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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of 24 HOUR AIRPORT EXPRESS, INC.,
a California corporation, for
authority to pickup at an airport
without a previous reservation.

Application 84-02-33
(Filed February 15, 1984)

O P I N I O N

Applicant 24-Hour Airport Express, Inc. (24-Hour), a California corporation, seeks authority to sell tickets at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) through ticket-selling booths and provide immediate service departing from LAX. In order to provide such service, it requests that the restriction in its current authority requiring a 30-minute advance reservation be changed to permit the immediate service.

In Decision (D.) 83-07-041, Appendix A (D.89074), Fourth 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., Airporttransit, 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 24-Hour Airport Express, Inc.

"EXCEPTION: Passengers at LAX who make a reservation through any direct telephone line at LAX for which 24-Hour Airport Express, Inc. has received a permit from the Board of Airport Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles."

Specifically, 24-Hour seeks to change the wording in its second exception to read:

EXCEPTION: Passengers at LAX who make a reservation through any direct telephone line or prepurchase a fare before boarding a vehicle at LAX for which 24-Hour Airport Express, Inc. has received a permit from the Board of Airport Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles.

Transportation Ticket Services, Inc. (TTS), a California corporation, has received approval from the Board of Airport Commissioners of LAX to sell tickets for door-to-door transportation departing and returning to LAX. The sale of such tickets will be from eight kiosks (or booths) at LAX. The three principal stockholders of TTS are: Wilmington Cab Company of California, Inc., Luxe Livery Service, Inc., and 24-Hour Airport Express, Inc., all of whom have operating authority from this Commission.

Under the present restriction, after a passenger has purchased a ticket from TTS, the passenger is directed to the direct telephone line in the baggage claim area to call and make a reservation to avoid having to wait the one-half hour required. This is inconvenient and time-consuming for the passenger but is required in order to comply with the current restriction in 24-Hour's authority. 24-Hour contends that in several months the traffic at LAX will begin to increase because of the Summer Olympics which are to be held in Los Angeles. 24-Hour therefore requests that the restriction contained in its present authority be modified as set forth above so that passengers buying tickets may be able to board the bus immediately after they purchase their tickets. This will significantly eliminate the passenger congestion and confusion at the baggage claim areas at LAX. It will also allow applicant to multiple load passengers more efficiently into each individual vehicle, thereby decreasing traffic and congestion at LAX.

Notice of the filing of this application was listed in the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar on February 24, 1984. There have been no protests or requests for hearing.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant seeks a change in wording of its current operating authority issued in D.83-07-041, Appendix A (D.89074), Fourth Revised Page 2, Section 1, Item b, by further excepting from the requirement that a reservation must be made one-half hour in advance by those passengers who prepurchase the fare ticket at authorized LAX bus ticket booths.

2. Applicant has been providing airport shuttle service under authority from this Commission since 1971.

3. There have been no protests to this application.

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.

5. The requested additional exception to applicant's pickup authority at LAX will be convenient for passengers and will eliminate delays to the traveling public.

Conclusions of Law

1. A public hearing is not necessary.

2. Public convenience and necessity require that the request to add an additional exception to the requirement that reservations must be made at least one-half hour in advance by passengers wishing to be picked up at LAX, to those passengers who have prepurchased a ticket from the authorized ticket-selling booths at the airport be granted.

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, Section 1 of Fourth Revised Page 2 of Appendix A (D.89074) of 24-Hour Airport Express, Inc.'s current authority is amended by Fifth Revised Page 2 (copy attached) to read as follows:

EXCEPTION: Passengers at LAX who make a reservation through any direct telephone line or prepurchase a fare before boarding a vehicle at LAX for which 24-Hour Airport Express, Inc. has received a permit from the Board of Airport Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles.

This order is effective today.

Dated JUL 5 1984, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.

President

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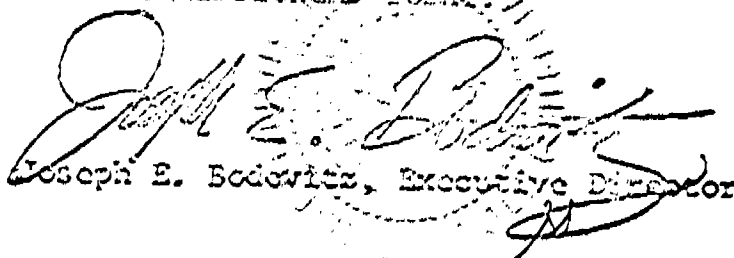
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Commissioners

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director

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

24-Hour Airport Express, Inc., a corporation, 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 Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), John Wayne/Orange County Airport (SNA), Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport (BUR), Long Beach Airport (LGB), and Ontario International Airport (ONT), on the one hand, and all points and places in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Service Area, on the other hand, and scheduled service over and along the routes described, subject, however, to the authority of this Commission to change or modify the routes at any time and subject to the following provisions:

- (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., Airporttransit, 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 24-Hour Airport Express, Inc.

*EXCEPTION: Passengers at LAX who make a reservation through any direct telephone line or pre-purchase a fare before boarding a vehicle at LAX for which 24-Hour Airport Express, Inc. has received a permit from the Board of Airport Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles.

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*Revised by Decision 84 C7 049, Application 84-02-33.