Taxi/Charter Transportation Forum

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Overview

- Facilities, Safety Briefing, Introductions
- Purpose of Forum
- Overview of ORS
- Insurance and Registration
- Common Issues and Tips
- A. Inspector Observations
- B. Enforcement
- VI. Question and Answer

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Facilities and Safety



- Location of restrooms, break rooms, cell phones and calls
- Sign-in sheet
- Inclement Weather/External Threat Procedures
- Emergency Exits and Rally Point
- Medical Emergencies, 911, First Aid/CPR

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Purpose

- Ensure partners and drivers have full understanding of the statutory requirements
- Build relationships
- Promote safety

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About ORS

The South Carolina Office of **Regulatory Staff (ORS) was created with the enactment of Act 175 in 2004.**

The ORS represents the public interest of South Carolina in utility regulation for the major utility industries — electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water/wastewater, and transportation — before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (PSC), the court system, the South Carolina General Assembly, and federal regulatory bodies.



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Organizational Overview

The staff is organized into the following divisions:

- Utilities Rates and Services (consumer services, solar, electric, natural gas, water and wastewater)
- SC Energy Office
- Transportation and Safety, Emergency Management ESF12
- Technology Solutions and Outreach Digital Opportunity, Broadband, Telecom
- Legal and Strategic Communications
- Auditing & Administration

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ORS Rail Safety

- Enforces Federal rules and regulations





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ORS Emergency Response ESF 12

Assist Utilities During Emergencies and Disasters









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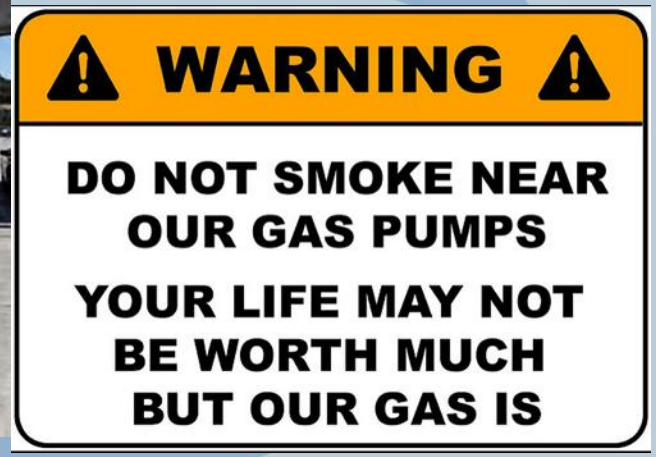
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ORS Emergency Response

- Maintains the states fuel supply







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Transportation

- Regulation of motor carriers of passengers, household goods, and hazardous waste for disposal
- Monitoring carriers' insurance, rates, charges, and practices
- Household Good Carriers
- Hazardous Waste for Disposal Carriers
- Taxis
- Charter Buses
- Limousines
- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)
- Transportation Network Companies (TNCs)—Uber/Lyft

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Inspector Map



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Marcos Gressette

Aaron Norton

Steven Williams

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Field Enforcement / Transportation Inspectors



INVESTIGATIONS



COMPLAINTS



VEHICLES – REGISTRATION, LETTERING, LICENSE PLATES, CERTIFICATE NUMBER, TRADE DRESS, ETC.



DRIVER INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS



DRIVER FILE AUDITS

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Vehicle Registration and Insurance Requirements

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Vehicle Registration Process

Registration Opens on November 15th

The primary company contact will receive registration instructions via email from a **No Reply** email address.

Registration Requirements

Registration fee of **$50/vehicle**

Upload a copy of **SC DMV Registrations**

Submit payment through **online registration portal**

Companies with Multiple Certificate Types

Taxi and **Charter** vehicles must be registered separately

A separate application is required for each certificate type

Adding Vehicles During the Year

Additional vehicles may be registered at any time

A new online application must be submitted

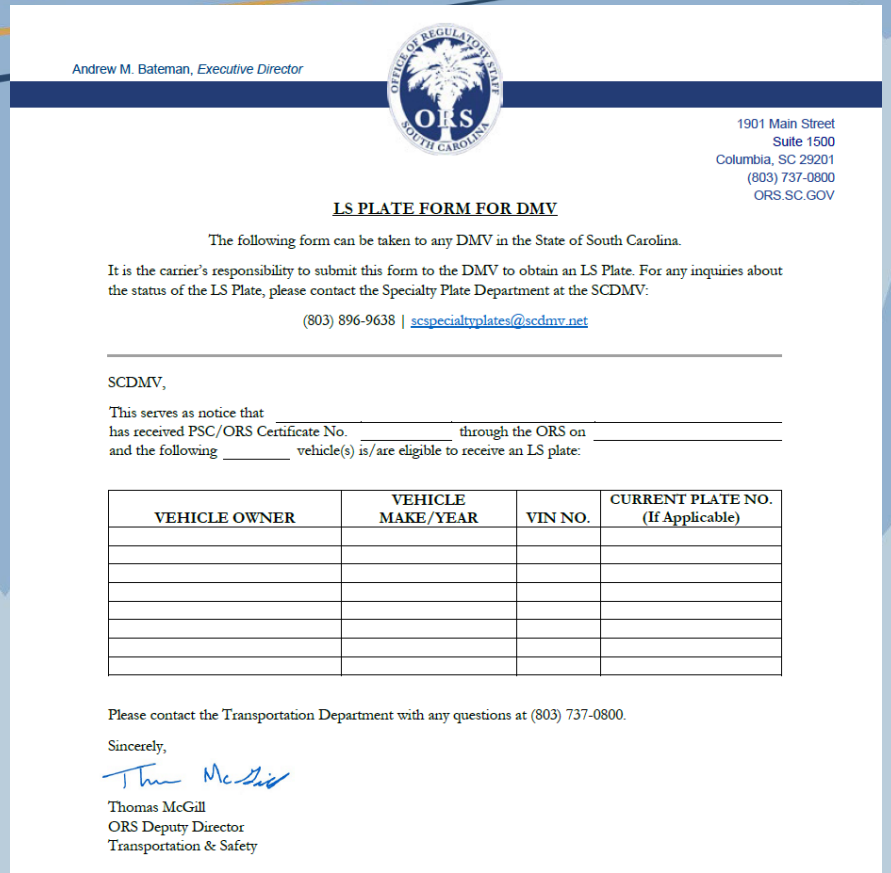
Vehicle Activation

Once the registration fee has been paid and all compliance requirements have been met, the vehicle is added to the **Active Vehicle Report**

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LS Plate Requirement

- Register the vehicle through the online portal and upload a copy of the SC DMV Registration
- ORS will email an LS Plate Form to the company's primary contact
- Take the LS Plate to any SC DMV office to begin the process of obtaining an LS Plate
- Once you receive the LS Plate and updated DMV Registration, send a copy of the updated registration to the ORS. The vehicle will then be added to the Active Vehicle Report.
- Newly certificated companies may operate for up to 45 days without an LS Plate. If ORS has not received the updated DMV Registration within that time, the vehicle will be removed from the Active Vehicle Report until the registration is provided.



Andrew M. Bateman, *Executive Director*

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LS PLATE FORM FOR DMV

The following form can be taken to any DMV in the State of South Carolina.

It is the carrier's responsibility to submit this form to the DMV to obtain an LS Plate. For any inquiries about the status of the LS Plate, please contact the Specialty Plate Department at the SCDMV:

(803) 896-9638 | scspecialtyplates@scdmv.net

SCDMV,

This serves as notice that _____ has received PSC/ORS Certificate No. _____ through the ORS on _____ and the following _____ vehicle(s) is/are eligible to receive an LS plate:

VEHICLE OWNER	VEHICLE MAKE/YEAR	VIN NO.	CURRENT PLATE NO. (If Applicable)

Please contact the Transportation Department with any questions at (803) 737-0800.

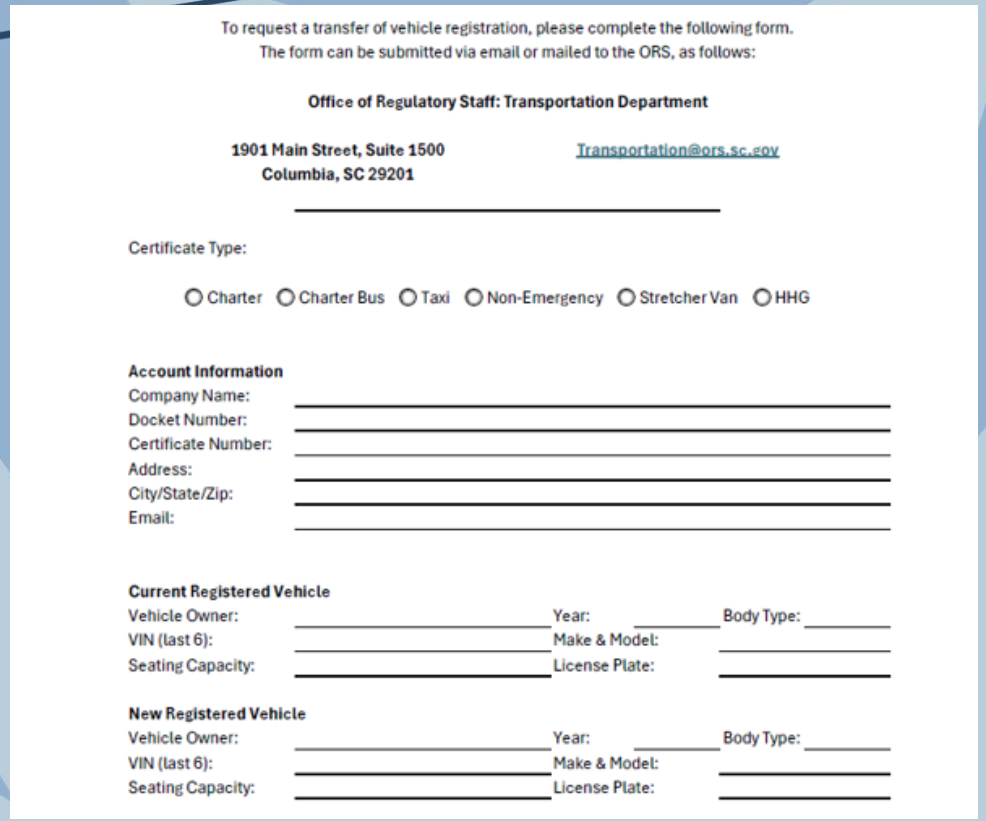
Sincerely,

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ORS Deputy Director
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Vehicle Transfer Form

- A copy of the vehicle's **South Carolina DMV Registration** must be submitted with the form.
- Vehicles registered under a **Taxi Certificate** must already have a **TX license plate**.
- Vehicles registered under a **Charter Certificate** that do not currently have an **LS license plate** will receive an **LS Plate Form** via email for submission to the DMV.



To request a transfer of vehicle registration, please complete the following form.
The form can be submitted via email or mailed to the ORS, as follows:

Office of Regulatory Staff: Transportation Department

1901 Main Street, Suite 1500
Columbia, SC 29201

Transportation@ors.sc.gov

Certificate Type:

○ Charter ○ Charter Bus ○ Taxi ○ Non-Emergency ○ Stretcher Van ○ HHG

Account Information

Company Name: _____
Docket Number: _____
Certificate Number: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Email: _____

Current Registered Vehicle

Vehicle Owner: _____ Year: _____ Body Type: _____
VIN (last 6): _____ Make & Model: _____
Seating Capacity: _____ License Plate: _____

New Registered Vehicle

Vehicle Owner: _____ Year: _____ Body Type: _____
VIN (last 6): _____ Make & Model: _____
Seating Capacity: _____ License Plate: _____

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Active Vehicle Report

Active Vehicle Report

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Charter

CERTIFICATE NAME	VEHICLE PLATE #	VIN #	VEHICLE MAKE	VEHICLE MODEL	VEHICLE BODY TYPE	VEHICLE YEAR	VEHICLE SEATING CAPACITY	MUST HAVE LS PLATE BY:
4 Seasons Limousine Service, LLC	LS5135	219441	CHEVROLET	SUBURBAN	SUV	2017	7	
5 Star Limousine & Sedan Service LLC	LS5287	L04897	LINCOLN	NAVIGATOR	SUV	2020	6	
654 Limo SC LLC	LS5788	A07710	FORD	TRANSIT	VAN	2020	11	
654 Limo SC LLC	LS5789	A93785	FORD	TRANSIT	VAN	2023	8	
654 Limo SC LLC	LS5793	B41735	FORD	TRANSIT	VAN	2023	8	
A Golden Ride, LLC	LS4980	374695	INFINITI	M37	SEDAN	2011	5	
A Powerful Potential, LLC	LS5662	158945	CHEVROLET	SUBURBAN	SUV	2017	7	
A Powerful Potential, LLC	LS5615	543810	MERCEDES	E	SEDAN	2012	4	
A Taxi Alternative "LLC"	LS5583	056606	HONDA	ODYSSEY	VAN	2018	7	
AA Carolina Events, Inc. DBA Carolina Limousine	LS4983	418500	VOLVO	S90	SEDAN	2024	2	
AA Carolina Events, Inc. DBA Carolina Limousine	LS5761	211323	CHEVROLET	SUBURBAN	SUV	2025	5	
AA Carolina Events, Inc. DBA Carolina Limousine	LS5040	354779	CADILLAC	ESCALADE	SUV	2021	7	
AA Carolina Events, Inc. DBA Carolina Limousine	LS5012	366022	CHEVROLET	SUBURBAN	SUV	2021	5	
AA Carolina Events, Inc. DBA Carolina Limousine	LS4994	381640	GMC	YUKON XL	STRETCH LIMO	2019	12	
AA Carolina Events, Inc. DBA Carolina Limousine	LS5274	159645	CHEVROLET	SUBURBAN	SUV	2023	5	
AA Carolina Events, Inc. DBA Carolina Limousine	LS5273	158549	CHEVROLET	SUBURBAN	SUV	2023	7	
AA Carolina Events, Inc. DBA Carolina Limousine	LS4915	159972	CHEVROLET	SUBURBAN	SUV	2023	5	
AA Carolina Events, Inc. DBA Carolina Limousine	LS5039	159646	CHEVROLET	SUBURBAN	SUV	2023	5	
AA Carolina Events, Inc. DBA Carolina Limousine	LS5002	A55427	FORD	TRANSIT	VAN	2023	14	
AA Carolina Events, Inc. DBA Carolina Limousine	LS5136	A45441	FORD	TRANSIT	VAN	2023	13	
AA Carolina Events, Inc. DBA Carolina Limousine	LS5488	B90963	FORD	TRANSIT	VAN	2023	13	
AA Carolina Events, Inc. DBA Carolina Limousine	LS5487	B91007	FORD	TRANSIT	VAN	2023	13	
AA Carolina Events, Inc. DBA Carolina Limousine	LS5011	418637	VOLVO	S90	SEDAN	2024	2	
AB2C Shuttle LLC	LS5005	852765	NISSAN	NV	VAN	2016	11	
AB2C Shuttle LLC	LS5192	200322	NISSAN	NV	VAN	2013	11	
AB2C Shuttle LLC	LS5794	622103	NISSAN	PATHFINDER	SUV	2016	7	
AB2C Shuttle LLC	LS5503	162620	NISSAN	NV	VAN	2014	11	
Above & Beyond Services, Inc.	LS4219	525528	MERCEDES	S450	SEDAN	2020	6	
Above & Beyond Services, Inc.	LS3882	131948	CHEVROLET	SUBURBAN	SUV	2023	8	
Absolute Charleston Airport Taxi LLC	LS5433	734571	MERCEDES-BENZ	METRIS	VAN	2020	8	
Absolute Charleston Airport Taxi LLC	LS5469	161930	MERCEDES-BENZ	SPRINTER	VAN	2024	15	
Absolute Charleston Airport Taxi LLC	LS5444	754534	LINCOLN	TOWN CAR	SEDAN	2011	6	
Absolute Charleston Airport Taxi LLC	LS5440	098676	MERCEDES-BENZ	SPRINTER	VAN	2022	15	
Absolute Charleston Airport Taxi LLC	LS5552	516012	MERCEDES	S550	SEDAN	2013	6	04/08/2026 - Vehicle Registration transferred from VIN 188944.
Absolute Charleston Airport Taxi LLC	LS5522	178312	MERCEDES-BENZ	SPRINTER	VAN	2024	15	
Ada R. Munir DBA Ada's Island Taxi	LS5218	A33755	FORD	ECONOLINE	VAN	2014	11	
Adam's Premium Rides, LLC	LS5798	125633	GMC	ACADIA	SUV	2016	7	
Adam's Premium Rides, LLC	LS5797	227773	GMC	ACADIA	SUV	2014	7	04/02/2026 - Vehicle Registration transferred from VIN 161013.
Adam's Premium Rides, LLC	LS5857	142651	GMC	YUKON	SUV	2015	7	
Adventure Sightseeing of Carolina LLC DBA Adventure Sightseeing	LS5640	A54871	FORD	TRANSIT	VAN	2018	14	
Adventure Sightseeing of Carolina LLC DBA Adventure Sightseeing	LS5641	A78011	FORD	TRANSIT	VAN	2016	14	
Adventure Sightseeing of Carolina LLC DBA Adventure Sightseeing	LS5639	194350	MERCEDES	SPRINTER	VAN	2023	14	
Affordable Carolina Limo Services, LLC	LS4838	A59032	FORD	EXCURSION	SUV	2004	14	
Affordable Carolina Limo Services, LLC	LS5232	B99316	FORD	EXCURSION	SUV	2002	14	

Insurance Requirements

South Carolina Code of Regulations § 103-172

Insurance policies and surety bonds for bodily injury and property damage will have limits of liability not less than the following:

- MOTOR CARRIERS, KIND OF LIABILITY LIMITS
- EQUIPMENT & CAPACITY
- PASSENGER
- 1 to 7 Passengers $25,000.00 $50,000.00 $25,000.00
- 8 to 15 Passengers $25,000.00 $100,000.00 $25,000.00
- 16 or More Passengers $25,000.00 $300,000.00 $25,000.00

A Form E is the only proof of insurance we can accept

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Compliance Letters

ORS Compliance Letter for Class C Charter Applicant

This email is being sent to notify you that the S.C. Public Service Commission issued **Order No. 2025-379** on **June 26, 2025**, granting the authority for your Class C **Charter** Certificate. The deadline to comply with this Order is **September 24, 2025**. To comply with this Order, you must complete the requirements below. Failure to comply with the Order may result in the authorization being rescinded.

YOUR CERTIFICATE CANNOT BE ISSUED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING IS COMPLETED:

1. **Vehicle Inspection and Records Audit Performed by ORS Inspector**
   Call Officer **Steven Williams (803) 360-2854** to schedule an appointment. Please review the Charter Driver File and Vehicle Requirements prior to your inspection and direct your questions to your inspector.
   NOTE: YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE YOUR PSC/ORS# UNTIL YOU'VE COMPLETED ALL 3 STEPS.
2. **Vehicle Registration Application and Fees**
   Register your vehicle(s) with the ORS and pay fees online using the Vehicle Registration Payment Portal.
   NOTE: When registering your vehicle(s), enter your license plate number or "N/A" if you do not have one. After ORS issues your Charter Certificate, you will get instructions for obtaining an LS Plate from the DMV. Your vehicle(s) will stay on the Active Vehicle Report for up to 45 days. If you do not update the ORS with your LS Plate, your vehicle(s) will be removed from the report.
3. **Auto Liability Insurance (Form E) in the certificated name: Unique Rideshare LLC**
   Evidence of Insurance Filed on Form E. Filing evidence of bodily injury and property damage insurance will be made on Form E, "Uniform Motor Carrier Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability Certificate of Insurance." **The policy or a copy thereof will not be accepted for filing in lieu of Form E.** Self insureds shall have the SCDMV submit a self-insurance certificate in lieu of a Form E.

   Regarding the Form E, it can be submitted via email to Transportation@ORS.SC.GOV, or submitted via NIC. The Form E must be submitted by your insurance company.

Thank you,

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Driver and Vehicle Requirements

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Charter Requirements

S.C. Office of Regulatory Staff
Driver File and Vehicle Requirements for a Class C Charter Certificate

Class C Charter Driver File Requirements

ALL OF THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW MUST BE KEPT ON FILE AT YOUR PLACE OF BUSINESS BECAUSE THE ORS INSPECTOR WILL NEED TO SEE THE PAPERWORK WHEN HE/SHE PERFORMS AN INSPECTION.

- Must be 18 years old
- 3 year **certified** copy of driving record from **DMV (must be updated annually)**
- Copy of current/valid driver's license **(South Carolina or State of residence**)
- Sex offender registry check
- **State** criminal background check

Taxi Requirements

S.C. Office of Regulatory Staff
Driver File and Vehicle Requirements for a Class C Taxi Certificate

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- Sex offender registry check
- Before operations, each driver must have an I.D. badge which has their picture, name and the name of the company. This must be displayed in such a way that is visible to the passengers
- Each driver must have a manifest and a receipt book

Vehicle Requirements





Owners and drivers shall...

Inspect the vehicle to ensure that it can be operated safely

Ensure the interior of the vehicle is kept in a clean and sanitary condition

Ensure the general mechanical condition of the vehicle is in good operating condition and mechanical repair

Ensure the vehicle exterior meets the requirements set forth in Regulation 103-153

Ensure the jack, spare, tire, and other equipment in the trunk is secured

For a Taxi...

Each driver shall have an identification badge which must display the drivers name, picture and name of the holder under a certificate.

Driver shall keep a daily manifest which must contain the following information

- Hour and date when the taxi becomes available for use
- Time and place of commencement and number of passengers
- Name and place of delivery and the amount of fare charged
- Time and place after the driver ceases to operate the taxi

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Markings of vehicles required, not less than three (3) inches high on both sides

- Stacey Doe DBA Doe's Transportation

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Legible placards or printing may be used and must be on both sides of the vehicle

Compliance in the Field

- Drivers not knowing the inspection process when encountered
- Companies not maintaining driver files and vehicle files
- Unregistered Vehicles
- Charters using Rentals
- Not having LS Plates
- No Markings
- Taxi's not having Manifest nor ID Badge



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QUESTIONS ?

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