



Public Utilities Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE AND
GENERAL ORDER**

To: Safe Rides Limo LLC
Attn: Celsus N. Robert
3638 Scribner Lane
Inglewood, CA 90305

File: TCP 41465-A
Citation #: T.2025-02-002
Date: February 12, 2025
Case #: CSE-000277

VIOLATIONS

You are hereby cited as having violated sections of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code and a General Order (G.O.) as described below. These violations occurred during the period of September 9, 2024, to December 9, 2024.

- (1) Failure to produce records, in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5381 and 5389 and G.O. 157-E, Part 6.02 [**1 count**].

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The above violations are documented in the attached Investigation Report, which consists of the carrier's records and substantiating documents obtained from other sources.

RESPONSE

You are hereby called upon to answer this citation on or before March 5, 2025. By way of such an answer, you may either:

- (1) Pay a fine of \$2,000 pursuant to Pub. Util. Code Section 5378. Submit your check or money order payable to California Public Utilities Commission using the attached *Citation Agreement*. Upon payment, the fine will be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund and the CPUC staff will deem the matter closed, **or**
- (2) Contact the Supervisor below to make payment arrangements, **or**
- (3) Contest this Citation by filing an Appeal. See the attached document "*How to File an Appeal and Instructions for Filing a Notice of Appeal and Certificate of Service for a Citation Appeal.*"

If you fail to respond by March 5, 2025, you will be in default and will have forfeited your right to appeal the Citation. In addition, your operating authority will be immediately suspended and may be subsequently revoked pursuant to Resolution ALJ-187. The CPUC may also act through a civil or criminal proceeding to recover any unpaid fine and ensure compliance with applicable statutes and CPUC orders.

Eric Hooks

Eric Hooks
Program and Project Supervisor
Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division
Transportation Enforcement Branch
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E-mail address: eric.hooks@cpuc.ca.gov

Attachments

INVESTIGATION REPORT

CARRIER: Safe Rides Limo LLC
California Secretary of State No. 202131611225, A California Limited Liability Company (Active)

OFFICER: Celsus N. Robert, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

AUTHORITY: TCP 41465-A, Active

MAILING ADDRESS: 3638 Scribner Lane, Inglewood, CA 90305

PHONE/EMAIL: (323) 509-8718 / [REDACTED]

VEHICLES: 2

EMPLOYEE-DRIVER: 1

PL&PD¹ INSURANCE: Texas Insurance Company
Policy Number: [REDACTED]
Effective Date: November 23, 2024

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE: None

DRUG CONSORTIUM: [REDACTED]

¹ Public Liability and Property Damage (PL&PD)

INTRODUCTION

On October 21, 2024, I was assigned to investigate the operations and practices of Safe Rides Limo LLC (hereinafter referred to as Safe Rides) because of a consumer complaint alleging that Safe Rides was operating during suspension, had vehicles that were not listed on its equipment list, and its airport permit was suspended due to unpaid fees.

VIOLATIONS

I investigated Safe Rides from September 9, 2024, to December 9, 2024, and found violations of the following provisions of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Codes and a CPUC General Order (G.O.):

- **Failure to produce records, in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5381 and 5389 and G.O. 157-E, Part 6.02. [1 count]**

Pub. Util. Code 5381 states in part that “The Commission may supervise and regulate every charter-party carrier of passengers in the State and may do all things, whether specifically designated in this part, or in addition thereto.”

Pub. Util. Code 5389 states in part that “ The Commission, each commissioner, and each officer and person employed by the commission may, at any time have access to the land, buildings, or equipment of a charter-party carrier of passengers used in connection with the operation of its business and may inspect the accounts, books, papers, and documents of the carrier.”

G.O. 157-E Part 6.02 states in part that “The duly authorized representatives of this Commission shall have the right at all times and shall be allowed to enter into any vehicle or facility or to have access to and to inspect any computer or electronic device used by any charter-party carrier for retention and production of any waybills and/or other documents or forms required by General Order 157-E for the purpose of inspecting the accounts, books, papers, and documents and for ascertaining whether or not these rules are being complied with and observed. ”

Safe Rides was made aware in an email dated December 17, 2024, that it would be issued a Data Request to ensure compliance with CPUC rules and regulations [**Attachment 1**]. On December 23, 2024, I sent a Data Request to Safe Rides via email at [REDACTED] [**Attachment 2**]. By the response date of January 6, 2025, Safe Rides had not acknowledged the Data Request or provided the requested information. My investigation disclosed that Safe Rides failed to produce the requested records.

DECLARATION

I have read the foregoing and know the contents thereof and I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and to those matters, I believe to be true.

Executed on February 12, 2025, in Los Angeles, California.

Manal Antabli

Manal Antabli, Enforcement Analyst

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ATTACHMENT 1

Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Safe Rides Limo LLC, TCP # 41465-A – Add Vehicle

From: Antabli, Manal <Manal.Antabli@cpuc.ca.gov>
Date: Tue 12/17/2024 8:13 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Hooks, Eric <Eric.Hooks@cpuc.ca.gov>

Hi [REDACTED],

Thank you for responding with information on the two vehicles I inquired about. As you mentioned [REDACTED] has been pulled out of service and [REDACTED] is in the process of being added to your equipment list.

I will be auditing Safe Rides Limo LLC by issuing a Data Request to ensure compliance with CPUC rules and regulations.

Thank you,

Manal Antabli
Public Utilities Regulatory Analyst III

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2024 8:45 AM
To: Antabli, Manal <Manal.Antabli@cpuc.ca.gov>
Cc: Hooks, Eric <Eric.Hooks@cpuc.ca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Safe Rides Limo LLC, TCP # 41465-A – Add Vehicle

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hi Manal,

I apologize for the delay. I just listened to your voicemail.

I will call you later today to discuss in detail.

The vehicle [REDACTED] has been pulled out of service. The other vehicle is entered to be added to the license, as well as the other owner of the company.

Are you available around 11:45am?

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

On Mon, Dec 2, 2024 at 2:26 PM Antabli, Manal <Manal.Antabli@cpuc.ca.gov> wrote:
Attn: Celsus Robert

Vehicles with the license plate numbers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were observed operating as Safe Rides Limo LLC but are not listed on your equipment/asset list within the California Public Utilities Commission's Transportation Carrier Portal.

General Order (G.O.) 157-E Part 4.01—Equipment Statement to be Current.

“Every charter-party carrier, excluding TNCs, shall maintain, on file with the Commission, an equipment list of all vehicles (owned or leased) in use under each certificate and permit. The information for each vehicle shall include the manufacturer, model year, vehicle identification number (VIN), seating capacity (including driver), description of body type or model designation, whether the vehicle is leased or owned, handicap accessible status, and its license plate number, its gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) or gross vehicle weight (GVW), and whether the vehicle is a modified limousine, and the vehicle's terminal address.”

“Additions and deletions to the equipment list shall be filed within ten days of the date the vehicle is put into or pulled out of service.”

You have five business days to add those vehicles. Failure to comply will result in a citation being issued.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the telephone number and email address listed below.

Thank you,

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“Fight for the things you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.” Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

ATTACHMENT 2

Data Request – Safe Rides Limo LLC (CSE #000277, Safe Rides Limo LLC, TCP# 41465-A)

From Antabli, Manal <Manal.Antabli@cpuc.ca.gov>
Date Mon 12/23/2024 9:11 AM
To [REDACTED]
Cc Hooks, Eric <Eric.Hooks@cpuc.ca.gov>

 1 attachment (138 KB)

CSE 000277_Data Request Letter for Safe Rides Limo LLC.pdf;

Attn: Safe Rides Limo LLC

The California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Transportation Enforcement Branch is conducting a review of your Charter-Party Carrier, TCP 41465-A records.

The attached Data Request letter details the records required by the CPUC. Please submit the requested records on or before **January 6, 2025**.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address or telephone number listed below

Thank you,

Manal Antabli
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December 23, 2024

TCP: 41465-A (Active)

Case No.: CSE-000277

Safe Rides Limo LLC
3638 Scribner Lane
Inglewood, CA 90305

Subject: Data Request

Dear Safe Rides Limo LLC:

The California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division (CPED) Transportation Enforcement Branch (TEB) is currently reviewing the CPUC's records for intrastate transportation carriers that are regulated by the CPUC.

Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code Section 5389 authorizes the CPUC and its staff to have access at any time to the land, buildings, or equipment of a Charter-Party Carrier (TCP) of passengers used in connection with the operation of its business and may inspect the accounts, books, papers, and documents of the carrier.

General Order (G.O.) 157-E, Part 6.01 specifically states in part that every carrier shall institute and maintain in its offices a set of records that reflect information as to the transportation services performed, including waybills, driver records, and safety and maintenance records including copies of all lease and sub-carrier agreements. Such records shall be maintained for a minimum period of three years.

Pursuant to Pub. Util. Code Section 5389, the CPUC is requesting a review of the TCP intrastate transportation records for Safe Rides Limo LLC. Failure to provide access to records is a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine not less than \$1,000 (Pub. Util. Code Section 5411).

We are requesting that you present your documents listed below in electronic form. Please scan the following documents and email a copy to Manal Antabli at manal.antabli@cpuc.ca.gov by January 6, 2025.

1. Your current public liability and property damage insurance policy showing a schedule of vehicles and drivers insured,
2. Your current workers' compensation insurance policy,
3. List of all current sub-carriers and agreements,

4. Current service agreement with your Drug Consortium and a list of all drivers enrolled showing dates added and/or deleted,
5. List all drivers' names and the date of hire and termination,
6. A list of all vehicles, owned or leased, operated during this period, including copies of all vehicle registrations and lease agreements. Daily vehicle inspection and maintenance records,
7. Vehicle accident records including insurance loss runs showing dates of accidents and drivers' names for the last three (3) years,
8. Other Fictitious Business Names (FBN) doing business as (dba),
9. Provide waybills per G.O. 157-E, Part 3.01 for all trips completed from September 9, 2024, to December 9, 2024, and
10. All pre-employment and random drug test results for all your drivers within the last three (3) months.

CPED reserves the right to amend, add to, or revise this Data Request in the future if necessary.

Any responsive records provided by you that have been properly labeled and submitted as confidential will be treated as such under Pub. Util. Code Section 583 (see also G.O. 66-D). Confidential documents will not be released to the public except as required by law following a Public Records Request and redaction of confidential material.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone number or e-mail address listed below.

Sincerely,

Manal Antabli

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Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division
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Telephone: 213-248-0979

cc: Eric Hooks, Program & Project Supervisor