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JAN 5 1984

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of THOMAS D. HOBBS dba SOMEX)
ENTERPRISES AIRPORT VAN SERVICE)
for certificate of public con-)
venience and necessity to)
operate passenger stage service)
between San Bernardino and)
Riverside Counties and Los)
Angeles International Airport,)
Ontario Airport, Orange County)
Airport, Long Beach Airport,)
and LA Harbor pier.)

Application 83-06-59
(Filed June 27, 1983)

O P I N I O N

Applicant Thomas D. Hobbs, an individual doing business as Somex Enterprises Airport Van Service, requests authority to operate as a passenger stage corporation between San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, on the one hand, and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Ontario Airport, Orange County Airport, Long Beach Airport, and Los Angeles Harbor, on the other hand. Applicant's principal place of business is located at 24760 Sunnymead Boulevard, Sunnymead, California.

Applicant proposes to perform an "on-call" service to be operated on a 24-hour basis, seven days per week, including holidays. The service contemplates transporting passengers originating at or destined to LAX, Ontario Airport, Orange County Airport, Long Beach Airport, and Los Angeles Harbor over the most direct routes, using one 1982 Volkswagen 6-passenger van and one 1978 Ford 15-passenger van. Applicant also proposes to purchase two to five late-model maxivans of 12- to 15-passenger capacity for use in his proposed operations.

Notice of the filing of this application appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar of June 30, 1983. In addition, a copy of this application was served upon various government entities which may have an interest in this matter. Skyview Limousine Service, which operates a similar service between Palm Springs and LAX, requested an extension of the time within which a protest could be filed in the hopes that a stipulation could be entered into with applicant. The parties thereafter submitted the following stipulated restriction to be contained in any certificate granted to applicant:

Applicant shall not carry any person originating east of the intersection of Highway 111 and I-10 near White Water, Riverside County, who is destined for LAX or the docks of Wilmington and San Pedro (Los Angeles) or Long Beach, or anyone originating at LAX or the docks of Wilmington and San Pedro (Los Angeles) or Long Beach for any point east of the intersection of Highway 111 and I-10 near White Water, Riverside County.

A protest to the application was submitted by Inland Express, an applicant for a similar certificate as that contained in this application. The contents of the protest were not in conformity with the requirements of Rule 8.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Applicant proposes to charge varying fares to the proposed airport and harbor destinations, depending on the point of origin within the areas which applicant proposes to serve. These fares vary from a low of \$6 from Ontario to the Ontario Airport to as much as \$60 from the community of Banning to either LAX, Ontario Airport, Long Beach Airport, or the Los Angeles Harbor.

The financial information attached to the application shows total assets of \$47,300, total liabilities of \$12,500, and a net worth of \$34,800. The pro forma annual income statement for the proposed service shows an expected net income of \$6,800 for the first year of operation.

Applicant alleges that public convenience and necessity require the granting of this application for the following reasons:

1. Applicant's research shows very little, if any, service in most areas requested. The flexibility of applicant meets the demands of the traveling public and as part owner of Moreno Valley Travel Masters, Inc., a travel agency in Sunnymead, applicant receives continuous inquiries from customers needing individual van service to and from the surrounding airports.
2. According to applicant, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties have recently been named the fastest growing areas in the entire nation. There are major hotels in the area whose locations are too far away from the airport to provide their own private airport service, yet have convention facilities, etc., marketed nationwide.
3. There is an increasing amount of business travelers in the areas to be served by applicant who would like the convenience of applicant's service. And lastly, applicant alleges that a large segment of the areas requested is populated largely with senior citizens with little or no transportation and who do not care to drive to and from heavily congested airport areas.

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. A public hearing is not necessary.
4. 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 his on-call passenger stage service with the stipulated restriction set forth therein.

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 Thomas D. Hobbs, 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-1318, to transport persons and baggage.

2. The following restriction shall be included in the certificate:

Applicant shall not carry any person originating east of the intersection of Highway 111 and I-10 near White Water, Riverside County, who is destined for LAX or the docks of Wilmington and San Pedro (Los Angeles) or Long Beach, or anyone originating at those destinations who is destined for any point east of the intersection of Highway 111 and I-10 near White Water, Riverside County.

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 his 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 (CHP) safety rules.
- e. Notify the Commission and CHP of any addition or deletion of vehicle(s) used in the service prior to the fact.

f. Maintain accounting records in conformity
with the Uniform System of Accounts.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated JAN 5 1984, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President

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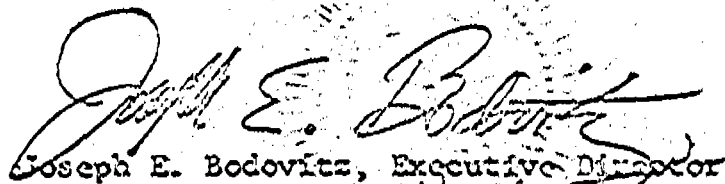
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WILLIAM T. BAGLEY

Commissioners

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director

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CERTIFICATE

OF

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

AS A PASSENGER STAGE CORPORATION

PSC-1318

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 84 G1 022, dated
JAN 5 1984, of the Public Utilities Commission of the
State of California, in Application 83-06-59.

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SOMEX ENTERPRISES AIRPORT VAN SERVICE

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

Thomas D. Hobbs, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to operate as a passenger stage corporation to transport passengers and baggage on an "on-call" basis between San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, on the one hand, and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Ontario Airport (ONT), Orange County Airport (SNA), Long Beach Airport (LGB), and Los Angeles Harbor Pier, on the other hand, subject, however, to the authority of this Commission to change or modify this authority at any time and subject to the following provisions:

- a. 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.
- b. Daily service shall be provided, including weekdays, weekends, and holidays.
- c. Service shall be limited to the transportation of passengers who originate at or are destined to LAX, ONT, LGB, SNA, or Los Angeles Harbor Pier.

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AND SPECIFICATIONS. (Continued)

- d. Service shall be rendered via a direct route from the point of origin to the point of destination of a passenger, except that when more than one passenger is to be transported in a single vehicle, service shall be rendered by the most appropriate and direct routing possible, taking into consideration the various points of origin and destination of the several passengers.
- e. Drivers shall have discretion in choosing routings and order of origins and destinations, based upon the above considerations.
- f. Applicant shall not carry any person originating east of the intersection of Highway 111 and I-10 near White Water, Riverside County, who is destined for Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) or the docks of Wilmington and San Pedro (Los Angeles) or Long Beach, or anyone originating at LAX or the docks of Wilmington and San Pedro (Los Angeles) or Long Beach destined for any point east of the intersection of Highway 111 and I-10 near White Water, Riverside County.

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