

Decision No. 84886

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of BOB L. HUNDEN, an individual dba WHEELS EXPRESS, for a Class "B" certificate to operate as a charter-party carrier of passengers, Anaheim, Orange County. (TCP-38-B.)

Application No. 55597
(Filed March 31, 1975)

O P I N I O N

Applicant requests authority to operate out of Bishop in Inyo County as a Class B charter-party carrier of passengers. Applicant will provide service with a 1954 41-passenger G.M.C. bus. His bank is in Placentia, California, and his insurance agent is in Glendale. Applicant has assets valued at \$17,800 and liabilities of \$11,135.74. The balance owed on applicant's operating equipment comprises \$7,000 of the latter total.

An informal conference was held in Los Angeles on June 4, 1975 with all three parties represented who recently filed separately for authority to provide passenger bus service in the vicinity of Mammoth Lakes. Applicant herein was present along with Parent-Greenlee (dba Mammoth Lift Lines, Application No. 55621), and a representative from Sierra Pacific Airlines (Application No. 55626). All parties were represented by counsel. It was agreed that Hunden is qualified to receive the requested authority; that a need exists for the Parent-Greenlee passenger bus service, and that Sierra Pacific Airlines should receive charter authority to transport its passengers by bus under certain circumstances. There are no charter operators based in Inyo County. Greyhound Lines, Inc. wrote on May 20, 1975 to advise that it has no interest in this proceeding.

Findings

1. Applicant will provide service as a charter-party carrier of passengers from Bishop, California.
2. There are no other charter operators in Inyo County.
3. Greyhound Lines, Inc. operates in the vicinity and has advised the Commission in writing that it has no interest in this proceeding.
4. Applicant has the ability, experience, equipment, and financial resources to perform the proposed service.
5. Public convenience and necessity require that the service proposed by applicant be established.
6. Applicant should be authorized to pick up passengers within a radius of 40 air miles from his home terminal at 649 North Main, Bishop, California.
7. We find with reasonable certainty that the project involved in this proceeding will not have a significant effect on the environment.

The Commission concludes that the proposed authority should be issued as provided in the following order.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:


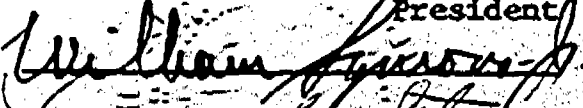
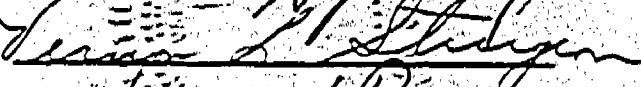
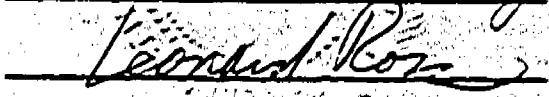
1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity, to be renewed each year, shall be issued to Bob L. Hunden, authorizing him to operate as a Class B charter-party carrier of passengers, as defined in Section 5383 of the Public Utilities Code, from a service area encompassing a radius of 40 air miles from applicant's home terminal at 649 North Main, Bishop, California.

2. In providing service pursuant to the certificate herein authorized to be issued, applicant shall comply with and observe the following service regulation. Failure so to do may result in a cancellation of the operating authority.

Applicant will be required, among other things, to comply with and observe the safety rules administered by the California Highway Patrol, the rules and other regulations of the Commission's General Order No. 98-A, and the insurance requirements of the Commission's General Order No. 115-Series.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of SEPTEMBER, 1975.


President



Commissioners

Commissioner Robert Batimovich, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.