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January 5, 2001

VIA FACSIMILE TO 787-0974 AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

James J. McNulty  
Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
P.O. Box 3265  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

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Re: Application of Alpha Community Ambulance Service, Inc.;  
A-00117075

Dear Secretary McNulty:

We are writing on behalf of the above-referenced Applicant in response to your letter of January 1, 2001 (attached) dismissing the Application for failure to file the required documents.

Please be advised that the Commission's Compliance Order, attached, was entered and served on November 30, 2000. Page 3 of the Order also expressly provides the Applicant with sixty 60 days to comply with the Form E and tariff filing requirements. We calculate these forms to be due on or before January 29, 2001.

We are certain that your letter was sent in error, however, we would appreciate the Commission's written confirmation of this fact. The Applicant fully intends to file the required documents prior to the deadline established in the Compliance Order.

We ask that the Commission kindly acknowledge its receipt of this letter and provide us with written confirmation that the dismissal letter is rescinded.

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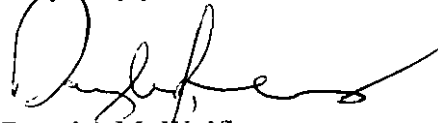
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James J. McNulty  
January 5, 2001  
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Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas M. Wolfberg', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Douglas M. Wolfberg  
for PAGE, WOLFBERG & WIRTH, LLC

DMW:ms

cc: Scott Rawson (without enclosures)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
P.O. BOX 3265, HARRISBURG, PA. 17105-3265

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO OUR FILE  
A-00117075

JANUARY 01, 2001

ALPHA COMMUNITY AMBULANCE...  
SERVICE, INC.  
PO BOX 272  
STATE COLLEGE PA 16804

To Whom it may concern:

The Compliance Secretarial Letter or Commission Order set forth specific requirements which were to be met before the Commission would issue a certificate of public convenience evidencing the right to operate as a motor carrier within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. All of the specific requirements, which were to be forwarded to the Commission within 60 days, have not been received.

Since the commission has not received all of the requirements within 60 days, no transportation should be rendered. Your application is hereby dismissed for non-compliance. You will be required to file a new application together with the the appropriate filing fee, if you desire to begin operating as a motor carrier within Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,



James J. McNulty  
Secretary

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November 30, 2000

A-00117075

DOUGLAS M WOFBERG ESQUIRE  
502 LENTER STREET SUITE 202  
MECHANICSBURG PA 17055

Application of Alpha Community Ambulance Service, Inc.,  
a corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. . .

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Enclosed is the compliance order issued by the Commission  
in this proceeding.

The Certificate of Public Convenience evidencing the Commission's  
approval of the right to operate will not be issued until the applicant  
has complied with the following insurance and tariff requirements:

- I. Arrange through an insurance agent to have an insurance  
company file with the Commission a FORM E as evidence of minimum  
public liability and property damage insurance coverage as  
shown on the back of this sheet.
- II. Prepare and file a tariff according to the enclosed instructions  
except applicants for transfer of authority must file a tariff  
adoption supplement which will be forwarded by separate cover  
at a later date.

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PAGE, WOLFBERG & WIRTH, LLC

**PENNSYLVANIA  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265**

**Public Meeting held November 29, 2000**

**Commissioners Present:**

**Robert K. Bloom, Vice-Chairman  
Nora Mead Brownell  
Aaron Wilson, Jr.  
Terrance J. Fitzpatrick**

Application of Alpha Community Ambulance Service, Inc., a corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the right to begin to transport, as a common carrier, by motor vehicle, persons in paratransit service, between points in the county of Centre, and from points in said county, to points in Pennsylvania, and vice versa.

A-00117075

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Page, Wolfberg & Wirth, LLC by Douglas M. Wolfberg for applicant.

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**ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

This matter comes before the Commission on an application filed July 14, 2000. Public notice of the application was given in the Pennsylvania Bulletin of August 5, 2000. No protests were filed and no hearings were held.

The unopposed application is certified to the Commission for its decision without oral hearing. The record consists of verified statements entered by the applicant and two (2) parties.

**DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS**

Scott Rawson, executive director of Alpha Community Ambulance Service, Inc. (applicant or Alpha) is authorized to present the statement on behalf of the applicant. Alpha currently provides exempt emergency ambulance and medical transportation services in Centre County. The terminal facilities are located at 805 South Atherton Street, State College, Centre County. The office consists of a waiting room, four (4) offices and two (2) bays. Communications will be maintained via 800 MHZ radio, cellular telephone, and alpha-numeric pagers. Vehicles to be utilized are a 1997 Ford E 350 Econoline wheelchair van and a 1999 Ford E 350 Super Duty wheelchair van. A comprehensive safety and maintenance program is in effect.

The financial condition of applicant is good with a balance sheet of August 31, 2000, showing total current assets of \$1,033,088.78, total assets of \$2,235,534.16, total liabilities of \$60,303.13 and owners' equity of \$2,175,231.03.

Susan Deobil, Alterra Healthcare, Inc. residence director of Alterra Clare Bridge, 610 West Whitehall Road, State College, Centre County, is authorized to present this statement in support. Alterra Clare Bridge is an assisted living facility for a potential of 41 residents; currently it has 31 patients. Service is required from the facility to physicians' offices located in the borough of State College.

R. Scott Mincemoyer, director of patient care services of HealthSouth Nittany Valley Rehabilitation Hospital (HealthSouth or supporting party) located at 550 West College Avenue, Pleasant Gap, Center County, is authorized to present this statement in support. HealthSouth currently utilizes applicant's service for emergency use. For home-evaluations and community re-entry trips the origin would be HealthSouth with the destinations being the patients' residences; all points being located within an approximate thirty (30) mile radius of the supporting party. For outpatient pick ups the point of origin would be within a mile radius of the serviced clinics: one being at the HealthSouth address and the other at 1522 Martin Street in State College.

**After complete review of the record, we find:**

1. Applicant seeks the right to initiate paratransit service and the application is unopposed.
2. Applicant has provided PUC exempt emergency medical ambulance service to the public.
3. The applicant has the equipment, ability and fitness necessary to render the service.
4. Two (2) parties support the application.
5. The evidence of record is sufficient to establish necessity for the service.

6. Approval of the application is necessary for the accommodation and convenience of the public; **THEREFORE,**

**IT IS ORDERED:** That the application be and is hereby approved granting the following right:

To transport, as a common carrier, persons in paratransit service, between points in the county of Centre, and from points in said county, to points in Pennsylvania, and vice versa.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:** That the applicant shall not engage in any transportation authorized by this order until the following is submitted to the Commission:

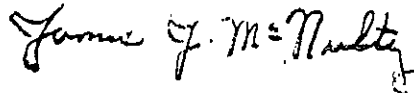
1. Form E, as evidence of Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability Insurance.
2. A tariff establishing just and reasonable rates.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:** That the authority granted herein to the extent that it duplicates authority now held by or subsequently granted to the applicant, shall not be construed as conferring more than one operating right.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:** That upon compliance with the requirements hereinfere set forth, a certificate shall issue evidencing the Commission's approval of the right to operate as above-determined.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:** That in the event said applicant has not, on or before sixty (60) days from the date of the service of this order, complied with the requirements hereinbefore set forth, the application shall be dismissed without further proceedings.

**BY THE COMMISSION,**



James J. McNulty  
Secretary

(SEAL)

**ORDER ADOPTED:** November 29, 2000

**ORDER ENTERED: NOV 30 2000**