

Decision 84-12-020 December 5, 1984

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Oakland Airport Express for authority )  
to operate as a passenger stage )  
carrier between points in Sonoma, )  
Marin, and San Francisco Counties )  
and the Oakland International Airport.)

Application 84-06-022  
(Filed June 7, 1984)

O P I N I O N

Galen Luker (applicant) is an individual doing business as  
Oakland Airport Express out of Santa Rosa. He is operating a  
passenger stage between Los Robles Lodge (925 Edwards Avenue), Santa  
Rosa; Motel 6 (5135 Old Redwood Highway), Petaluma; Denny's  
Restaurant (7330 Redwood Boulevard), Novato; and the Holiday Inn-  
Marin (1010 Northgate), San Rafael, on the one hand, over the San  
Rafael-Richmond Bridge, to Oakland Amtrak Station (16th & Wood), and  
Oakland International Airport, on the other hand. His file number is  
PSC-1326.

He has applied to provide service from three downtown San  
Francisco hotels to the Oakland International Airport. Hotels to be  
served are (1) the Hilton Hotel (Mason and O'Farrell) (2) the  
Fairmont Hotel (California and Mason) and (3) the Fisherman's Wharf  
Holiday Inn (1300 Columbus Avenue). The San Francisco operation will  
require an additional grant of authority to authorize service from  
and to the City and County of San Francisco.

Applicant operates two 15-passenger vans and one 19-  
passenger bus. The vehicles are luxury models with air-conditioning  
and automatic transmissions. Service will be provided seven days a  
week, although fewer days may be served until the service develops a  
clientele. Fares between San Francisco points and the Oakland  
International Airport will be \$11.00 for adults and \$5.50 for  
children 2 to 11 years old. Passengers will be allowed two suitcases

without additional charge. Service at the new San Francisco points will be limited to passengers who have either a point of origin or destination at the Oakland International Airport.

The file includes a letter from an accountant dated June 4, 1984 which states that applicant's net worth is \$41,700. No liabilities are listed on the report.

Notice of the filing of this application was included in the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar of June 12, 1984. There have been no protests or requests for hearing.

#### Findings of Fact

1. Applicant has the ability, experience, equipment, and financial resources needed to perform the aforesaid service.
2. Public convenience and necessity require that the service proposed by applicant be established.
3. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.
4. A public hearing is not necessary.
5. Applicant's proposed and present authority should be combined in a new certificate.

#### Conclusions of Law

1. The application should be granted.
2. The decision should be made effective on the date it is signed to allow applicant to initiate service without delay.

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:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Galen Luker, authorizing him to operate as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in PU Code § 226, between the points and over the routes set forth in Appendix PSC-1326, to transport passengers and baggage. ✓

2. Applicant shall:

- a. File a written acceptance of this certificate within 30 days after this order is effective.
- b. Establish the authorized service and file tariffs and timetables within 120 days after this order is effective.
- c. State in his tariffs and timetables when service will start; allow at least 10 days' notice to the Commission; and make timetables and tariffs effective 10 or more days after this order is effective.
- d. Comply with General Orders Series 79, 98, 101, and 104, and the California Highway Patrol safety rules.
- e. Maintain accounting records in conformity with the Uniform System of Accounts.
- f. Remit to the Commission the Transportation Reimbursement Fee required by PU Code § 403 when notified by mail to do so.

3. 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.

4. Applicant is authorized to begin operations on the date that the Executive Director mails a notice to applicant that he has evidence of insurance on file with the Commission and that the California Highway Patrol has approved the use of applicant's vehicles for service.

5. The certificate of public convenience and necessity granted in paragraph 1 shall supersede that granted by Decision 84-02-030. That certificate is revoked on the effective date of the tariff filings required by paragraph 2.b.

6. The application is granted as set forth above.

This order is effective today.

Dated DEC 5 1984, at San Francisco, California.

DONALD VIAL  
President  
VICTOR CALVO  
PRISCILLA C. GREW  
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY  
FREDERICK R. DUDA  
Commissioners

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

  
Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director

CERTIFICATE  
OF  
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY  
AS A PASSENGER STAGE CORPORATION  
PSC-1326

Showing passenger stage operative rights, restrictions,  
limitations, exceptions, and privileges.

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All changes and amendments as authorized by  
the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California  
will be made as revised pages or added original pages.

Supersedes authority granted by Decision 84-02-030  
dated February 1, 1984 in Application 83-10-25 and  
Resolution PE-490 dated April 4, 1984 in RRD 193

Issued under authority of Decision 84 12 020, dated  
DEC 5 1984 of the Public Utilities Commission of the  
State of California, in Application 84-06-022.

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

Galen Luker, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, is authorized as a passenger stage corporation to transport passengers and baggage between points specified in Appendix PSC-1326 on the one hand and Oakland International Airport and the Oakland Amtrak Station on the other hand, subject, however, to the authority of this Commission to change or modify these routes at any time and subject to the following provisions:

- a. Service is on a regularly scheduled seven-day per week basis.
- b. Only passengers originating at or destined to Oakland International Airport (OAK) or the Oakland Amtrak Station shall be transported. For San Francisco points, only passengers originating at or destined to OAK shall be transported.
- c. Passenger pickup and discharge at the Oakland Amtrak Station will be made on-call only.
- d. The term "on-call" as used refers to service which is authorized to be rendered dependent on the demands of passengers. Tariffs and timetables shall show the conditions under which on-call service will be rendered.
- e. Routes 1 & 2 may be combined in operation.
- f. When route descriptions are given in one direction, they apply to operation in either direction, unless otherwise indicated.
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SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS.

Route 1. Santa Rosa-Petaluma-Novato-San Rafael-Oakland-OAK

Commencing with service points at the following locations:

Los Robles Lodge, 925 Edwards Avenue, Santa Rosa  
Motel 6, 5135 Old Redwood Highway, Petaluma  
Denny's Restaurant, 7330 Redwood Boulevard, Novato  
Holiday Inn-Marin, 1010 Northgate Drive, San Rafael  
Oakland Amtrak Station, 16th & Wood, Oakland

Then via the most appropriate streets and highways to the passenger terminals at the Oakland International Airport (OAK).

Route 2. San Francisco-Oakland International Airport (OAK)

Commencing with service points at the following locations:

Hilton Hotel, Mason & O'Farrell, San Francisco  
Fairmont Hotel, California & Mason, San Francisco  
Holiday Inn-Fisherman's Wharf, 1300 Columbus, San Francisco

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