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Decision 83 08 079

August 17, 1983

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application) of S.M.O.O.T.H., Inc., for) authority to operate as a) passenger stage corporation between points in Santa Barbara) County.

Application 83-06-18 (Filed June 8, 1983)

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

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Findings of Fact

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Conclusions of Law

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- 2. The Commission's jurisdiction over public bus systems is limited to situations where specific statutory authority exists. None exists in this case.
- 3. Because there is no Commission jurisdiction over this matter this order of dismissal should be effective on the date it is signed.

IT IS ORDERED that Application 83-06-18 is dismissed for lack of Commission jurisdiction.

This order is effective today.

Dated August 17, 1983 , at Sen Francisco, California.

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PRISCILLA C. GREW
DONALD VIAL
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY
Commissioners

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