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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of Richard Sheets & Robert E. Rackowski for a Class B charter bus certificate from home terminal in L.A. & Orange Counties and surrounding areas.

Application 84-02-17 (Filed February 7, 1984)

$\underline{O P I N I O N}$

Richard Sheets and Robert E. Rackowski, doing business as "An Affair to Remember" Limousine Service, a partnership, have 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 applicants.

Applicant Rackowski states that he has had experience in the operation of passenger buses and tractor-trailers.

Applicants state that they intend to operate one 1984 Cadillac stretch sedan and one 1983 Cadillac stretch sedan in providing the proposed transportation service. Applicants allege that the proposed operations are required to meet the demand for limousine service in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

Applicants' total assets are \$504,000. It is projected that the typical year's mileage will be 60,000 miles producing a revenue of \$130,000.

Notice of the filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar of February 15, 1984. No protests have been received.

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Findings of Fact

1. Applicants have the ability, experience, equipment, and financial resources to perform the proposed service.

2. Public convenience and necessity require the service proposed by applicants.

3. Applicants should be authorized to pick up passengers within a radius of 40 air miles from their home terminal at 14020 Captains Row, Marina del Rey.

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.

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IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity, to be renewed each year, is granted to Richard Sheets and Robert E. Rackowski authorizing them 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 applicants' home terminal at 14020 Captains Row, Marina del Rey.

2. Applicants shall:

a. Obtain California Highway Patrol (CHP) clearance for each vehicle to be used in this Class B charter-party operation.

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- 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, applicants 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.

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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 applicants to offer charter service to a sightseeing-tour operator.

> This order is effective today. Dated <u>APR 18 1984</u>, at San Francisco, California.

> > LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR. Prosident VICTOR CALVO PRISCILLA C. GREW DONALD VIAL WILLIAM T. BAGLEY Commissioners

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