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JUN 20 1984

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application)
of Western Stage Lines, Inc. for)
a Class B charter bus certificate)
from home terminal in La Crescenta,)
Los Angeles County, Los Angeles,)
CA.)

Application 84-04-099
(Filed April 19, 1984)

O P I N I O N

Western Stage Lines, 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 had experience in the operation of bus service:

"Applicant's officers and employees have an aggregate of over twenty years' experience as driver, dispatcher and in management; and, experience in the tour business. It will commence operations with two MC-7, 47-passenger buses and will acquire additional equipment by purchase or lease as the business requires."

Applicant also states that it "proposes to serve those organizations needing a bus for transportation suitable to the needs of these various groups, such as: churches, senior citizens, manufacturers, athletic, etc. to points of interest. Applicant has contacted representatives of such groups and has had a favorable response indicating a desire to use such services if and when available. The applicant also has an arrangement with a

tour agency for the use of equipment when such is made available. The population of Southern California is now very large and is growing constantly and there will be a continuing need for additional transportation facilities to adequately fill these needs. The transportation proposed herein will help in filling these needs."

Applicant's total assets are \$106,530, \$92,000 of which is attributed to applicant's two buses. It is projected that the typical year's mileage will be 95,000 miles producing a revenue of \$160,000.

Notice of the filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar of May 2, 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 5045 Rosemont Avenue, La Crescenta.
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 Western Stage Lines, Inc., authorizing it to operate as a Class B charter-party carrier of passengers, as defined in PU Code § 5383, from a service area with a radius of 40 air miles from applicant's home terminal at 5045 Rosemont Avenue, La Crescente.

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(s) used in the service prior to use.
- c. Establish the authorized service within 360 days after this order is effective.
- d. Remit to the Commission the Transportation Reimbursement Fee required by PU Code § 403 when notified by mail to do so.

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.

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 20 1984, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President

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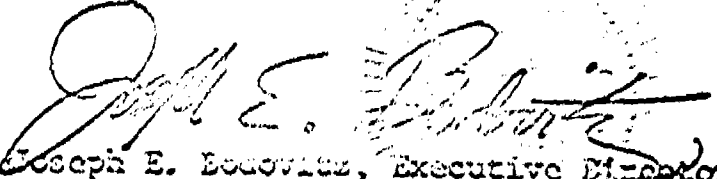
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Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS


Joseph E. Bodovius, Executive Director

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