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Decision No. 82003

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of WILLIAM G. MELBERN, doing business under the name and style of AIRPORT LIMOUSINE SERVICE, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a Passenger Stage Corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, between certain points in Marin County and the Downtown Airline Terminal Building at 375 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, California.

Application No. 54195
(Filed July 23, 1973)

O P I N I O N

William G. Melbern, doing business as Airport Limousine Service, presently rendering service as a passenger stage corporation between specified locations in Marin County (Corte Madera, Novato, San Rafael, and Sausalito), on the one hand, and the San Francisco International Airport, on the other hand, requests authority to extend service between the points in Marin County, on the one hand, and the Downtown Airline Terminal Building, San Francisco, on the other hand. There are no protests.

Applicant contemplates operating the proposed service on an hourly schedule, seven days a week, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Applicant proposes to operate the following equipment in providing the service proposed herein:

1. 1973 Dodge - 11-Passenger
2. 1973 Dodge - 11-Passenger
3. 1969 Cadillac - 7-Passenger

If the authority herein requested is granted, applicant will purchase a new 1973 Dodge 11-passenger bus to be used exclusively in service

between Marin County and the Downtown Airline Terminal Building, San Francisco. Should any additional buses or larger capacity buses be required, applicant is willing to acquire such additional equipment.

Applicant proposes to charge the following fares between the Downtown Airline Terminal Building and Novato \$7.00, San Rafael \$5.00, Corte Madera and Sausalito \$4.00. Children under 5 years of age, when accompanied by an adult, will be transported free of charge.

Applicant alleges that his patrons have advised that the present on-call service to the San Francisco International Airport, subject to a minimum of four hours' notice and a minimum of two fares per vehicle trip, does not fulfill their transportation needs between points in Marin County and the Airport. Schedules of bus service now available to air travelers between the Airport and points in Marin County often subject such travelers to a 2-hour or more waiting time at the Airport. Late departure and arrival times of aircraft make it even more difficult to secure ground transportation within a reasonable period of time. To avoid this discomfort, unbearable delays, and loss of time, many passengers prefer to drive their own cars to the Airport and park, or have members of their family, or neighbors, drive them directly to the Airport, or to the Downtown Airline Terminal Building in San Francisco, where buses leave for the Airport every 15 minutes between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., seven days a week.

After consideration the Commission finds that:

1. Public convenience and necessity require the proposed service.
2. A public hearing is not necessary.
3. With reasonable certainty the project involved in this proceeding will not have a significant effect on the environment.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

William G. Melbern is 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. 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 William G. Melbern, authorizing him to operate as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, between the points and over the routes set forth in First Revised Pages 2 and 3 of Appendix A, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. Appendix A of Decision No. 79521 is amended by incorporating First Revised Pages 2 and 3, attached hereto, in revision of Original Pages 2 and 3.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 16th day of OCTOBER, 1973.

Vermon L. Stryker
President

William G. Melbern

Commissioners

Commissioner J. P. Vukasin, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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Commissioner D. W. Holmes, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Appendix A
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SECTION 1. GENERAL AUTHORIZATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, LIMITATIONS,
AND SPECIFICATIONS.

William G. Melbern, doing business as Airport Limousine Service, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to transport passengers and their baggage between the Edgewater Inn, 1815 Redwood Highway, Corte Madera; the Sportsmen's Lodge, 8141 Redwood Highway North, Novato; the Holiday Inn, Northgate Drive, San Rafael, and the Village Fair, 777 Bridgeway, Sausalito, on the one hand, and the San Francisco International Airport* or the Downtown Airline Terminal Building, 375 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, on the other hand, over and along the routes hereinafter described, subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify said routes at any time and subject to the following provisions:

- (a) Motor vehicles may be turned at termini and intermediate points, in either direction, at intersections of streets or by operating around a block contiguous to such intersections, in accordance with local traffic regulations.
- (b) When route descriptions are given in one direction, they apply to operation in either direction unless otherwise indicated.
- (c) The service to San Francisco International Airport shall be on an "on-call" basis for which a minimum of four (4) hours' notice is necessary.
- (d) No passenger(s) shall be picked up or discharged at any point intermediate thereto.

Issued by the California Public Utilities Commission.

*Added by Decision No. 82003, Application No. 54195.

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SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTION.

- Route 1. Via any and all routes between the Edgewater Inn, 1815 Redwood Highway, Corte Madera; the Sportsmen's Lodge, 8141 Redwood Highway North, Novato; the Holiday Inn, Northgate Drive, San Rafael and the Village Fair, 777 Bridgeway, Sausalito, on the one hand, and the San Francisco International Airport, on the other hand.
- *Route 2. Via any and all routes between the Edgewater Inn, 1815 Redwood Highway, Corte Madera; the Sportsmen's Lodge, 8141 Redwood Highway North, Novato; the Holiday Inn, Northgate Drive, San Rafael and the Village Fair, 777 Bridgeway, Sausalito, on the one hand, and the Downtown Airline Terminal Building, 375 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, on the other hand.

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