

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ORDER NUMBER S-37126

RIVERSIDE TRANSPORTATION, INC., EX PARTE.

Docket No. S-37126, In re: Application to file amended tariff for Common Carrier Certificate No. 6247-A pursuant to General Order dated October 02, 2012.

(Decided at the October 23, 2025 Business and Executive Session.)

ORDER

BACKGROUND

Riverside Transportation Inc. (“Riverside” or the “Company”) filed an application (the “Request”) with the Louisiana Public Service Commission (“LPSC” or the “Commission”) on March 8, 2024, requesting to amend tariff for Common Carrier Certificate No. 6247-A pursuant to General Order dated October 02, 2012 (“Order”).¹ Riverside provides charter services with hourly rates dependent upon the vehicle chosen. Riverside’s current tariff provides ranges of rates for vehicles including Luxury Sedans, Luxury SUV’s, Stretch Limousines and Mercedes Sprinter Limousine. Riverside is headquartered in Baton Rouge Louisiana. Notice of the Request was published in the Commission’s Official Bulletin #1319 dated March 15, 2024 as docket no S-37126, with an intervention period of twenty-five (25) days. No interventions were filed. Riverside filed proof of publication on March 17, 2025 as required by Article IV, Section 21 (D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution. Riverside filed correspondence into the record accepting Staff’s Recommendation on February 10, 2025.

Riverside is currently utilizing a Tariff approved in Order S-32710 dated September 19, 2013. This order provided Riverside an approximate 49% increase in tariffed rates which was consistent with the Consumer Price Index for Transportation South Urban Region from April 1997 to November 2012. Staff conducted a review of Riverside’s Request, a review of the previous rate case, a review of the Company’s financials, as well as a regulatory review of what is allowed for rate changes under the Order. After this review, and in accordance with previous Commission action in regard to transportation rate cases, Audit Staff believes an increase of an average of 10% should be allowed for Riverside in accordance with what would have been allowed with the Order.

JURISDICTION AND APPLICABLE LAW

¹ See Docket R-32437 *In Re: To review and formulate possible changes to General Order dated July 1, 1921 and General Order dated February 20, 1957, pertaining to the rates, fares, charges, and tariffs for the transportation of passengers, household goods, waste and saltwater by Common Carriers within the State of Louisiana.*

The Commission exercises jurisdiction over public utilities in Louisiana pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(B) of the Louisiana Constitution, which provides the following:

The commission shall regulate all common carriers and public utilities and have such other regulatory authority as provided by law. It shall adopt and enforce reasonable rules, regulations, and procedures necessary for the discharge of its duties, and shall have other powers and perform other duties as provided by law.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on Audit Staff’s review of documentation provided by the Company in support of its request and the analysis discussed above, Audit Staff made the following recommendations:

1. Riverside be authorized to implement an increase existing tariffed rates of approximately 10% on average as described below, be authorized to include the additional luxury vehicle options of Executive Limousine Bus and Mino Coach at the requested rates, and increase its gratuity percentage from 15% to 20% consistent with the following proposed rates:

a.

Riverside Transportation Inc.								
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Current, Proposed, and Recommended Rates								
Hourly Rates	Current Rates		Recommended Rate		Recommended \$ Increase		Recommended % Increase	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Luxury Sedans	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.00	10%	11%
Luxury SUV's	\$ 75.00	\$ 86.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 9.00	11%	10%
Stretch Limousines	\$ 85.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 94.00	\$ 119.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 11.00	11%	10%
Mercedes Sprinter Limousine	\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 137.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.00	10%	10%
Executive Limousine Bus	n/a	n/a	\$ 170.00	\$ 185.00	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mino Coach	n/a	n/a	\$ 180.00	\$ 195.00	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Overall Hourly Rate Increase %								10%
Gratuity	Current Rates		Recommended Rate		% Change		% Increase	
	15%		20%		5%		33.33%	

2. Riverside be required to file into the record of this proceeding, along with a copy to the Commission’s Transportation Division, a new or revised tariff reflecting the Commission’s action, within thirty (30) days of the issuance of an Order in this proceeding. All tariff filings shall be made in accordance with the Commission’s General Order Dated July 1, 2019.
3. Upon satisfaction of the above-described condition(s), and approval of the same by Staff, the approved rates are deemed effective. Any newly approved rates charged to customers prior to satisfying the above-stated conditions shall be considered a direct violation of this rate proceeding and subject to refund with interest.
4. Riverside shall be required to file proof of publication in the state or local journals as required by Article IV, Section 21 (D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution.

5. This action is taken without prejudice to the authority of the Commission to make investigations and require any reasonably necessary change that the Commission may legally find to be in the public interest.

COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

This matter was considered at the Commission’s October 23, 2025, Business and Executive Session. On motion of Vice Chairman Skrmetta, seconded by Chairman Francis, with Commissioner Campbell and Commissioner Lewis concurring, and Commissioner Coussan temporarily absent, the Commission voted accept the Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on January 28, 2025.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

That the Commission accepts the Staff Report and Recommendation filed into the record on January 28, 2025, subject to the following conditions:

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This Order is effective immediately.

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
November 12, 2025**



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**BRANDON M. FREY
SECRETARY**

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COMMISSIONER DAVANTE LEWIS**

ABSENT

**DISTRICT II
COMMISSIONER JEAN-PAUL P. COUSSAN**