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NEWS RELEASE

## Need A Ride Shuttle Service Receives Unanimous Support From the PRC to Operate Out of Sierra County

**SANTA FE** – In a 5-0 vote Wednesday morning, July 29, commissioners of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission voted to approve the application submitted by the Need A Ride shuttle service to operate in Sierra County.

The unanimous vote paves the way for Need A Ride to operate as a general shuttle service as defined in the state's Motor Carrier Act, which in part states that the shuttle service is not required to operate on a set schedule – like a public bus – and unlike a taxi cab service, will not pick up passengers off the street. Instead, the shuttle service will pick up passengers who prearrange rides with the company.

Need A Ride has demonstrated compliance with safety and financial responsibility requirements, as well as drug and alcohol testing requirements following an agency investigation into the company weeks ago. The PRC will also be able to conduct vehicle inspections and inspect driver's records.

David Crader, who operates the business out of Truth or Consequences, has won Commission approval and is certified to offer general shuttle services within Sierra County as well as to locations in Doña Ana, Socorro, Valencia, Bernalillo, Grant, Luna and Otero counties. The certificate authorized by the State of New Mexico does not include service out of state.

Any member of the general public who would like to view the application may do so at the Commission on weekdays (not including state holidays) during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 1120 Paseo de Peralta in Santa Fe.

### About the NMPRC

The NMPRC regulates public utilities, telecommunications companies and motor carriers operating in the State of New Mexico. It also administers the State Fire Marshal's Office, the New Mexico Firefighters Training Academy in Socorro, N.M., and the Pipeline Safety Bureau.

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