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Decision 83 02 059 FEB 10 1983

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application)
of LAKE TAHOE TRANSPORTATION)
SYSTEMS, INC., a California)
corporation, dba LAKE TAHOE)
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, aka DIAL)
A RIDE, for modification of its)
certificate of public convenience)
and necessity (PSC-1140) to remove)
restrictions on the size and)
passenger capacity of vehicles)
operated on applicant's existing)
certificated routes.)

Application 82-12-45
(Filed December 17, 1982)

O P I N I O N

Lake Tahoe Transportation Systems, Inc. (applicant) is a passenger stage corporation (PSC-1140) operating an on-call passenger stage service in the Lake Tahoe area. Applicant is presently restricted by Commission Decision 92231, dated October 18, 1980, to vehicles which are less than 30 feet long and carry 26 passengers or less.

Applicant requests authority to remove the present vehicle size and passenger capacity restrictions.

The restrictions exist because of a stipulation between Grayline Scenic Tours and applicant whereby Grayline would withdraw its protest to granting applicant an operating certificate. Grayline was serving the Lake Tahoe Airport with larger buses on a regular basis at that time. Shortly after applicant became operational, Grayline ceased the airport service and sold its advertising booth at the airport to applicant.

Findings of Fact

1. The reasons for placing the vehicle size and capacity restrictions on the operating certificate no longer exist.

2. Applicant's regular customers have requested larger vehicles.

3. These larger vehicles would be more fuel efficient.

4. These larger vehicles would help reduce traffic congestion.

5. This bus service is a very important part of the Lake Tahoe transportation system. Applicant's current fleet of small vehicles is inadequate to fulfill the present needs of the Lake Tahoe area.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar. The Commission's Transportation Division staff has reviewed the application and recommends that in the absence of protest for public hearing, it be granted by ex parte order. No protest has been received.

Conclusion of Law

Public convenience and necessity require that the vehicle size restriction in applicant's certificate be removed.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The vehicle size and length restriction in Appendix A, Section 1, paragraph (d) of Commission Decision 92291, dated October 8, 1980 in Application 59711, is removed by replacing Original Page 1 with First Revised Page 1. ✓

2. Applicant shall:

a. File a written acceptance of this authority 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 79, 98, 101, and 104, and the California Highway Patrol safety rules.
- e. Maintain accounting records in conformity with the Uniform System of Accounts.

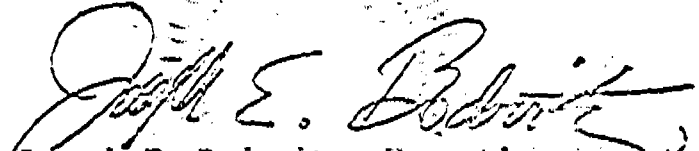
3. This certificate does not authorize the holder to conduct any operations on the property of or into any airport unless such operation is authorized by the airport authority involved.

This order is effective today.

Dated FEB 10 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

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

Lake Tahoe Transportation Systems, Inc., doing business as Lake Tahoe Transportation Systems, by the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a passenger stage corporation granted in the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to transport passengers and their baggage and express shipments weighing less than one hundred (100) pounds per shipment incidental to the transportation of passengers in a "dial-a-ride" service between points and places within the South Lake Tahoe Basin Area as described herein, subject, however, to the authority of this Commission to change or modify said service area at any time and subject to the following provisions:

- (a) Service shall be rendered via a direct route from the point of origin to the point of destination of a passenger, except that when more than one passenger is to be transported in a single vehicle, service shall be rendered by the most direct routings possible, taking into consideration the various points of origin and destination of the several passengers.
- (b) Drivers shall have discretion in choosing routings and order of origins and destinations, based upon the above considerations.
- (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 one hundred (100) pounds per shipment.
- *(d)

Issued by California Public Utilities Commission.

*Removed by Decision 83 02 059, Application 82-12-45.

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O R D E R

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2. Applicant shall:
 - a. File a written acceptance of this authority within 30 days after this order is effective.