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Decision 84 07 046

JUL 5 1984

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of LUXE LIVERY SERVICE,)
INC./AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION, a)
California corporation, for a peti-)
tion of partial relief of operating)
restriction.)

Application 84-03-27
(Filed March 7, 1984)

O P I N I O N

Applicant Luxe Livery Service, Inc./Airport Transportation (Luxe), a California corporation, seeks an order to remove the one-half hour advance reservation requirement that is contained in its current authority. The current authority of Luxe, as granted in Decision (D.) 84-01-062 and D.89074, Appendix B, Second Revised Page 2, Section 1, Item B, states:

"(B) No passenger shall be picked up at an airport or at an off-airport bus stop of Airport Service, Inc., Airport Transit, Inc., or successor entities, unless a reservation has been made at least one-half hour in advance.

"EXCEPTION: Passengers at airports completing round trips with Luxe Livery Service, Inc."

Luxe seeks to remove the one-half hour restriction at on-airport locations only. No relief is sought from this restriction at off-airport locations.

On February 8, 1984, Transportation Ticket Services, Inc. (TTS), a California corporation, received final approval from the Board of Commissioners of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) to sell tickets for door-to-door transportation departing and returning to LAX. The sale of the tickets will be conducted from eight ticket booths at LAX.

The three stockholders of TTS are: Wilmington Cab Company of California, Inc., dba SuperShuttle, Luxe Livery Service, Inc., and 24-Hour Airport Express, Inc. All three stockholders possess current operating authority from this Commission.

Under Luxe's current authority, when a passenger purchases a ticket from TTS, the passenger is required to go to the direct telephone line in the baggage claim area to call and make a reservation and will have to wait the required one-half hour. This is both inconvenient and time-consuming for the passenger.

Luxe alleges that the original reason for the imposition of the restriction was to forestall Luxe's vehicles from stops at Airport Service, Inc.'s (Airport Service) terminal points and solicitation of customers of Airport Service. Luxe alleges that conditions have changed since the imposition of this restriction. All passenger stage carriers currently stop at common points at LAX. Furthermore, Luxe alleges that the two services by their very nature are fundamentally different, Luxe providing door-to-door services while Airport Service provides scheduled services. The LAX Commissioners have demonstrated their support for highly efficient door-to-door operations by granting authority to TTS to sell tickets at

eight booths located in front of the various airline terminals to passengers seeking door-to-door services. By having the restriction removed, inconvenience and delay for passengers arriving at LAX from boarding applicant's vehicles will be eliminated.

Notice of the filing of this application was listed in the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar on March 13, 1984. There have been no protests or requests for hearing.

Findings of Fact

1. Luxe is one of three passenger stage corporations who are stockholders of TTS. TTS has been granted authority from the Board of Commissioners of LAX to sell tickets for door-to-door transportation departing from and returning to LAX.

2. Luxe seeks to remove the one-half hour in advance reservation requirement that is contained in its current authority as it relates to on-airport locations only.

3. The removal of a restriction at on-airport locations only will result in elimination of delay and inconvenience for passengers purchasing tickets for door-to-door transportation at LAX.

4. 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. The requested removal of the one-half hour advance reservation requirement contained in Luxe's tariff is in the public interest and should be removed.

2. A public hearing is not necessary.

3. This order should become effective immediately in order to provide this service to the public as soon as possible.

Only the amount paid to the State for operative rights may be used in rate fixing. The State may grant any number of rights and may cancel or modify the monopoly feature of these rights at any time.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Item b of Section 1, Second Revised Page 2, of the operating authority as granted in D.84-01-062 and D.89074, Appendix B, is amended by Third Revised Page 2 (attached) as follows:

(b) No passenger shall be picked up at an airport or at an off-airport bus stop of Airport Service, Inc., Airport Transit, Inc., or successor entities, unless a reservation has been made at least one-half hour in advance.

EXCEPTION: Passengers at airports completing round trips with Luxe Livery Service, Inc. or passengers purchasing tickets for door-to-door service at airport ticket booths authorized to sell such tickets.

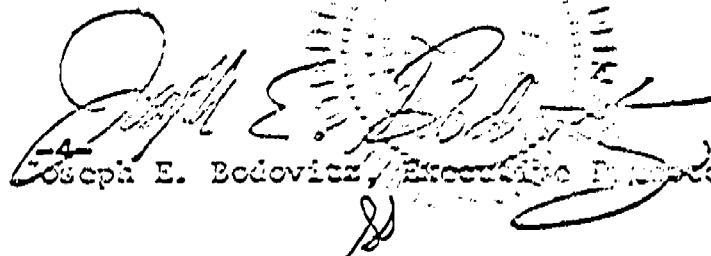
This order is effective today.

Dated JUL 5 1984, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President

VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. GREW
DONALD VIAL
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY
Commissioners

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


Joseph E. Bodovick, Executive Director

SECTION 1. GENERAL AUTHORIZATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS.

Luxe Livery Service, Inc., by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, is authorized as a passenger stage corporation to provide on-call, door-to-door service between points within the Orange County and Los Angeles County Service Areas, on the one hand, and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Orange County Airport (SNA), Ontario International Airport (ONT), Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport (BUR), Long Beach Airport (LGB) and the docks and piers at Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors, on the other hand, subject to restrictions, as set forth below:

- (a) The equipment shall have a carrying capacity not to exceed 15 passengers.
- * (b) No passenger shall be picked up at an airport or at an off-airport bus stop of Airport Service, Inc., Airport-Transit, Inc., or successor entities, unless a reservation has been made at least one-half hour in advance.

EXCEPTION: Passengers at airports completing round trips with Luxe Livery Service, Inc. or passengers purchasing tickets for door-to-door service at airport ticket booths authorized to sell such tickets.

- (c) Luxe Livery Service, Inc. shall not spot any vehicle at an airport or at an off-airport bus stop of Airport Service, Inc., for the purpose of waiting for radio calls to pick up passengers.
- (d) No passengers shall be transported except those having origin or destination at LAX, SNA, ONT, BUR, LGB, or the docks and piers at the Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors, on the one hand, and on the other an origin or destination within the Orange County Service Area and/or Los Angeles County Service Area.

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