

Decision 88 09 056 SEP 28 1988

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
Mailed

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Desert Caravans, Inc., d.b.a. )  
Desert Resort Transportation, for )  
certificate of public convenience )  
and necessity to operate a Passenger )  
Stage Corporation Service between )  
Marriott's Desert Springs Resort in )  
Palm Desert, CA, and Palm Springs )  
Regional Airport. )

SEP 30 1988

Application 88-07-015  
(Filed July 12, 1988)

OPINION

Desert Caravans, Inc., a California corporation, doing business as Desert Resort Transportation, requests authority under Public Utilities (PU) Code § 1031, et seq. to establish and operate a passenger stage corporation service for the transportation of passengers and baggage between Marriott's Desert Springs Resort in Palm Desert and Palm Springs Regional Airport.

Notice of filing of the application appeared in the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar on July 18, 1988. In addition, notice of the filing of the application was served by applicant on all governmental agencies and regional transportation planning agencies within whose boundaries passengers will be loaded and unloaded. There have been no protests to the application filed with the Commission, and Transportation Division staff recommends ex parte handling of the application.

Applicant currently operates charter-party and sightseeing services in the Palm Springs area (TCP 3019S and TCP 3019P) and proposes to perform a scheduled service seven days a week transporting Marriott guests exclusively to and from the Palm Springs Airport in fulfillment of a recently obtained transportation agreement with Marriott's Desert Springs Resort.

Applicant states that it has seven air-conditioned, luxury-model vans which are garaged, serviced, and maintained at the Marriott facility it seeks to serve.

A balance sheet attached to the application shows Desert Caravans, Inc., to have \$581,461.77 assets, including approximately \$300,000.00 cash in banks, and a total capital of \$239,268.66 as of April 30, 1988.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant has the ability, equipment, and financial resources to perform the proposed service.
2. No protests to the application have been filed.
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. As no protests have been filed, this order should be effective immediately.
5. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

Public convenience and necessity have been demonstrated, and a certificate should be granted to applicant.

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 Desert Caravans, Inc., authorizing it 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-3019, to transport persons and their 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 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 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 it 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 application is granted as set forth above.  
This order is effective today.

Dated SEP 28 1988, at San Francisco, California.

STANLEY W. HULETT  
President  
DONALD VIAL  
FREDERICK R. DUDA  
G. MITCHELL WILK  
JOHN B. OHANIAN  
Commissioners

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

  
Victor Weisser, Executive Director

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CERTIFICATE

OF

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

AS A PASSENGER STAGE CORPORATION

PSC-3019

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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.

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Issued under authority of Decision 88 09 056, dated  
SEP 28 1988 of the Public Utilities Commission of the  
State of California in Application 88-07-015.

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

Desert Caravans, Inc., by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to transport passengers and their baggage between points in Palm Desert, and Palm Springs Municipal Airport, over and along the routes described in Section 2, subject, however, to the authority of this Commission to change or modify the routes at any time and subject to the following provisions:

- (a) 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.
- (b) Motor vehicles may be turned at termini and intermediate points, in either direction, at intersections of streets or by operating around a block contiguous to such intersections, in accordance with local traffic regulations.
- (c) When route descriptions are given in one direction, they apply to operations in either direction unless otherwise indicated.
- (d) Only passengers originating at or destined to Palm Springs Municipal Airport shall be transported.
- (e) The term "on-call" as used refers to service which is authorized to be rendered dependent on the demands of passengers. The tariffs and timetables shall show the conditions under which the authorized on-call service will be rendered.

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SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTION.

Route 1. ON-CALL AND SCHEDULED SERVICE

Commencing at Marriott's Desert Springs Resort at 74-855 Country Club Drive in Palm Desert, then via Bob Hope Drive, Ramon Road, El Cielo Road to the Palm Springs Municipal Airport at the intersection of El Cielo and Tahquitz-McCallum Way.

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