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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of LIBERTY LIMOUSINE SERVICE, INC. for a Class B charter bus certificate from home terminal in Los Angeles, California.

Application 84-02-08 (Filed February 2, 1984)

<u>OPINION</u>

Liberty Limousine Service, Inc., a California corporation, has applied for a certificate of public convenience and necessity as a Class B charter-party carrier of passengers (Public Utilities (PU) Code Sections 5371 to 5375).

No other Commission operating authority has been held by applicant.

Applicant states that it has experience in the car and truck rental business.

Applicant states that it intends to operate three 1984 Lincoln stretch sedans in providing the proposed transportation service. Applicant alleges that the proposed operations are required:

"The additional competition will improve the quality of this industry and give the public the oportunity (sic) to benefit, because of the additional competition. As we are involved in the car & truck rental business now, we receive a large number of requests for limousine service from our commercial accounts (clients) who indicate their need for such service is not being met by companies now in the limousine business. This would be an unmet convenience to our existing commercial accounts and open a new service to our community."

Applicant's total assets are \$145,000, \$135,000 of which is attributed to applicant's limousines. It is projected that the typical year's revenue will be \$300,000 and operating expenses will be \$257,400.

Notice of the filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar of February 8, 1984. No protests have 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 800 North La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles.
- 4. No protest has been received and a public hearing is not necessary.
- 5. 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 have been demonstrated and a certificate should be granted.
- 2. This order should become effective immediately as public convenience and necessity have been demonstrated.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity, to be renewed each year, is granted to Liberty Limousine Service, Inc. authorizing it 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 800 North La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles.

- 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 vehicles 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 ______, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES. JR.
Prosident
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. GREW
DONALD VIAL
Commissioners

Commissioner William T. Eagley being necessarily absent, did not participate.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE COMMISSIONERS TOWN

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