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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 ANTELOPE VALLEY AIRPORT EXPRESS, )  
 INC., a California corporation, for )  
 authority to: establish a Lancaster/ )  
 Palmdale Service Area, extend sched- )  
 uled passenger stage operations to )  
 an additional service point in the )  
 Newhall area; establish scheduled )  
 passenger stage operations between )  
 the Lancaster/Palmdale Service Area )  
 and the Newhall area on the one hand )  
 and Lockheed Air Terminal (BUR) on )  
 the other hand; and for authority to )  
 establish on-call passenger stage )  
 operations for door-to-door service )  
 between the Lancaster area on the )  
 one hand and BUR and Los Angeles )  
 International Airport (LAX) on the )  
 other hand. )

Application 87-05-027  
(Filed May 18, 1987)

OPINION

Antelope Valley Airport Express, Inc. (applicant) is a California corporation operating out of Lancaster, California. A certified copy of its Articles of Incorporation was filed with the Commission in Application 84-05-062 on or about May 14, 1984.

Applicant transports passengers and their baggage between Lancaster and Palmdale on the one hand, and the Los Angeles International Airport on the other hand. Applicant's present operating authority provides for two pickup points on private property at specific points. It has applied to amend its authority to provide for pickups within a "Lancaster-Palmdale Service Area." If the authority is granted as requested it will permit applicant to change its pickup points as necessary without filing a formal application to obtain the necessary authority.

Applicant's vehicles pass through Newhall nonstop on their way to the Los Angeles International Airport. Newhall residents have requested that local pickup points be provided on this route. Applicant has, therefore, requested that Newhall be included as an expanded service area on the Los Angeles International Airport scheduled service.

Applicant seeks to extend its authority to serve Burbank's Lockheed Air Terminal (BUR) from Lancaster, Palmdale, and Newhall. Local residents have requested this service and it can be performed conveniently as an adjunct to the Los Angeles Airport schedules.

A final grant of authority was requested to authorize a 7-day, 24-hour on-call door-to-door service from all points in the Lancaster area to connect with applicant's scheduled service to the Los Angeles and Burbank Airports. An additional \$10 or \$15 (one-way) fare will be charged for this service.

Applicant has provided a passenger stage service in the area since August of 1984. It has 7 vans, 5 with a capacity of 15 passengers, 1 with 9 seats, and another with 12 seats. It has 2 custom-made trailers to transport additional baggage. Fares for the proposed service will range from \$10 to \$36 for one-way transportation. The application includes a set of rules to be applied to transportation performed on the proposed extension of authority. Applicant's scheduled service to the Burbank Airport will be provided 7 days a week, with fewer schedules on Saturday.

Applicant's balance sheet for 1986 shows current liabilities of \$7,623.95 and assets of \$62,850.41. Income totaled \$331,100.47 and operating expenses \$121,715.23.

Copies of the application were mailed to the city clerks of Los Angeles, Burbank, Lancaster, and Palmdale, the Los Angeles county clerk, and to the Southern California Association of Governments and the Southern California Rapid Transit District, both of the latter in Los Angeles. Notice of the filing of the

application was provided in the Commission's Daily Calendar on May 21, 1987, and in the Daily Transportation Calendar on May 26, 1987. There have been no protests or requests for hearing.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant seeks to provide the following expanded service:
  - a. To pick up passengers at specified motels in the Lancaster-Palmdale area.
  - b. To provide service from the Newhall area in addition to Lancaster and Palmdale.
  - c. To extend service to BUR from all points presently served.
  - d. To provide 24-hour, 7-day week on-call service from all points in the Lancaster area to connect with scheduled service to the Los Angeles and Burbank Airports.
2. Public convenience and necessity require that the proposed service be established.
3. The proposed service is not being provided by anyone else.
4. Applicant has the ability, experience, equipment, and financial resources to perform this service.
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.
6. No protest to the application has been received from any public transit operator serving the territory applicant proposes to serve.
7. Extending applicant's authority from all points presently served to include BUR can be accomplished by amending applicant's current certificate.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

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.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Antelope Valley Airport Express, Inc., a California corporation, authorizing it to operate as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Public Utilities (PU) Code § 226, between the points and over the routes set forth in Second Revised Page 1, First Revised Page 2, and Original Page 3 of Appendix PSC-1348, to transport persons, baggage, and/or express.

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 its 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 FU 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. The application is granted as set forth above.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated OCT 16 1987, at San Francisco, California.

STANLEY W. HULETT  
President

DONALD VIAL  
FREDERICK R. DUDA  
G. MITCHELL WILK  
Commissioners

Commissioner John B. Ohanian, being necessarily absent, did not participate.

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

  
Victor Weisser, Executive Director

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

Antelope Valley Airport Express, 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 transport passengers, baggage, and express between Lancaster/Palmdale and Newhall, on the one hand, and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and Burbank's Lockheed Air Terminal (BUR), on the other hand, subject, however, to the authority of this Commission to change or modify this authority at any time and subject to the following provisions:

- a. All transportation of passengers shall originate at and shall be destined to the service areas and service points specified in Sections 2, 3, and 4.
- b. When route descriptions are given in one direction, they apply to operation in either direction unless otherwise indicated.
- c. This certificate does not authorize the holder to conduct any operations on the property of or into any airport unless such operations are authorized by both this Commission and the airport authority involved.

Issued by California Public Utilities Commission.

Amended by Decision 87 10 019, Application 87-05-027.

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SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS. (SCHEDULED SERVICE)

ROUTE 1. Commencing at pickup points in the Lancaster/Palmdale Service Area; then via the most appropriate streets and highways to pickup points in the Newhall Service Area; then from the Newhall Service Area via the most appropriate streets and highways to LAX.

Route 2. Commencing at pickup points in the Lancaster/Palmdale Service Area; then via the most appropriate streets and highways to pickup points in the Newhall Service Area; then from the Newhall Service Area via the most appropriate streets and highways to BUR.

SECTION 3. SERVICE AREA DESCRIPTIONS (SCHEDULED SERVICE).

1. Lancaster/Palmdale Service Area - That portion of the City of Lancaster, the City of Palmdale, and the County of Los Angeles bounded by the following streets (and by the straight line extension of those streets, where necessary): Avenue E on the north; 110th Street East on the east; Avenue T on the south; and 90th Street West on the west.

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SECTION 3. SERVICE AREA DESCRIPTIONS (SCHEDULED SERVICE). (Continued)

2. Newhall Service Area - That part of the County of Los Angeles in the vicinity of the community of Newhall which is bounded on the south and east by State Highway 14 (Antelope Valley Freeway), on the south and west by Interstate Highway 5 (Golden State Freeway), and on the north by the Santa Clara River.

SECTION 4. ON-CALL SERVICE The on-call service shall operate daily upon individual request from any point in the Lancaster On-Call Service Area to LAX and to BUR.

- a. Route 1. From any point in the Lancaster On-Call Service Area to the Lancaster scheduled service pickup point; then same as scheduled service Route 1.
- b. Route 2. From any point in the Lancaster On-Call Service Area to the Lancaster scheduled service pickup point; then same as scheduled service Route 2.
- c. Lancaster On-Call Service Area Description - That part of the City of Lancaster and County of Los Angeles bounded by the following streets (or straight line extensions of streets, where necessary): Avenue G on the north; 20th Street East on the east; Avenue M on the south; and 60th Street West on the west.

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Added by Decision 87 10 019, Application 87-05-027.