Decision No. <u>74873</u>

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of TONY MARQUETTE, an individual, DBA SEE SANTA BARBARA, to transfer, and of A & A TOURS, INC., a corporation, to purchase, a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a passenger stage service in and near Santa Barbara, California.

Application No. 50548 (Filed September 16, 1968)

OPINION

Tony Marquette, an individual doing business as See Santa Barbara, requests authority to sell and transfer, and A & A Tours, Inc. requests authority to purchase and acquire a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing a sight-seeing service within the Santa Barbara area.

The certificate was granted by Decision No. 67481 in Application No. 46599. A & A Tours, Inc. is presently authorized to operate a sight-seeing service between Santa Barbara and Solvang and is equally owned by applicant seller and Arthur L. Melni.

It is alleged that applicant seller has averaged less than \$4,000 gross income per year for the past four years and is unable to finance the operation as an individual. It is expected that operation of the local sight-seeing service will be economically feasible because of reduced operating costs resulting from the joint operation of the two services.

After consideration the Commission finds that the proposed transfer would not be adverse to the public interest. A public hearing is not necessary.

A. 50548 ds shall cause to be filed with the Commission, in such form as the Commission may prescribe, an annual report, or reports, related to the operations of the seller for the period commencing with the first day of the current year to and including the effective date of the transfer. The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof. Dated at ____San Francisco _, California, this day of OCTOBER , 1968. Commissioners Commissioner Fred P. Morrissey, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding. -3-