

Decision No. 83686

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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 extension of existing Passenger
Stage Operation (Decision No. 75665,
dated 13 May 1969) between Santa Maria
Airport and Vandenberg AFB to include
the City of Lompoc.

Application No. 55055
(Filed July 23, 1974)

O P I N I O N

Applicant Vandenberg Limousine Service, Inc., a California corporation, requests authority to extend its passenger stage operations to include service between the Santa Maria Airport and the city of Lompoc. The application was noticed in the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 25, 1974. The application was protested by Greyhound Lines-West which stated that it would withdraw its protest if any grant of authority is restricted to service between the Santa Maria Airport, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, Vandenberg Air Force Base and the city of Lompoc with no local service at intermediate points.

Applicant presently operates between the Santa Maria Airport and the Vandenberg Air Force Base restricted to the transportation of airline passengers and their baggage with no service at intermediate points. Applicant operates in its service 1969 Ford club wagons seating between 8 and 12 passengers which have space for baggage, and are powered with a 205 horsepower engine. This same equipment will be used in the proposed operation. Applicant states that it had a net worth of \$1,839 as of June 30, 1974, and that it had a net operating loss of \$910 for the year ending June 30, 1974. Applicant asserts its time schedules will coordinate with current airline schedules and changes as they occur, meeting both inbound

and outbound airline flights; and since airline schedules are subject to change beyond its control, no definite long-term schedules can be presented. Applicant's practice is to arrive at the airport sufficiently in advance to give passengers ample time for preflight check-in and to depart the airport with a minimum of delay after passenger deplaning and baggage check-out. The total elapsed time per trip between the city of Lompoc, via Vandenberg Air Force Base, to and from the Santa Maria Airport is estimated to be 45 minutes. The fare from the Santa Maria Airport to Vandenberg Air Force Base will be \$5, to Lompoc \$6, and to South Vandenberg Air Force Base \$8. Applicant asserts that governmental officials have encouraged the use of public transportation as a means of energy conservation and that by extending applicant's service approximately 10 miles, persons residing in or having business in the city of Lompoc will have the opportunity to utilize this airport bus service. The Santa Maria Airport is the only airport with scheduled commercial airline service that serves the city of Lompoc and Vandenberg Air Force Base.

After consideration the Commission finds and concludes that an in lieu certificate should be issued to applicant to operate as a passenger stage corporation as set out in the ensuing order. The Commission further finds with reasonable certainty that the project involved in this proceeding will not have a significant effect on the environment. The restriction proposed by Greyhound will be imposed. ✓

Applicant 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 Vandenberg Limousine Service, Inc., a corporation, authorizing it 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 Appendix A, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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

- (a) Within thirty days after the effective date of this order, applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate granted. Applicant is placed on notice that if it accepts the certificate it will be required, among other things, to comply with the safety rules administered by the California Highway Patrol, the rules and other regulations of the Commission's General Order No. 98-Series, and the insurance requirements of the Commission's General Order No. 101-Series.
- (b) Within one hundred twenty days after the effective date of this order, applicant shall establish the authorized service 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 ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten 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 authorized service.
- (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-Series and 98-Series.

- (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.

3. The authority granted to applicant by Decision No. 75665 dated May 13, 1969 is cancelled.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6th
day of NOVEMBER, 1974.

William L. Spurgeon
President
William Spurgeon
Robert E. Merland
Commissioners

Commissioner Thomas Moran, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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Appendix A

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CERTIFICATE
OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

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

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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dated NOV 6 1974 of the Public Utilities Commission
of the State of California, on Application No. 55055.

Appendix A VANDENBERG LIMOUSINE SERVICE, INC. Original Page 2

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 and Lompoc, 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) Service is limited to the transportation of passengers and their baggage having an origin or destination at the Santa Maria Public Airport.
- (c) No passengers may be picked up or discharged at intermediate points between Santa Maria Airport, on the one hand, and Vandenberg Air Force Base and the City of Lompoc, on the other hand.

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SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS.

Santa Maria Airport - Vandenberg Air Force Base -
Lompoc

Commencing at the Santa Maria Airport, thence along Skyway Drive, Highway 1 (Orcutt Expressway), Vandenberg Road to Main Gate of Vandenberg Air Force Base, thence along Lompoc-Casmalia Road to the intersection with Highway 1 and Cabrillo Highway, along Highway 1 (North H Street, Lompoc) and reverse over same route.

Alternate Route

Commencing at Main Gate of Vandenberg Air Force Base, thence along Lompoc-Casmalia Road, Central Avenue, Union Sugar Road to South Gate of Vandenberg Air Force Base.