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Decision 91-11-002 November 6, 1991

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**ORIGINAL**

Application of Desert Cities Shuttle )  
for certificate of public convenience )  
and necessity to operate as a passenger )  
stage between certain points in the )  
Coachella Valley, on one hand, and John )  
Wayne Airport, Ontario Airport, Hotels )  
in the LAX (Los Angeles International )  
Airport) area (arrivals), LAX )  
(departures), Santa Monica, Long Beach, )  
Marina Del Rey, Beverly Hills, and )  
Downtown Los Angeles, on the other hand. )

Application 90-12-072  
(Filed December 31, 1990;  
amended June 20, 1991)

O P I N I O N

Stephan Stephanoff and Antoanet Stephanoff, a partnership doing business as Desert Cities Shuttle, request authority to establish and operate an on-call passenger stage service between certain points in the Coachella Valley, Riverside County, on the one hand, and John Wayne Airport, Ontario Airport, Los Angeles International Airport, and hotels/motels within a service area encompassing these airports, on the other hand.

A timely protest to the application was filed by the United Transportation Union, but the protest was withdrawn by letter dated August 14, 1991. At the request of the Transportation Division (staff), applicants amended their application on June 20, 1991, and staff now recommends its ex parte approval.

Co-applicant Stephan Stephanoff is currently authorized to operate and is operating a similar on-call passenger stage service in partnership with Illia Tzokanow (PSC-6065). The application states that the Stephanoff/Tzokanow partnership will be dissolved if the certificate sought in this application is granted.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant has the ability, equipment, and financial resources to perform the proposed service.
2. A timely protest to the application has been withdrawn and no other protests have been filed.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. Applicant will dissolve the Stephanoff/Tzokanow partnership upon grant of this certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN).

Conclusions of Law

1. Public convenience and necessity have been demonstrated, and a certificate should be granted to applicant.
2. As the only protest to the application has been withdrawn and there is a public need for the service, this order should be effective immediately.
3. A public hearing is not necessary.
4. The partnership of Stephanoff/Tzokanow should be dissolved upon grant of this CPCN.

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 Stephan Stephanoff and Antoanet Stephanoff authorizing them 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-7255, to transport persons and baggage.

2. Applicants 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 their 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 101, 104, and 158, 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.
- g. Submit a letter to the Transportation Division Confirming the dissolution of the Stephanoff/Tzokanow partnership within 30 days of the effective date of this order.

3. Before beginning service to any airport, applicants shall notify the airport's governing body. Applicant shall not operate into or on airport property unless such operations are also authorized by the airport's governing body.

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

5. Applicants shall comply with PU Code §§ 460.7 and 1043, relating to the Workers' Compensation laws of this state.

6. The application is granted as set forth above.

This order is effective today.

Dated November 6, 1991, at San Francisco, California.

PATRICIA M. ECKERT  
President  
JOHN B. OHANIAN  
DANIEL Wm. FESSLER  
NORMAN D. SHUMWAY  
Commissioners

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

  
NEAL J. SHULMAN, Executive Director

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Appendix PSC-7255

Stephan Stephanoff  
and  
Antoanet Stephanoff

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CERTIFICATE

OF

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY  
AS A PASSENGER STAGE CORPORATION

PSC-7255

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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 91-11-002, dated  
November 6, 1991 of the Public Utilities Commission of the  
State of California in Application 90-12-072.

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

Stephan Stephanoff and Antoanet Stephanoff, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to transport passengers and their baggage on an on-call, door-to-door basis, between points in Riverside County (Coachella Valley), described in Section 2, on the one hand, and John Wayne Airport (SNA), Ontario Airport (ONT) and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and hotels/motels in portions of Los Angeles County, described in Section 2, on the other hand, over and along the routes described in Section 3, 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 the airport authority involved.
- (b) When route descriptions are given in one direction, they apply to operations in either direction unless otherwise indicated.
- (c) No passengers shall be transported except those having a point of origin or destination at the Coachella Valley.
- (d) The term "on-call" as used refers to service which is authorized to be rendered dependent on the demands of passengers. The tariffs shall show the conditions under which each authorized on-call service will be provided, and shall include the description of the boundary of each fare zone, except when a single fare is charged to all points within a single incorporated city.

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SECTION 2. SERVICE AREA DESCRIPTIONS.

On-Call, Door-to-Door, Service

Riverside County (Coachella Valley)

All points within the geographical limits of the following cities in the Coachella Valley:

Indio, Coachella, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Rancho Mirage, Cathedral City, Palm Springs, Thousand Palms, Desert Hot Springs and Indian Wells.

Los Angeles County - Hotels/Motels only.

All hotels/motels within the geographical limits of the cities of Santa Monica, Long Beach, Marina Del Rey, Beverly Hills, and the following postal zip code communities in the City of Los Angeles (LA):

Downtown LA - 90012, 90013, 90014, 90015,  
90017, 90057, 90071  
Westchester - 90045  
West LA - 90024, 90025, 90064, 90067  
Venice - 90291  
Playa Del Rey - 90293

SECTION 3. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS.

Commencing at Coachella Valley then via the most convenient streets and highways to SNA, ONT, LAX or any hotel/motel within the authorized service area described in Section 2.

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