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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of)
United Shuttle Systems, Inc. for a)
Class B charter bus certificate)
from home terminal in Modesto,)
California.)

Application 83-07-22
(Filed July 12, 1983)

O P I N I O N

This is an application by United Shuttle Systems, Inc. (United) seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate as a Class B charter-party carrier of passengers. United requests authority to operate from a service area within a radius of 40 air miles from a terminal in Modesto.

Notice of the filing of the application appeared in the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar on July 15, 1983. There are no protests.

The Commission makes the following findings and conclusion:

Findings of Fact

1. A public hearing is not necessary in this matter.
2. United holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by this Commission to operate as a passenger stage corporation (PSC-1248). United conducts passenger stage operations between Turlock-Modesto-Manteca and Lodi-Stockton-Tracy and the San Francisco International Airport.
3. United has three pieces of operating equipment. This equipment is capable of transporting 15-20 persons plus luggage. Its net worth was \$10,000 on June 30, 1983. United is a closely held California corporation. It is in the process of making a limited

offer to the ten shareholders of an additional 750 shares of stock at \$200 per share. This will result in additional capital of \$150,000.

4. United has the ability, experience, equipment, and financial resources to perform the proposed service.

5. Travel agencies and tour companies have advised United that there is a need for a service with the type of equipment United proposes to operate. These agencies indicate that they often book tours or excursions for groups of 15-20 persons. Presently, the only charter equipment available in the area are 38-40 passenger buses. Use of the larger capacity buses with small groups results in a higher per capita cost for the group. United's proposed operations would better meet their needs.

6. Public convenience and necessity require the service proposed by United.

7. United should be authorized to pick up passengers within a radius of 40 air miles from its home terminal at 1427 Standiford Street, Modesto.

8. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Conclusion of Law

Public convenience and necessity have been demonstrated and a certificate should be granted.

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 United Shuttle Systems, Inc. authorizing it to operate as a Class B charter-party carrier of passengers, as defined in Public Utilities Code Section 5383, from a service area within a radius of 40 air miles from applicant's home terminal at 1427 Standiford Street, Modesto.

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 the 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.

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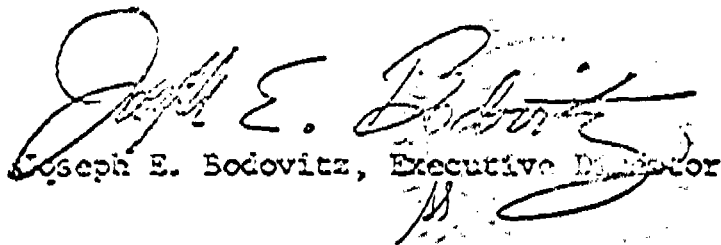
5. This certificate does not authorize the holder to conduct any operations on the property of or into any airport unless such operation is authorized by both this Commission and the airport authority involved.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated OCT 19 1983, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President
VICTOR CALVO
FRISCILLA C. GREW
DONALD VIAL
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY
Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS TODAY.


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director