

Decision No. 84270

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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
Frank A. Matranga, dba: Crown  
Limousine Service, for a certificate  
of public convenience and necessity  
for passenger stage service between  
the city of Glendale and the Los  
Angeles International Airport.

Application No. 55397  
(Filed December 19, 1974)

INTERIM OPINION

Applicant Frank A. Matranga, an individual doing business as Crown Limousine Service, requests a certificate to operate as a passenger stage corporation between the Golden Key Motor Hotel (Golden) in the city of Glendale and the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) via Colorado Boulevard, Golden State Freeway, Ventura Freeway, San Diego Freeway, and Century Boulevard. Applicant requests interim authority. The application is protested by Airporttransit which alleges that it is certificated to serve between Glendale and LAX, but ceased operations due to the paucity of traffic and would reinstitute operations "if the traffic pattern has changed". Airporttransit claims it is serving the Sheraton Universal Hotel in North Hollywood.

Applicant is presently a charter-party carrier of passengers operating pursuant to a certificate issued by this Commission. He operates several 9-passenger station wagons in his charter operations which are available as backup stages in the proposed operations. The principal vehicles to be used in the proposed operations are 12- to 15-passenger Dodge Maxi wagons which applicant intends to purchase if his application is granted. Applicant proposes to use Golden as the terminal for his limousine service. A letter from Golden, signed by

its general manager, is attached to the application and gives authorization to applicant to base his buses at Golden. Applicant represents that he will operate six schedules each way between Golden and LAX between 6:00 a.m. and 11:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, and four schedules on each of Saturday and Sunday. Special buses will be available for group schedules from Glendale to LAX. Regular fares will be \$8 per person with half fare for children under five years of age when accompanied by an adult. Applicant represents that there is no direct bus service between Glendale and LAX, and that the management of Golden, as well as the Chamber of Commerce of Glendale, has requested applicant to institute the proposed service. As of December 31, 1974 applicant had a net worth of approximately \$73,500 with no outstanding long-term debts.

Little information can be garnered from the protest of Airporttransit, except for the fact it does not choose to serve Glendale; hence, the protest lacks merit.

After consideration the Commission finds that, subject to further consideration of evidence which may be adduced at a public hearing, public convenience and necessity require the granting of a certificate for service prayed for in the application, and further finds, with reasonable certainty, that the project involved in this proceeding will not have a significant effect on the environment. The Commission concludes that the application should be granted to the extent set forth in the order that follows.

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.

INTERIM ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Frank A. Matranga, 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 Appendix A of this decision.

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 he accepts the certificate he 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 his 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 his operations in such form, content, and number of copies as the Commission, from time to time, shall prescribe.

3. The authority granted herein shall expire on August 22, 1975 unless sooner canceled, modified, or extended.

4. A hearing on the matter will be scheduled at a time and place to be set by the Commission.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st  
day of APRIL, 1975.

Verma L. Stenger  
President  
William Synovis Jr.  
Leonard Ross  
Commissioners

Commissioner ROBERT BATINOVICH

Present but not participating.

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Appendix A

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CERTIFICATE  
OF  
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

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Showing passenger stage operative rights, restrictions, limitations,  
exceptions, and 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. **84270**  
dated **APR 7-1975** of the Public Utilities Commission  
of the State of California, in Application No. 55397.

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

Frank A. Matranga, dba Crown 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 Glendale, California, and Los Angeles International  
Airport over and along the route hereinafter described, subject, however,  
to the authority of this Commission to change or modify said route 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) Only passengers with origin or destination at Golden Key Motor Hotel in Glendale on the one hand and Los Angeles International Airport on the other hand may be transported.

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SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS.

Route No. 1 GLENDALE - LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
Beginning at the Golden Key Motor Hotel on Colorado  
Street near Brand Boulevard in the City of Glendale,  
thence via Colorado Boulevard, Interstate Highway  
5 (Golden State Freeway), State Highway 134 (Ventura  
Freeway), Interstate Highway 405 (San Diego Freeway),  
Century Boulevard and World Way East to the passenger  
terminals of the Los Angeles International Airport.