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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Kern County Transportation Services, Inc., doing business as Golden Empire Charter, for a Class B charter bus certificate from home terminal in Bakersfield, California.

Application 83-11-35  
(Filed November 16, 1983)

O P I N I O N

Kern County Transportation Services, Inc., doing business as Golden Empire Charter, a California corporation, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate as a Class B charter-party carrier of passengers from a terminal at 516 Golden State Highway, Bakersfield (Kern County), California. Applicant presently operates under Commission authority with PSC No. 1129 and TCP No. 1769P. It is alleged that applicant's president has more than 20 years' experience with passenger and school buses in addition to taxicabs.

Applicant is the owner of five late model 15-passenger vans and two new 47-passenger MC-9 buses. Applicant's financial statement dated June 30, 1983 shows a net income of \$125,500 and operating expenses of \$81,600. The estimated annual results of operations lists a charter revenue of \$200,000 and expenses of \$190,000.

Notice of the filing of the application appeared in the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar on November 22, 1983. No protest or request for public hearing has been received.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant has the ability, experience, equipment, and financial resources to perform the proposed service.
2. Public convenience and necessity require the service proposed by applicant.

3. Applicant should be authorized to pick up passengers within a radius of 40 air miles from its home terminal at 516 Golden State Highway, Bakersfield, California.

4. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Conclusion of Law

Public convenience and necessity have been demonstrated and a certificate should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity, to be renewed each year, is granted to Kern County Transportation Services, Inc., authorizing it to operate as a Class B charter-party carrier of passengers, as defined in PU Code § 5383, from a service area with a radius of 40 air miles from applicant's home terminal at 516 Golden State Highway, Bakersfield, California.

2. Applicant shall:

- a. Obtain California Highway Patrol (CHP) clearance for each vehicle to be used in this Class B charter-party operation.
- b. Notify the Commission and CHP of any addition or deletion of vehicle(s) used in the service prior to use.
- c. Establish the authorized service within 360 days after this order is effective.

3. The Passenger Operations Branch will issue the annual renewable certificate on Form PE-695 as authorized by Resolution PE-303 when it receives CHP clearances and evidence of liability protection in compliance with General Order Series 115.

4. In providing service under the certificate, applicant shall comply with General Orders Series 98 and 115 and the CHP safety rules.

5. This certificate does not authorize the holder to conduct any operations on the property of or into any airport unless such operation is authorized by both this Commission and the airport authority involved.

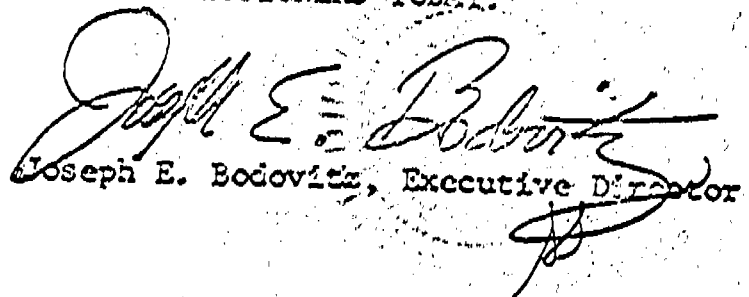
6. The Class B certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by this order does not authorize round-trip sightseeing-tour service, which is not subject to regulation by this Commission. It does, however, permit applicant to offer charter service to a sightseeing-tour operator.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated MAR 21 1984, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.  
President  
VICTOR CALVO  
FRISCILLA C. GREW  
DONALD VIAL  
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY  
Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION  
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE  
COMMISSIONERS TODAY.

  
Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director