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Decision 83 10 084 OCT 19 1983

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of METROPOLITAN PARATRANSIT CO., )  
INC. dba CELEBRITY MINI-TOURS CO. )  
for authority to operate as a )  
passenger stage corporation, pur- )  
suant to the provisions of Section )  
1031, et seq. of the California )  
Public Utilities Code, offering )  
on-call, per capita passenger )  
service, in mini-buses limited )  
to a maximum of eight passengers )  
to a maximum of fifteen passengers )  
per one way trip between Los Angeles )  
hotels, on the one hand, and Los )  
Angeles International Airport, on )  
the other hand. )

Application 83-02-20  
(Filed February 9, 1983)

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applicant.

James H. Lyons, Attorney at Law, for  
Airport Service, Incorporated, protestant.

K. D. Walpert, for the Department of  
Transportation, City of Los Angeles;  
and James P. Jones, for United Transportation  
Union; interested parties.

O P I N I O N

Applicant Metropolitan Paratransit Co., Inc., a  
California corporation, dba Celebrity Airport Livery Company,  
seeks authority under Public Utilities (PU) Code Section 1031,  
et seq., to operate as a passenger stage corporation for the  
transportation of passengers and their baggage between hotels  
located within a specified area of the City and County of Los  
Angeles, on the one hand, and Los Angeles International Airport

(LAX), on the other hand. Applicant intends to perform a seven-day per week on-call service. Applicant does not intend to make any pickups at residential premises. Only passengers destined for LAX from the proposed service area or embarking at LAX for destinations in the proposed service area will be transported. The application was protested by Airport Service, Incorporated (ASI).

Following notice, a public hearing was held in Los Angeles on April 21, 1983 before Administrative Law Judge William A. Turkish, and the matter was submitted upon the filing of a supplement to the application by May 13. The supplement was received on July 1, 1983 and the matter is deemed submitted as of that date. In the supplement, applicant changed its dba to Celebrity Airport Livery. Testimony on behalf of applicant was received from G. Vincent de Caesar, general manager of applicant.

Following the testimony of de Caesar, a stipulated agreement was reached between applicant and protestant ASI. The parties stipulated that any certificate granted to applicant in this proceeding will contain the following condition or restriction:

No passenger shall be transported by applicant between any airport and an off-airport bus stop of ASI, within the certificated area of applicant. The off-airport present stops of ASI are as follows:

DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES AREA  
Bonaventure Hotel  
Los Angeles Hilton Hotel  
Figueroa Hotel  
Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Biltmore/Mayflower Hotels  
New Otani Hotel  
Greyhound/RTD Terminal

HOLLYWOOD-UNIVERSAL CITY  
Farmer's Market  
Roosevelt Hotel  
Holiday Inn  
Sheraton-Universal Hotel

BEVERLY HILLS AREA

Century Plaza  
Beverly Hilton  
Beverly Wilshire Hotel  
Ramada Inn

WEST LOS ANGELES &  
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  
West L.A. Flyaway  
Westwood Holiday Inn  
The Valley Hilton

LOS ANGELES WILSHIRE DISTRICT

Hyatt Wilshire Hotel  
Ambassador Hotel  
Sheraton-Town House  
Olympian Hotel

Upon acceptance by applicant of the above condition, ASI withdrew its protest to the application. We will impose this restriction to which the parties stipulated; however, applicant may apply to have the restriction removed if changed circumstances later warrant.

Applicant currently manages and operates both taxicab and limousine services in various communities in the Los Angeles area. In addition, applicant operates special transportation services for the elderly and the handicapped in the Mar Vista, Palms, and El Rancho Park areas. Applicant intends to cater to the small hotels within the proposed service area which are now without transportation services to LAX. The proposed service area is best described as a corridor along Wilshire Boulevard from its easternmost point in Los Angeles to its westernmost point in Santa Monica and the area extending three miles to the north and three miles to the south of Wilshire Boulevard along its entire length. The services of applicant will be available between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. and will be rendered on a 12-hour advance reservation basis. One-way fares between any point within the Wilshire Corridor service area and LAX will be \$8.50 per person. Applicant proposes to use fifteen 24-passenger buses in its proposed operation.

A financial statement accompanying the application shows applicant has total assets of \$304,994 and liabilities of \$304,994 of which \$180,650 are loans to the corporation by its president and only shareholder. Applicant projects a net income during the first year of operation of \$140,321.91.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant has the ability, equipment, and financial resources 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.

Conclusion of Law

A certificate of public convenience and necessity should be granted to applicant to conduct its on-call passenger stage service.

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 Metropolitan Paratransit Co., Inc., a corporation, 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-1316, to transport persons and baggage.

2. Applicant is prohibited from picking up or dropping off any passengers at the following hotels:

Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles Hilton Hotel, Figueroa Hotel, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Biltmore/ Mayflower Hotels, New Otani Hotel, Greyhound/ RTD Terminal, Farmer's Market, Roosevelt Hotel, Holiday Inn in Hollywood, Sheraton-Universal Hotel, the Century Plaza Hotel, the Beverly Hilton Hotel, the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Ramada Inn Hotel on Beverly Drive in Los Angeles, the West Los Angeles Flyaway Terminal, the Westwood Holiday Inn, the Valley Hilton Hotel, the Hyatt Wilshire Hotel, the Ambassador Hotel, the Sheraton-Town House, and the Olympian Hotel.

3. 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.

4. 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. CRIMES, JR.  
President

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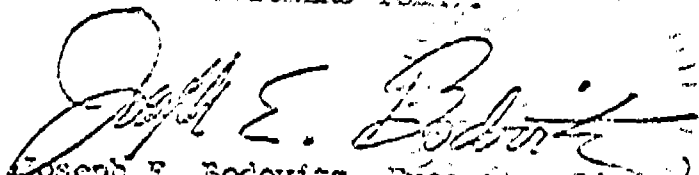
PRISCILLA C. CREW

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WILLIAM T. BAGLEY

Commissioners

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

  
Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director

CERTIFICATE  
OF  
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY  
AS A PASSENGER STAGE CORPORATION  
PSC - 1316

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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 83 10 064, dated  
OCT 19 1983 of the Public Utilities Commission of the  
State of California in Application 83-02-20.

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Appendix PSC-1316

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

Metropolitan Paratransit Co., Inc., by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by decision noted in the margin, is authorized to transport passengers and their baggage "on-call" between certain points in Los Angeles County and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), over and along the routes described, 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 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.
- (d) No passengers shall be transported except those having point of origin or destination at LAX.

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METROPOLITAN PARATRANSIT CO., INC.

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AND SPECIFICATIONS (Continued)

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SECTION 2. SERVICE AREA.

A corridor along Wilshire Boulevard between Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, and Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, and the area extending three miles to the north and three miles to the south of Wilshire Boulevard along its entire route.

SECTION 3. ROUTE DESCRIPTION.

Commencing at hotels/motels within the service area described in Section 2, then, over and along the most convenient route or routes to LAX.

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