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Decision 92-08-011 August 11, 1992

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Name: WALT'S COMMUTE SERVICE, INC.)
 For authority to operate as a)
 passenger stage corporation to)
 provide home-to-work service)
 between Santa Rosa and United Air)
 Lines Maintenance Base at SFO; and)
 between Santa Rosa and the Mare)
 Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo.)

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Application 92-04-037
(Filed April 30, 1992)

O P I N I O N

Walt's Commute Service, Inc., a corporation, (applicant), seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to establish and operate a passenger stage service for the transportation of passengers in home-to-work service between Santa Rosa, on the one hand, and the United Airlines Maintenance Base in South San Francisco, and the Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, on the other hand.

Applicant proposes to provide regularly scheduled service five days per week, Monday through Friday, at times convenient for commuters. Proposed pickup points for each of the outlying locations are identified in the application.

Applicant will operate 1964 and 1960 GMC buses, with seating capacities of 42 and 50 passengers, respectively.

Applicant states that its officers have over 10 years' experience in providing passenger transportation service.

Applicant's financial statement shows a net worth of \$11,220. Cash on hand is \$7,800. Total assets amount to \$27,220.

The Commission has received no protests in this proceeding; we therefore presume that the application is unopposed by affected transit operators or competing passenger stage carriers. On this basis the Commission's staff has recommended approval of the application by ex parte order.

The Commission encourages free entry of home-to-work passenger stage operations wherever a need exists. We take official notice of the growing problems of traffic congestion and air pollution in the greater Bay Area, and particularly in the areas which will be served, and we believe that any effort to get commuters out of their private automobiles and onto mass transit vehicles will benefit the public as a whole. We therefore approve the application, subject to applicant's compliance with the Commission's liability insurance requirements and other conditions contained in the appendix hereto.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant seeks to operate a passenger stage service for the transportation of passengers between Santa Rosa, on the one hand and the United Airlines Maintenance Base in South San Francisco, and the Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, on the other hand, with service to certain intermediate points.
2. Applicant has sufficient equipment available and experience necessary to operate the contemplated service.
3. Applicant's cash on hand is sufficient to enable the startup of applicant's proposed service, considering the nature of the service and the circumstances of its operation.
4. The proposed service is designed to be utilized by employees of the United Airlines Maintenance Base and the Mare Island Naval Shipyard in lieu of commuting to work in their private automobiles.
5. Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar on May 8, 1992.
6. The Commission has received no protest to this application from any public transit operator or passenger stage carrier serving the territory applicant proposes to serve.
7. Granting of this application will have no adverse effect upon the environment.
8. Public convenience and necessity require operation of applicant's passenger stage service for a period of one year.

Conclusions of Law

1. The application should be granted for one year, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the certificate attached as Appendix PSC-7860 to the order.

2. This order should be effective on the date of issuance so that the new service may be established as soon as possible,

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Walt's Commute Service, Inc. (applicant) authorizing it to operate as a passenger stage service between the points and over the routes set forth in Appendix PSC-7860, 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 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 Public Utilities (PU) Code § 403 when notified by mail to do so.

- g. Comply with PU Code §§ 460.7 and 1043 relating to workers' compensation laws of this State.

3. Before beginning service to any airport, applicant 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. Applicant is authorized to begin operations on the date that the Executive Director mails a notice to applicant that its evidence of insurance is on file with the Commission and that the California Highway Patrol has approved the use of applicant's vehicles for service, but in no event any sooner than the 10th day following the effective date of this order.

5. The application is granted as set forth above.

6. The authority granted by this order shall expire on August 11, 1993, or until modified by further order of this Commission.

This order is effective today.

Dated August 11, 1992, at San Francisco, California.

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

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

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

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NEAL J. SHULMAN, Executive Director

CERTIFICATE
 OF
 PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
 AS A PASSENGER STAGE CORPORATION
 PSC-7860

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

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.

Issued under authority of Decision 92-08-011,
 dated August 11, 1992, of the Public Utilities Commission
 of the State of California in Application 92-04-037.

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**SECTION I. GENERAL AUTHORIZATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, LIMITATIONS,
AND SPECIFICATIONS.**

Walt's Commute Service, Inc., a California corporation, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, are authorized to transport only home-to-work passengers and their baggage between points described in Section II subject, however, to the authority of this Commission to change or modify the routes or service areas at any time and subject to the following provisions:

- a. When route descriptions are given in one direction, they apply to operation in either direction unless otherwise indicated.
- b. Service will be operated only at the designated service points listed in Section II.
- c. Service shall be operated on a scheduled basis. Such schedules shall be the timetable filed with the Commission.
- d. Home-to-work passengers means persons who are transported from their home locations to their work locations and or vice versa.
- e. This authority will expire on August 11, 1993.

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SECTION II. ROUTE DESCRIPTION.

ROUTE 1: Santa Rosa - United Airlines Maintenance Base, South San Francisco (UAMB)

Commencing from West Third Street in Santa Rosa, then via Highway 101, to Cotati (Cotati Exit), Petaluma (Petaluma Road south exit), Marin (Seminary Drive) and to UAMB.

ROUTE 2: Santa Rosa - Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo (MARE)

Commencing from Cottingtown Shopping Center (Steele Lane) in Santa Rosa, then via Highway 101, to Cotati (Cotati Exit), Petaluma (East Washington exit), then over the most convenient streets and highways to MARE.

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