

**ORIGINAL**Decision 83 08 068 AUG 17 1983

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
ROBERT C. COBB, d/b/a CALIFORNIA )  
YOSEMITE TOURS, for a certificate of )  
public convenience and necessity to ) Application 83-06-14  
operate as a passenger stage corpora-) (Filed June 6, 1983)  
tion pursuant to Sections 1031, et )  
seq. of the California Public )  
Utilities Code. )

**O P I N I O N**

Robert C. Cobb (Cobb), doing business as California Yosemite Tours, requests a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate as a passenger stage corporation under Public Utilities (PU) Code Sections 1031 et seq. Cobb proposes to carry passengers, baggage, and express between Yosemite National Park and the Greater Merced Area, with designated stops on the route. Service will be on call and both one-way and round-trip.

Applicant states that he is experienced by reason of his ongoing charter services authorized by the Commission (TCP-1446-P) and by virtue of his activities in assisting Yosemite Park and Curry Company in transporting park visitors. Cobb's balance sheet attached to the application shows adequate financial resources for the conduct of the proposed transportation services.

Applicant presently has a 12-passenger Dodge van and a 30-passenger GMC 4106 bus with a wheelchair lift. He states that arrangements have been made to acquire, as needed, a 20-passenger mini-bus and one or more 46-passenger MC9 buses.

Letters of public support attached to the application show that there is an immediate need for inauguration of the service.

The application was noticed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of June 7, 1983, and no protests have been received. The Passenger Operations Branch staff has no objection to the granting of the requested authority and recommends that the matter should be approved without public hearing.

Findings of Fact

1. Cobb has the ability, experience, equipment, and financial resources to perform the proposed service.
2. Public convenience and necessity require that the service proposed by Cobb be authorized.
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 required.
5. Since there is an immediate public need for the service, this order should be effective today.

Conclusion of Law

The requested certificate should be granted.

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 Robert C. Cobb, an individual, authorizing him 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-1309, to transport persons, baggage, and/or 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 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 both this Commission and the airport authority involved.

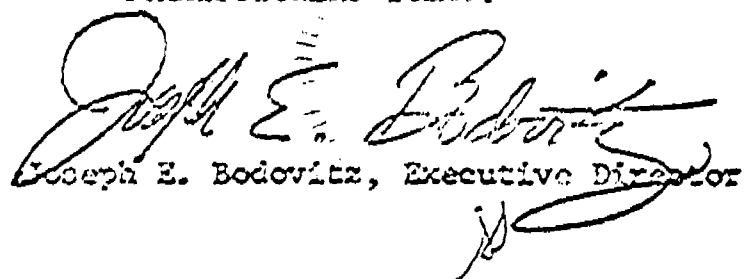
This order is effective today.

Dated AUG 17 1983, at San Francisco, California.

VICTOR CALVO  
PRISCILLA C. GREW  
DONALD VIAL  
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY  
Commissioners

Commissioner Leonard M. Grimes, Jr.,  
being necessarily absent, did not  
participate.

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-1309

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Showing passenger stage operative rights, restrictions, limitations,  
exceptions, and privileges.

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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.

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Issued under authority of Decision \_\_\_\_\_, dated  
AUG 17 1983, of the Public Utilities Commission of the  
State of California in Application 83-06-14.

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

Robert C. Cobb, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to transport passengers, baggage, and express between Merced and Yosemite National Park and certain territories intermediate and adjacent thereto, over and along the routes described in Section 2, 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. The term "on-call" as used refers to service which is authorized to be rendered dependent on the demands of passengers. The tariffs and timetables shall show the conditions under which each authorized on-call service will be rendered.

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SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTION.

Between Merced and Yosemite National Park and intermediate points over and along State Highway 140 via Mariposa and Briceburg.

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