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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the Marin Senior Coordinating Council, Inc. For a Certificate of Public Conveyance (sic) and Necessity to operate a passenger stage corporation within Marin County and the city and county of San Francisco.

Application 60930 (September 25, 1981)

O P I N I O N

Marin Senior Coordinating Council, Inc. doing business as Whistlestop Wheels (applicant), requests authority to operate as a passenger stage corporation for the transportation of passengers within Marin County and between Marin County and a limited portion of San Francisco.

Applicant proposes a door-to-door service on a reservation basis between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The service is to be provided primarily for the elderly and handicapped but will be available to the general public on a space available basis. The fares proposed are:

Elderly & Handicapped	\$0.50 ^{1/}	✓
General Public	\$2.00	

Applicant has performed the above service for the past 10 years for the elderly and handicapped with funding provided from county, state, federal, and private funds. No charge has been made to the users of the service. However, applicant was informed by a major funding source that it must obtain a portion of the operating costs from the users of the service by charging individual fares. Therefore, applicant requires a certificate of public convenience and necessity as a passenger stage corporation.

1/ Per advice of applicant to Commission staff January 8, 1982. ✓

At the present time, applicant is operating a fleet of 15 vans, 6 of which are equipped with wheelchair lifts and accommodate 2 wheelchairs plus ambulatory passengers. The vans vary in capacity from 9 to 14 passengers.

Copies of the application were mailed to Golden Gate Transit, Yellow Cab Company, Marin Center for Independent Living, San Francisco Municipal Railway, Marin County, and the City and County of San Francisco. Notice of the filing of the application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar. No protests have been filed.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant proposes to operate demand response service covering Marin County and a portion of San Francisco.
2. Applicant has operated a similar service for 10 years.
3. Public convenience and necessity require applicant's service.
4. Applicant has the necessary equipment, experience, ability, and fitness to conduct the proposed 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. Since there is a public need for the proposed service the following order should be effective today.

Conclusion of Law

Public convenience and necessity have been demonstrated and the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

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 (PSC-1198) is granted to Marin Senior Coordinating Council, Inc., a corporation, authorizing it to operate as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in PU Code Section 226, between the points and over the routes set forth in Appendix A, to transport persons.

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.

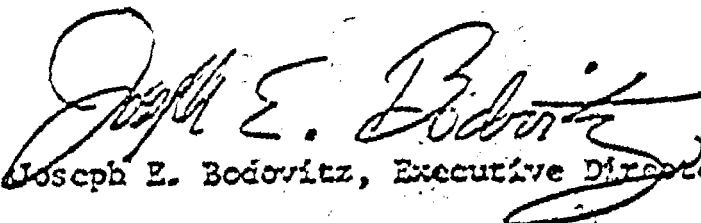
- d. Comply with General Order Series 79, 98, 101, and 104, and the California Highway Patrol safety rules.
- e. Maintain accounting records in conformity with the Uniform System of Accounts.

This order is effective today.

Dated FEB 4 1982, at San Francisco, California.

JOHN E. BRYSON
President
RICHARD D. CRAVELLE
LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. CREW
Commissioners

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director

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CERTIFICATE

OF

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

AS A PASSENGER STAGE CORPORATION

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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 82 02 023, dated FEB - 4 1982,
of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California,
in Application 60930.

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

Marin Senior Coordinating Council, Inc., doing business as Whistlestop Wheels, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to transport passengers within Marin County and between Marin County and San Francisco County within the areas described, subject, however, to the authority of this Commission to change or modify the routes at any time and subject to the following provisions:

- a. Service shall be provided in response to advance telephone reservations only. Conditions attendant to the reservations process, including the number of minutes of advance time required to assure transportation in response to a reservation, shall be set forth in the carrier's tariffs and timetables to be filed with this Commission.
- b. The hours of service shall be set forth in the carrier's timetables to be filed with this Commission.
- c. Routing shall be by the shortest reasonable route, designed to carry the passengers to their specified destinations within the service area in an expeditious manner, taking into consideration the destinations of all the passengers in the vehicle.
- d. No passengers shall be transported except those having point of origin or destination within Marin County.

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SECTION 2. SERVICE TERRITORIES

Marin County

The County of Marin

San Francisco County

Beginning at the Golden Gate Bridge and the shoreline of San Francisco Bay, then following the shoreline of San Francisco Bay to the prolongation of Market Street, then along the prolongation of Market Street, Market Street, Seventeenth Street, Clayton Street, Clarendon Avenue, Seventh Avenue, Judah Street, Nineteenth Avenue, Cross Over Drive, Twenty-fifth Avenue, Geary Boulevard, Forty-seventh Avenue and its prolongation to the shoreline of San Francisco Bay and the shoreline of San Francisco Bay to the point of beginning.

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