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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of Jerry L. Conant and Vicki S. Conant, doing business as About Town (sic) Limousine Service, for a Class B charter bus certificate from home terminal in Riverside, California.

Application 84-01-18 (Filed January 6, 1984)

OPINION

Jerry L. and Vicki S. Conant, a partnership, doing business as About Towne Limousine Service, have applied for a certificate of public convenience and necessity as a Class B charter-party carrier of passengers (Public Utilities (PU) Code §§ 5371 to 5375).

No other Commission operating authority has been held by applicants.

Applicants state that they have had no experience in the operation of bus services.

Applicants state that they intend to perform charter service with a stretch limousine (six passengers, excluding driver) from a service area within 40 air miles of their home terminal at 15680 Washington Street, Riverside. They assert that there is not sufficient public transportation available in the area they would serve to adequately meet the needs of the public. It is their intent to assist in providing this much needed service.

Applicants' total assets are \$42,300; \$42,000 of this is attributed to applicants' limousine. It is projected that the typical year's revenue mileage will be substantial and that the operation will be profitable.

Notice of the filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar of January 13, 1984. No protests have been received.

Findings of Fact

- 1. Applicants have the ability 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 15680 Washington Street, Riverside.
- 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.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity, to be renewed each year, is granted to Jerry L. and Vicki S. Conant.

authorizing them 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 applicants' home terminal at 15680 Washington Street, Riverside.

- 2. Applicants 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, applicants shall comply with General Orders Series 98 and 115 and the CHP safety rules.
- 5. Prior to initiating service to any airport, applicants shall notify the airport authority involved. This certificate does not authorize the holders 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 applicants 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.

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