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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of GO American, Inc. for a Class B charter bus certificate from home terminal in Anaheim.

Application 84-04-055 (Filed April 11, 1984)

<u>O P I N I O N</u>

GO American, Inc., a California corporation, doing business as American Sightseeing Tours, 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 Commission operating authority has been held by applicant. Applicant states that it is a new corporation formed to acquire eight sightseeing buses from Airport Sightseeing Co. and that its general manager has five years experience as "Senior Supervisor of Orange Coast Sightseeing and Airport Service, Inc."

Applicant states that it intends to offer "charter service to convention delegates and corporations attending business and convention meetings in the Anaheim area." It alleges that its proposed operations are required.

Applicant's total assets are \$189,000, \$125,000 of which is attributed to applicant's eight buses. It is projected that the typical year's mileage will be 250,000 miles producing a revenue of \$850,000.

Notice of the filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar of April 17, 1984. No protests have been received. A.84-04-055 ALJ/emk

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 1441 South Street, Anabeim.

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.

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity, to be renewed each year, is granted to GO American, 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 1441 South Street, Anabeim.

2. Applicant 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, applicant shall comply with General Orders Series 98 and 115 and the CHP safety rules.

5. Prior to initiating service to any airport, applicant shall notify the airport authority involved. 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 applicant to offer charter service to a sightseeing-tour operator.

 The application is granted as set forth above. This order is effective today. Dated <u>JUN 6 1984</u>, at San Francisco, California.

> LEONARD M. GRIMES. JR. President VICTOR CALVO DONALD VIAL WILLIAM T. BAGLEY Commissioners

Commissioner Priscille C. Grew, being necessarily absent, did not participate

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