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Decision 83 05 098 SEP 30 1983

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
The Limousine Connection, a)
California corporation, for certifi-)
cate of public convenience and)
necessity to operate passenger)
stage service between selected)
locations in the San Fernando)
Valley and Burbank Airport.)

Application 83-05-19
(Filed May 9, 1983;
amended July 22, 1983)

O P I N I O N

The Limousine Connection, a California corporation, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate as a passenger stage corporation as defined in Public Utilities (PU) Code Section 226.

Applicant proposes to provide scheduled service between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., seven days a week, between hotels and business establishments in the San Fernando Valley and the Burbank Airport (BUR). On its proposed Route 1 applicant proposes to stop at the Universal Sheraton Hotel, Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in North Hollywood, the Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City, and BUR. On its proposed Route 2 it would stop at the Hilton Hotel in Sherman Oaks, the Holiday Inn in Woodland Hills, the Warner Center in Woodland Hills, the Park Plaza Hotel in Canoga Park, the Holiday Inn in Van Nuys, and BUR. Applicant owns and proposes to operate two 15-passenger Ford vans and to obtain additional equipment as needed. It proposes to carry up to 12 passengers per trip to provide needed capacity for baggage. On Route 1 applicant proposes to charge \$7 per person for one-way

transportation to BUR. On Route 2 it proposes a charge of \$10 for transportation to BUR from either the Hilton or the Van Nuys Holiday Inn and \$15 for transportation from the remaining stops.

As of April 15, 1983 applicant's assets totaled \$397,000 including \$48,000 in cash, \$50,000 for radio equipment and office equipment, \$68,000 for accounts receivable, and \$231,000 for motor vehicles including two vans to be used to provide the proposed service, seven limousines used to provide charter-party service (TCP-1110-P), and two other vehicles. Its liabilities totaled \$177,000 for amounts payable on its motor vehicles. Applicant's net worth is \$220,000. Applicant estimates it will carry an average of nine persons per trip on both routes. On proposed Route 1, applicant estimates revenues of \$344,925, expenses of \$138,706, and net revenue before taxes of \$206,219. On proposed Route 2, applicant estimates revenues of \$341,640, expenses of \$123,217, and net revenue before taxes of \$218,423. Applicant's estimates of total revenues and net revenues before taxes, on both routes, are \$686,565 and \$424,642.

Applicant states that it: is unaware of any other passenger stage corporation providing services of the kind it proposes to furnish; has the know-how and resources needed to provide the proposed service; has operated a limousine service since 1978; has built its reputation in providing safe, dependable service; and serves a substantial number of regular customers from some of the area's large corporations.

Based on its experience applicant believes there is a need for more economical transportation between BUR and selected hotels and business locations in the San Fernando Valley. BUR handles approximately 250,000 arriving and departing passengers per month, most of whom are either residents or

visitors to the San Fernando Valley. Last year BUR increased the number of passengers it handles by 43%. Due to the availability of larger and quieter aircraft, traffic at BUR should continue to expand. Universal Studios is the second largest tourist attraction in Southern California. It attracted more than three million visitors in 1982. There is rapid industrial growth in the San Fernando Valley due to development of the Warner Center and a corridor of high rise buildings has been built along Ventura Boulevard. Many of the businesses, visitors, and tourists using these facilities use BUR as their point of ingress and egress. Furthermore, in 1984 the Olympic Games will come to Los Angeles. Although the vast majority of the games' visitors will use Los Angeles International Airport as a gateway to Los Angeles, many people will use BUR to stay at hotel and motel accommodations in the San Fernando Valley. Applicant contends its proposed services will be of considerable assistance to the traveling public. It requests an ex parte certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Notice of the filing of the application and amendment appeared on the Daily Transportation Calendars of May 13 and July 26, 1983, respectively. No protest was received.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant requests a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a passenger stage corporation.
2. Applicant possesses the equipment, financial resources, and ability to operate the proposed service.
3. Applicant will provide a needed scheduled service between certain hotels and business establishments in the San Fernando Valley and BUR.

4. The rates proposed by applicant 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.
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 The Limousine Connection, 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-1301, to transport persons and baggage.
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 5 days' notice to the Commission; and make timetables and tariffs effective 5 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.

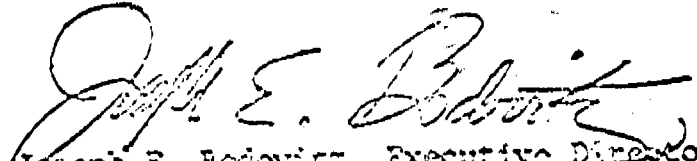
Dated SEP 30 1983, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President

VICTOR CALVO
DONALD VEAL
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY
Commissioners

Commissioner Priscilla C. Crow,
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 - 1301

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 05 088, dated SEP 30 1983,
of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, in
Application 83-05-19.

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

The Limousine Connection, a California corporation, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, is authorized as a passenger stage corporation to transport passengers and their baggage between points and routes hereafter described, subject, however to the authority of this Commission to change or modify the authority at anytime 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. No passenger shall be carried who does not have as a point of origin or destination the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport.
- d. 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.

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SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS.

Route 1. North Hollywood, Studio City - Burbank Airport

Commencing with service points at the following locations:

1. Universal Sheraton Hotel
No. 30 Universal Plaza
North Hollywood
2. Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge
4222 Vineland
North Hollywood
3. Sportsmen's Lodge
12828 Ventura Blvd.
Studio City

Then via the most appropriate streets and highways, to service point at Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport in Burbank, California.

Route 2. Encino, Woodland Hills, Canoga Park, Van Nuys-Burbank Airport

Commencing with service points at the following locations:

Valley Hilton, 15433 Ventura Blvd.
Encino

Holiday Inn, 21101 Ventura Blvd.
Woodland Hills

Warner Center, 5950 Canoga Ave.
Woodland Hills

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SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS. (Continued)

Park Plaza Hotel, 20200 Sherman Way
Canoga Park

Holiday Inn, 8244 Orion
Van Nuys

Then via the most appropriate streets and highways to service point at Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport in Burbank, California.

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