd. Kelowna BC | Amendment of Licence (PDV) Proposed addition of return trip authority Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV) Proposed addition of 8 motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 18 vehicles of which 17 may be non-accessible, to 26 vehicles of which 24 may be non-accessible. (Of these 8 additional vehicles, the applicant is proposing that 1 will be accessible taxis.) | May 29, 2008 |
| <u>944-08</u> | Mackenzie Taxi Ltd. Mackenzie BC | Amendment of Licence (PDV) Proposed amendment of the <i>originating area</i> for Service 3 to "any point within 400 road kilometres of the District of Mackenzie. | May 29, 2008 |
| <u>T945-08</u> | Mackenzie Taxi Ltd. Mackenzie BC | Change of Rates (PDV) Proposed increase in rates that were previously approved or set by the Board. | May 24, 2008 |

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, or by credit card (Mastercard, Visa, American Express) using the form at <http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/ptb/Forms/PTB0001.pdf>*
- *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 the full decision, click on the **application number**.

| Application | Applicant | Brief Summary of Application | Decision |
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| <u>704-08</u> | MAIDMENT, Torill Belinda & Anthony Robin Prince George BC (transferees) dba Arrive in Style Limousine Services BERTRAND, Grant Douglas Prince George BC (transferor) | Transfer of Licence (PDV) Transfer of passenger transportation licence 71147 from Grant Douglas BERTRAND dba Arrive in Style Limousine Services to Torill Belinda and Anthony Robin MAIDMENT dba Arrive in Style Limousine Services. | Approved |
| <u>3163-07</u> | REAVIE, Linda Dianne Cumberland BC dba Waterstone Elder Transportation Services | New Special Authorization (PDV) New special authorization to operate passenger directed vehicles in Comox Valley area with a maximum fleet size of 2 vehicles that accommodates a driver and not less than 2 and not more than 7 passengers. | Approved as set out in the Decision |
| <u>AV2572-07</u> | Vernon Taxi Inc. Vernon BC | Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV) 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.) | Approved as set out in the Decision |
| <u>965-08UPN</u> | 623822 BC Ltd. Lillooet BC dba Mile 0 Taxi & Charters | Amendment of Licence (PDV) – Urgent Public Need Proposed addition of Service 2 providing service to 100 Mile house and points along Highway 97 between 150 Mile House and Clinton, and points along Highway 24 to and including Little Fort. Introduction of proposed new rates for services the applicant proposes in the amendment of licence application. | a) UPN claim accepted. b) Application 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: Other Matters

None