# BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATION NO. B-1640 In the Matter of the Application of VIP Limousine, LLC d/b/a VIP Limousine, Omaha, seeking to change an existing operation, through ORDER GRANTING TRANSFER; CANCELLING CERTIFICATES Btransfer, of the authorities 1641 SUPPLEMENTS 2A AND 3, Bgranted to VIP Limobus, LLC in 1642; B-1643, AND B-1660; AND Certificate B-1641, GRANTING RESTRICTION REMOVAL Supplements 2A and 3; A-1 Transportation, LLC in Certificate B-1642; A-1 Limousine, LLC in Certificate B-1643; and Alford Oil Company d/b/a Omaha Limousine in Certificate B-1660; and ENTERED: August 6, 2019 removing restrictions.

### BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed May 23, 2018, VIP Limousine, LLC d/b/a VIP Limousine ("Applicant"), Omaha, filed an application to change its existing operation through transfer of the authorities granted to VIP Limobus, LLC in Certificate B-1641, Supplements 2A and 3; A-1 Transportation, LLC in Certificate B-1642; A-1 Limousine, LLC in Certificate B-1643; and Alford Oil Company d/b/a Omaha Limousine in Certificate B-1660. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on June 5, 2019. No protests were filed; therefore, Application No. 1640 was processed pursuant to Rule 002.10 of the Commission Rules of Procedure.

# OPINION AND FINDINGS

Applicant is a Nebraska limited liability company with its principal office located in Omaha, Nebraska. Applicant is a common carrier that currently provides transportation of passengers and their baggage by luxury sedan limousines between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes.

VIP Limobus, LLC, A-1 Transportation, LLC, A-1 Limousine, LLC, and Alford Oil Company d/b/a Omaha Limousine are all Nebraska limited liability companies with principal offices in Omaha. VIP Limobus's Certificate B-1641 supplement 2A is limousine and charter service using vehicles with a seating capacity of 20 passengers or more, while supplement 3 is transportation by bus in special party and charter service. A-1 Transportation, Certificate B-1642, provides limousine service. A-1 Limousine, Certificate B-1643 provides limousine service, and Omaha Limousine, Certificate B-1660 provides limousine service. Each certificate has various

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restrictions on vehicle type and counties served. All carriers, including Applicant, share common ownership and management.

Applicant seeks authority to transfer Certificates B-1642, B-1643 and B-1660 in total and Supplements 2A and 3 of Certificate B-1641 to Certificate B-1640 and to remove all restrictive language contained therein. The proposed transfer would merge all listed authorities and cancel the Certificates of Authority for B-1642, B-1643, and B-1660. VIP Limobus, LLC will retain its open class authority under Certificate B-1641. The authority mergers and restriction removals would leave applicant with the authority to provide transportation statewide by limousine and by bus in special party and charter service. Applicant will not provide transportation to railroad train crews or as a contractor with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

After due consideration of the evidence and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission is of the opinion and finds:

- 1. Applicant is fit, willing, and able properly to perform the proposed service, and to conform to the provisions of NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 75-301 to 75-322 (Cum. Supp. 2016) and the requirements, rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.
- 2. The proposed transfer of operating rights will be consistent with the public interest and will not unduly restrict competition.
- 3. The certificates issued in Application Nos. B-1641 Supplements 2A and 3; B-1642; B-1643, and B-1660 are not dormant.
- 4. A new certificate should be issued in Application No. B-1640 authorizing the following operations:

## CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZED

### SERVICE AND TERRITORY AUTHORIZED:

- (1) Transportation of passengers in limousine service between points in Nebraska over irregular routes.
- (2) Transportation of passengers by bus in special party and charter service between points in Nebraska over irregular routes.

RESTRICTIONS: The transportation of railroad train crews

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and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: No.

# ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. B-1640 be, and is hereby, granted; and that upon compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity shall be issued to VIP Limousine, LLC, Omaha, Nebraska, in Application No. B-1640, authorizing the operations set forth in the foregoing findings; and that to avoid a lapse of authority, the Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Application Nos. B-1641 Supplements 2A and 3; B-1642; B-1643, and B-1660 shall be cancelled simultaneously with the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Application No. B-1640.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicant shall not be issued the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorized by the Commission unless and until Applicant has fully complied, within a reasonable time from the effective date of this Order, with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 75-305 (fees), 75-307 (insurance), and 75-308 (rates) (Cum. Supp. 2016) and with the rules and regulations of the Commission, and if upon expiration of such time Applicant has not complied with such terms and conditions, this Order shall, after reasonable notice to Applicant, be of no further force and effect.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicant shall not conduct operations until a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is issued.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that the operations authorized herein shall be subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations which have been, or may hereafter be, prescribed by the Commission.

ENTEREL AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this  $6^{\rm th}$  day of August, 2019.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST.

Executive Director