

Decision No. 75665

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
VANDENBERG LIMOUSINE SERVICE, INC.,  
for certificate of public convenience  
and necessity to operate a passenger  
stage corporation with hand baggage  
service between Santa Maria Airport  
and Vandenberg Air Force Base.

Application No. 50956  
(Filed March 17, 1969)

O P I N I O N

Applicant is a California corporation with its principal office in Santa Maria, California. It has applied herein for authority to transport airline passengers and personal baggage between Santa Maria Airport and Vandenberg Air Force Base. Applicant will coordinate its service with the current airline schedules so outbound passengers will have sufficient time for pre-flight check in and arriving passengers time to pick up baggage. The distance between terminals and travel time at an estimated 45 miles per hour is as follows:

Santa Maria Airport to Main Gate Vandenberg AFB	14.3 miles	20 min.
Santa Maria Airport to Gate South Vandenberg AFB	21.4 miles	35 min.
Santa Maria Airport to Gate South Vandenberg AFB	28.4 miles	45 min.

Passengers will purchase tickets which are good for 30 days from date of purchase. Tickets cannot be transferred or exchanged. Children under five will ride free if they do not occupy a seat. Children five through eleven years of age will pay half fare if accompanied by an adult. Hand baggage of 50 lbs. may be carried free on each adult ticket and 25 lbs. on each half fare ticket. The one-way passenger fares will be \$5 between Vandenberg Air Force Base and Santa Maria Airport, or \$8 between South Vandenberg Air Force Base (via

Lompoc) and Santa Maria Airport. Excess baggage and baggage unaccompanied by a passenger will be charged either two or three cents a pound to the Base and the South Base, respectively. Applicant will place 1969 Ford club wagons in service to provide the transportation. They seat 8 to 12, have space for baggage, a 123.5 inch wheelbase and 205 horsepower engine.

The financial statements of the two men who own and manage the applicant corporation are attached to the application. The statements show both men are financially stable and have sufficient resources to start and maintain the business for a time. Applicant presently does not possess any authority to transport passengers within the State of California.

Copies of the application were served on Western Greyhound Lines, Inc. Greyhound advised it has no objection as long as only airline passengers are hauled and they are transported only between Vandenberg Air Force Base and Santa Maria Airport with no intermediate stops.

Applicant alleges that prior to March 1, 1969, Air West provided four flights into Vandenberg Air Force Base every day. This service was terminated on the date indicated and all Air West passengers now have to leave and board Air West's aircraft at the Santa Maria Airport, which is fourteen miles from Vandenberg Air Force Base. Cal-State Airlines and Cable Commuter Airlines have recently scheduled flights between Santa Maria Airport and other points in California and all of the available airlines are used extensively by civilian and military personnel from Vandenberg Air Force Base. There is no commercial transportation presently available to transport passengers and their baggage between the Santa Maria Airport and the Air Base. The

Limousine service proposed by the applicant is intended to provide the needed passenger service between Santa Maria Airport and Vandenberg Air Force Base. Three letters are attached to the application; two from contractors and one from a unit commander on the base. All three letters are in favor of the service to be provided and indicated that it would be appreciated by all personnel on Vandenberg Air Force Base.

Upon consideration of the record the Commission finds as follows:

1. Applicant possesses the experience, equipment, personnel and financial resources to institute and maintain the proposed service.
2. Public convenience and necessity require that the application be granted as set forth in the ensuing order.
3. A public hearing is not necessary.

Vandenberg Limousine Service, Inc., is hereby placed on notice that operative rights, as such, do not constitute a class of property which may be capitalized or used as an element of value in rate fixing for any amount of money in excess of that originally paid to the State as the consideration for the grant of such rights. Aside from their purely permissive aspect, such rights extend to the holder a full or partial monopoly of a class of business over a particular route. This monopoly feature may be modified or canceled at any time by the State, which is not in any respect limited as to the number of rights which may be given.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Vandenberg Limousine Service, Inc., a corporation, authorizing it to

operate as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Sections 225 and 226 of the Public Utilities Code, between the points and over the routes particularly set forth in Appendix A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. In providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, applicant shall comply with and observe the following service regulations. Failure so to do may result in a cancellation of the operating authority granted by this decision.

- (a) Within thirty days after the effective date hereof, applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted. Applicant is placed on notice that, if it accepts the certificate of public convenience and necessity herein granted, it will be required, among other things, to comply with and observe the safety rules of the California Highway Patrol, the rules and other regulations of the Commission's General Order No. 98-A and insurance requirements of the Commission's General Order No. 101-C.
- (b) Within one hundred twenty days after the effective date hereof, applicant shall establish the service herein authorized and file tariffs and timetables, in triplicate, in the Commission's office.
- (c) The tariff and timetable filings shall be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public, and the effective date of the tariff and timetable filings shall be concurrent with the establishment of the service herein authorized.
- (d) The tariff and timetable filings made pursuant to this order shall comply with the regulations governing the construction and filing of tariffs and timetables set forth in the Commission's General Orders Nos. 79 and 98-A.

(e) Applicant shall maintain its accounting records on a calendar year basis in conformance with the applicable Uniform System of Accounts or Chart of Accounts as prescribed or adopted by this Commission and shall file with the Commission, on or before March 31 of each year, an annual report of its operations in such form, content, and number of copies as the Commission, from time to time, shall prescribe.

The effective date of this order shall be ten days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of MAY, 1969.

William J. Quinn  
President

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Fred R. Morrison

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[Signature]  
Commissioners

CERTIFICATE  
OF  
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

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Showing passenger stage operative rights, restrictions, limitations, exceptions, privileges, applicable thereto.

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All changes and amendments as authorized by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California will be made as revised pages or added original pages.

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Issued under authority of Decision No. 75665  
dated May 13, 1969, of the Public Utilities  
Commission of the State of California, in Application  
No. 50956.

SECTION 1. GENERAL AUTHORIZATIONS, RESTRICTIONS,  
LIMITATIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Vandenberg Limousine Service, Inc., by the certificate of public convenience and necessity noted in the margin, is authorized to transport airline passengers and their baggage between the Santa Maria Airport, on the one hand, and Vandenberg Air Force Base, on the other hand, over the routes hereinafter described and subject to the following provisions:

- (a) When route descriptions are given in one direction they apply to operations in either direction unless otherwise indicated.
- (b) Applicant shall transport only airline passengers destined to or originating at the Santa Maria Airport to or from the Vandenberg Air Force Base.
- (c) No passengers may be picked up or discharged at intermediate points between Santa Maria Airport and Vandenberg Air Force Base.

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SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS

Route 1. Santa Maria Airport-Vandenberg Air Force Base

Commencing at the Santa Maria Airport thence, along Skyway Drive, Highway 1 (Orcutt Expressway), Vandenberg Road to main gate of Vandenberg Air Force Base.

Alternate

Commencing at main gate Vandenberg Air Force Base thence, along Lompoc-Casmalia Road, Central Avenue, Union Sugar Road to south gate of Vandenberg Air Force Base.

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