

ORIGINAL

Decision 84 03 098

MAR 21 1984

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of RALPH GARAY, JR., doing business)
as THE LATIN CONNECTION LIMO)
SERVICE for a Class B charter)
bus certificate from home terminal)
in Granada Hills.)

Application 83-12-07
(Filed December 5, 1983)

O P I N I O N

Applicant Ralph Garay, Jr., doing business as The Latin Connection Limo Service, seeks a Class B certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate as a charter-party carrier of passengers from a service area with a 40-mile radius from his home terminal at 11236 Orino Avenue, Granada Hills.

Notice of the filing of this application appeared in the Daily Transportation Calendar on December 13, 1983. No protests were received.

On November 15, 1983 applicant's assets of \$194,525 included \$5,000 in cash. His liabilities of \$52,400 included \$39,000 due on a limousine lease. Applicant estimates annual charter revenues of \$48,000, other revenues of \$4,000, and total revenues of \$52,000. His estimated operating expenses total \$23,300. Applicant proposes to operate a 1983 six-passenger stretch limousine (excluding the driver).

Applicant has approximately two years of experience as a driver and coordinator of operations for a community organization of several cities in Los Angeles. He has dispatched a school bus for transporting students including transportation on field trips. Between 1978 and 1981 he was director of transportation for senior citizens programs including scheduling, organizing, and supervising 43 staff members in three offices in the Los Angeles area. He is overseeing maintenance of nine vans to provide services to elderly persons in the community and has acted as a relief driver. Applicant alleges there is a shortage of limousine service in the Northridge, Chatsworth, and Granada Hills areas. He believes his proposed operations will provide a needed convenience for residents in the northern portion of the San Fernando Valley during the Olympic Games.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant has the fitness, equipment, and financial resources to perform the proposed service.
2. A public hearing is not necessary.
3. Applicant should be authorized to pick up passengers within a radius of 40 air miles from his home terminal at 11236 Orino Avenue, Granada Hills.
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.

Conclusions of Law

1. Public convenience and necessity require that the requested authority be issued.
2. The following order should be effective today because there is a public need for the proposed service.

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 Ralph Garay, Jr., authorizing him to operate as a Class B charter-party carrier of passengers, as defined in PU Code Section 5383, from a service area with a radius of 40 air miles from applicant's home terminal at 11236 Orino Avenue, Granada Hills.

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 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.

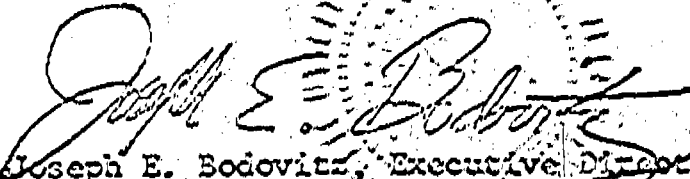
6.. The Class B certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by this order does not authorize round-trip sightseeing-tour service, which is not subject to regulation by this Commission. It does, however, permit applicant to offer charter service to a sightseeing-tour operator.

This order is effective today.

Dated MAR 21 1984, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA 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