

Decision S2 06 046 June 2, 1982

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Ralph William Ortega doing business )  
as Healdsburg Bus Service for a )  
Class "B" Charter Party Carrier of )  
Passenger Certificate to operate in )  
Healdsburg. )

Application 82-03-75  
(Filed March 22, 1982)

O P I N I O N

Ralph William Ortega, dba Healdsburg Bus Service, seeks a Class B charter-party carrier of passengers certificate to operate from his home terminal at 903 Harold Lane, Healdsburg. ✓

The application was noticed on the Commission's Daily Calendar and was served upon 8 bus companies in the Healdsburg area, including Greyhound Charter Service.

Greyhound Lines, Inc. (Greyhound) filed a protest, but, by stipulation, Greyhound withdrew its protest as applicant wishes to limit his operation to school-type buses only, subject to Commission approval.

The Transportation Division has no objection to the granting of the requested authority. A public hearing is not necessary.

Applicant's application shows that he provides school bus transportation under contract with the school district, and that he owns three school-type buses, each having a capacity of 60 passengers. Applicant's financial resources are adequate to provide the proposed service.

Findings of Fact

1. There is a substantial need for the charter-party service proposed by applicant.
2. Applicant has the ability, experience, equipment, and financial resources to perform the proposed charter service limited to school-type buses to be authorized in the order which follows.
3. Public convenience and necessity require the service proposed by applicant.
4. A public hearing would have been scheduled in accordance with Public Utilities Code § 5375.1, but since Greyhound withdrew its protest the hearing would have served no useful purpose.
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.

Conclusions of Law

1. Public convenience and necessity have been demonstrated and a certificate should be granted subject to the restriction stipulated to by applicant and Greyhound.
2. Applicant should be authorized to pick up passengers within a radius of 40 air miles from his home terminal.
3. Applicant is advised that should circumstances change in the future and applicant wishes to have the restriction removed from his certificate, application for this removal must be made to the Commission.

4. Since the protest has been withdrawn and applicant should proceed without delay in providing the proposed service, the order should be effective today.

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 Ralph William Ortega, authorizing him 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 903 Harold Lane, Healdsburg.

2. Applicant's service shall be restricted to the operation of school-type buses.

3. 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.

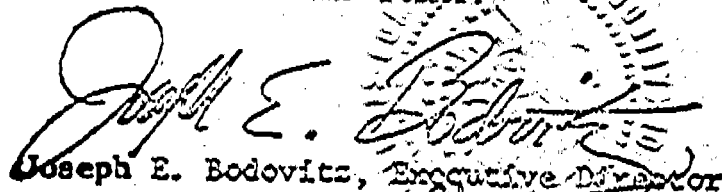
4. In providing service under the certificate, applicant shall comply with General Orders Series 98 and 115, and the California Highway Patrol safety rules.

This order is effective today.

Dated JUN 2 1982, at San Francisco, California.

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

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

  
Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director

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