

Decision 83 02 026 FEB 2- 1983

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of HUDSON GENERAL)
 COACH LINES, INC. for certificate)
 of public convenience and necessity)
 to operate as a passenger stage)
 corporation for the transportation)
 of passenger and express in scheduled)
 bus service between East Los Angeles/)
 Huntington Park and the International)
 Border at San Ysidro County.)

Application 82-10-08
(Filed October 5, 1982)

O P I N I O N

Hudson General Coach Lines, Inc. (applicant)^{1/} seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate as a passenger stage corporation for the transportation of passengers, baggage, and express between East Los Angeles and Huntington Park in Los Angeles County and San Ysidro in San Diego County, adjacent to the International Border between the United States and the Republic of Mexico. Applicant proposes to provide regularly scheduled service seven days a week, although it reserves the right not to provide the service if there are fewer than five passengers. Applicant proposes to provide service along the following route:

^{1/} Arrow Charter Lines, Inc. was incorporated on June 15, 1967. On September 27, 1982 that corporation filed a certificate of amendment of its articles of incorporation changing its name to Hudson General Coach Lines, Inc.

"The coach will depart from Bauman Travel Service, located at the corner of Gage and Pacific Avenues in Huntington Park. The coach will then travel eastbound on Gage until Atlantic Boulevard and continue northbound on Atlantic to the intersection of Whittier Boulevard and the northeast corner of Atlantic Boulevard, in East Los Angeles. The coach will then travel southbound on Interstate 5 to San Diego, continuing southbound on Interstate 805 to the turnaround area on the west side of the International Border at San Ysidro. The coach will depart from the Border on the East side, one block north, for the return trip to Los Angeles. The return trip will follow the above route in the reverse order."

Applicant's proposed time schedule is contained in Exhibit E attached to the application. Its proposed fares for transportation between Huntington Park or East Los Angeles and San Ysidro are \$22 for a round trip and \$12 for a one-way trip. Each fare will permit passengers to carry up to three pieces of personal luggage weighing less than 100 pounds. Children between five and eleven years old will be charged one-half of the regular fare. Applicant also proposes to establish express rates for parcels of varying weights up to 100 pounds.

Applicant plans to use 46- and 48-passenger American Eagle Model "10" coaches on this route. Those coaches will be 1980 or newer models, each containing air-conditioning, a rest-room, and two-way radio communication equipment. The vehicles would be garaged, serviced, and maintained by applicant's maintenance personnel in Huntington Park and in Los Angeles. Applicant owns a fleet of 28 45- to 53-passenger buses from which it can provide any backup coaches needed.

Notice of the filing of this application appeared on the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar of October 8, 1982. No protests were received.

Applicant asserts that the following factors demonstrate public convenience and necessity for its proposed service:

- a. It will offer the only nonstop services from Huntington Park and East Los Angeles to San Ysidro;
- b. The only major carrier now providing service between Huntington Park and East Los Angeles and the International Border at San Ysidro requires its passengers to change coaches at Los Angeles and to make one or more stops en route;
- c. There is a large and constant movement of persons from Huntington Park and East Los Angeles to the International Border who travel to Baja California to shop and visit their families;
- d. It will provide convenient connections for persons wishing to travel into Mexico; and
- e. Its service will benefit the environment by reducing the number of private cars using public roads.

Applicant (or its predecessor) has held Class A Certificate TCP-161A to operate as a charter-party carrier of passengers since 1967 and holds Interstate Commerce Commission Certificate No. ICCMC 151475 for charter and special operations for passengers and their baggage. Applicant employs bilingual Spanish-speaking drivers, dispatchers, and office personnel. Applicant carries automobile liability insurance of \$1,000,000 and an excess liability umbrella coverage of \$10,000,000.

As of June 30, 1982, applicant's assets totaled \$1,886,347, including depreciated operating equipment of \$1,594,099; its liabilities totaled \$1,669,177, including \$1,560,838 due to affiliated companies; and its capital stock and retained earnings totaled \$217,170.^{2/} Applicant's estimates of gross and net operating revenues from the proposed operations are \$240,900 and \$3,400, respectively.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant requests a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a passenger stage corporation for the transportation of persons, baggage, and express. Applicant possesses the financial resources and ability to operate the proposed service.

2. Applicant will provide a needed scheduled passenger stage, baggage, and express service between Huntington Park and East Los Angeles in Los Angeles County and San Ysidro in San Diego County, adjacent to the International Border between the United States and the Republic of Mexico.

3. Applicant has established public convenience and necessity.

4. The rates proposed in the application are reasonable.

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. Applicant has demonstrated public convenience and necessity for establishing the proposed service.

2. The effective date of this order should be the date of signature in order that applicant may begin operations of a needed service as soon as possible.

^{2/} Applicant's letter of December 20, 1982 corrects financial information contained in Appendix H attached to the application.

3. 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 is granted to Hudson General Coach Lines, Inc. 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 PSC-1269, to transport persons, baggage, and express.

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 within 120 days after this order is effective.
- c. State in its tariffs when service will start; allow at least 10 days' notice to the Commission; and make its tariffs effective 10 or more days after this order is effective.
- d. Comply with General Orders Series 79, 98, 101, and 104, and the California Highway Patrol safety rules.

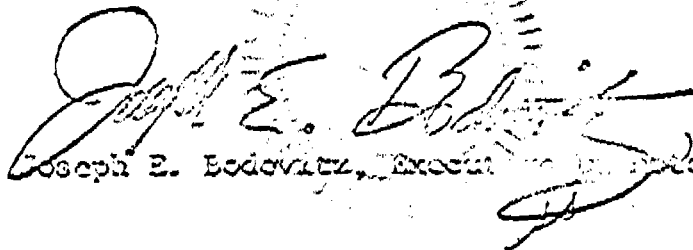
- c. Maintain accounting records in conformity with the Uniform System of Accounts.

This order is effective today.

Dated FEB 2 1983, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. GREW
DONALD VIAL
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
PSC - 1269

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 83 02 026, dated FEB 2 - 1983,
of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California in
Application 82-10-08.

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

Hudson General Coach Lines, Inc., by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to operate as a passenger stage corporation to transport passengers, baggage and express, over and along the routes 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. Motor vehicles may be turned at termini and intermediate points, in either direction, at intersections of streets or by operating around a block contiguous to such intersections, in accordance with local traffic regulations.
- b. When route descriptions are given in one direction, they apply to operation in either direction unless otherwise indicated.
- c. The transportation of baggage or express shall be on passenger-carrying vehicles and shall be incidental to the transportation of passengers and limited to a weight of not more than 100 pounds per shipment.
- d. Service shall be conducted for not fewer than 5 passengers.

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SECTION 2. AUTHORIZED PICKUP POINTS.

- a. CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK
Gage Avenue and Pacific Boulevard
- b. EAST LOS ANGELES (LOS ANGELES COUNTY)
Whittier Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard
- c. INTERNATIONAL BORDER SAN YSIDRO (IBSY)

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SECTION 3. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS.

Route 1 - Huntington Park-East Los Angeles-San Ysidro

Commencing at Gage Avenue and Pacific Boulevard in the City of Huntington Park, then east on Gage Avenue to Atlantic Boulevard, north on Atlantic Boulevard to the intersection of Atlantic Boulevard and Whittier Boulevard, then over and along the most convenient streets and highways to Interstate Highway 5 (I-5), south and southeast on I-5 and Interstate Highway 805 to the International Border at San Ysidro and return.

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