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Decision 84 06 064

JUN 6 1984

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application )  
of S. N. Benedetto, d/b/a/ Carriage )  
Trade Limousine, for a Class B )  
charter bus certificate from home )  
terminal in Palos Verdes, Los )  
Angeles County, California. )

Application 84-04-035  
(Filed April 6, 1984)

O P I N I O N

S. N. Benedetto, an individual, doing business as Carriage Trade Limousine, 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 he "has eight years experience in the operation of a limousine service; and, thirty-two years experience in business ownership and management. Applicant intends to commence (sic) operations with a 46 passenger coach and will augment the fleet by lease or purchase as the business dictates. He has existing arrangements for the repair of the equipment with a mechanic on duty and clerical staff with which to support the proposed operations."

Applicant alleges that the proposed operations are required:

"The service to be performed is distinct in nature in that it will be designed to meet the needs and be suitable for transportation of various groups, such as: churches, senior citizens, manufacturers, athletic, etc. to points of interest.

"Applicant has discussed the proposed service with travel agents, social and religious groups and members of the transportation community; and, has had a favorable response. Generally those persons contacted indicated a desire to use such services when made available."

Applicant's total assets are \$548,000, \$28,000 of which is attributed to applicant's bus. It is projected that the typical year's mileage will be 50,000 miles producing a revenue of \$95,000.

Notice of the filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar of April 12, 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 his home terminal at 2357 Palos Verdes Drive West, Palos Verdes.
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.

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 S. N. Benedetto, 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 2357 Palos Verdes Drive West, Palos Verdes.

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 (GO) Series 115.

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

5. Prior to initiating service to any airport, the 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.

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.

7. The application is granted as set forth above.

This order is effective today.

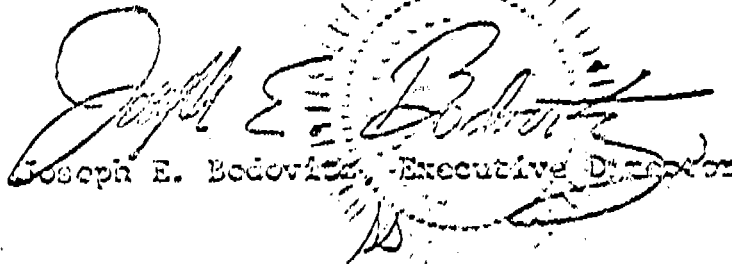
Dated JUN 6 1984, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.  
President

VICTOR CALVO  
DONALD VIAL  
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY  
Commissioners

Commissioner Priscilla C. Crow,  
being necessarily absent, did  
not participate

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

  
Joseph E. Bodovick, Executive Director

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