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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )	
of TRIPLE CROWN COACHES, INC. for )	Application 83-03-03
a Class B charter bus certificate )	(Filed March 2, 1983)
from home terminal in La Palma, )	
County of Orange. )	
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O P I N I O N

Applicant Triple Crown Coaches, Inc., a California corporation, seeks authority to operate as a Class "B" charter bus carrier of passengers from its headquarters in La Palma, California. Applicant proposes to provide this service using two 1970 Eagle 47-passenger capacity intercity buses which it owns.

Applicant's home terminal is located at 5291 Windermere Way, La Palma, California 90623.

Notice of filing of the application appeared on the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar dated March 4, 1983. No protests to the application have been received by the Commission.

Financial statement accompanying the application shows that as of February 15, 1983 applicant had total assets of \$163,000 and total liabilities of \$63,000. Applicant estimates total revenues of \$155,000 annually with total operating expenses of \$119,000 annually. Applicant's insurance broker is TVI located at 1176 Main Street, Suite B, Irvine, California 92714 and gives as a financial record the Valencia Bank in Orange, California.

The application alleges that the officers, directors, and management of the corporation have a combined experience of over 17 years within the bus industry. Their experience is further concentrated within the areas of management, over-the-road equipment operation, tour and charter operations, and vehicle maintenance and repair. Applicant alleges it has in excess of 8,000 feet of shop space and garage facilities in Orange, California, as well as additional storage facilities. It has one or more mechanics for the storage and maintenance of its equipment and has clerical staff sufficient to support its proposed operations successfully and profitably. Applicant further certifies that it will conform to the safety rules promulgated in the Commission's General Order Series 98 and to the rules and regulations of the Motor Carrier Safety Section of the California Highway Patrol, relating to the safe operation of commercial passenger vehicles and Class "B" charter carriers, and will comply with these rules. Applicant further states that it will not assess or collect any individual fares under its charter-party authority if granted. Charges will be based on time of usage, mileage rates, or a combination of both.

Applicant is in the process of refurbishing its buses to executive-type coaches with roomy lounge-style seats and a galley in the rear of the coach. Applicant alleges it has \$80,000 of business commitments from travel agencies and various service and fraternal clubs in Orange County upon the granting of authority to operate by the Commission.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant has the ability, experience, and equipment to perform the proposed service.
2. Public convenience and necessity require the service proposed by applicant.
3. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.
4. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

Public convenience and necessity have been demonstrated and a certificate should be granted to applicant to pick up passengers within a radius of 40 air miles from applicant's home terminal at 5291 Windermere Way, La Palma, California 90623.

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 Triple Crown Coaches, Inc. authorizing it to operate as a Class B charter-party carrier of passengers, as defined in PU Code Section 5383, from a service area with a radius of 40 air miles from applicant's home terminal at 5291 Windermere Way, La Palma, California 90623.
2. Applicant shall:
  - a. Obtain California Highway Patrol (CHP) clearance for each vehicle to be used in this Class B charter-party operation.
  - b. Notify the Commission and CHP of any addition or deletion of vehicle(s) used in the service prior to use.

c. Establish the authorized service within 360 days after this order is effective.

3. The Passenger Operations Branch will issue the annual renewable certificate on Form PE-695 as authorized by Resolution PE-303 when it receives CHP 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 CHP safety rules.

5. 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.

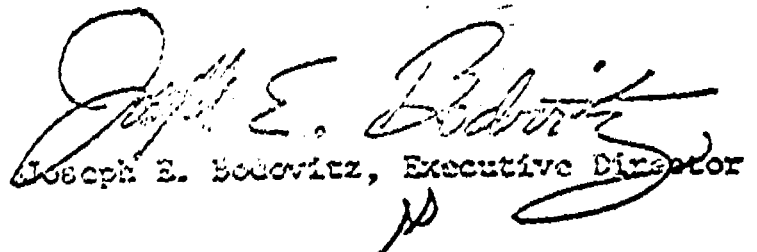
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated MAY 18 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