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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Airport Bus of Bakersfield, Inc., for )  
a Certificate to operate as a Class )  
"B" Charter Party Carrier of Passen- )  
gers between LAX and Bakersfield. )

Application 60772  
(Filed July 29, 1981)

O P I N I O N

Applicant, Airport Bus of Bakersfield, Inc., seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a Class B charter-party carrier of passengers from a home terminal at 1011 Oak Street, Bakersfield, using equipment with a passenger seating capacity not exceeding 16.

Applicant has been involved with Gerald A. Sears, doing business as Bakersfield Airport Express, in the operation of a certificated passenger stage service between Bakersfield, Saugus, and Los Angeles International Airport. Sears was granted authority to provide this service by Decision (D.) 93117 dated May 19, 1981, in Application (A.) 60430, as amended. A petition for rehearing of this decision by Greyhound Lines, Inc. was granted by D.93464 dated August 18, 1981, which did not stay the decision. By A.60862, applicant requested authority to acquire the operating authority and related equipment of Sears. Public hearings on these two and other matters consolidated with them have been held, and they will be the subject of a separate decision.

According to the application applicant owns six 16-passenger vans. Its June 30, 1981 balance sheet shows assets of \$192,000, liabilities of \$163,000, and a net worth of \$29,000.

Its estimated results of operations for the first year, should the sought certificate be granted, are \$370,000 revenue, \$152,700 expenses, and \$217,300 income before income taxes.

Applicant has notified various charter operators in the Kern County area that it has applied for the sought certificate. Greyhound Lines, Inc. advised that it would have no objection to the proposed authority if it included a restriction limiting equipment to 16-passenger carrying capacity. Applicant advised by letter dated September 30, 1981 that it has no objection to this equipment limitation. There are no protests to the requested certificate as amended. A public hearing is not necessary. The certificate will be granted with the equipment restriction. If at a future date it appears to applicant that larger equipment will be required to operate his service more efficiently he can file an application with us for removal of this equipment restriction.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant has the ability, experience, equipment, and financial resources to perform the proposed service.
2. Public convenience and necessity require the service proposed by applicant.
3. Applicant should be authorized to pick up passengers within a radius of 40 air miles from its home terminal at 1011 Oak Street, Bakersfield.
4. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Conclusion of Law

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

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity to be renewed each year, is granted to applicant, Airport Bus of

Bakersfield, Inc., authorizing it to operate as a Class B charter-party carrier of passengers, as defined in Public Utilities Code § 5383, from a service area with a radius of 40 air miles from applicant's home terminal at 1011 Oak Street, Bakersfield, with equipment not exceeding a 16-passenger seating capacity.

2. The Passenger Operations Branch will issue the annual renewable certificate on Form PE-695 as authorized by Resolution PE-303 when it receives California Highway Patrol clearances and evidence of liability protection in compliance with General Order Series 115.

3. In providing service under the certificate, applicant shall comply with General Orders Series 98 and 115, and the California Highway Patrol safety rules.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

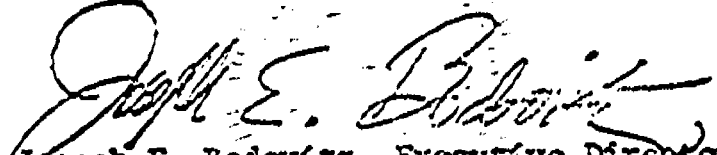
Dated FEB 17 1982, at San Francisco, California.

RICHARD D GRAVELLE  
LEONARD M. CRIMES, JR.  
VICTOR CALVO  
PRISCILLA C. CREW  
Commissioners

Commissioner JOHN E. BRYSON

Present but not participating.

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

  
Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director