

Decision No. 88887 MAY 31 1978

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of AMERICAN CAMPING TOURS, INC.,
a California corporation, to operate a motor
vehicle camping tour service from San
Francisco } Application No. 57843
(Filed January 30, 1978)

O P I N I O N

By this application, American Camping Tours, Inc., a California corporation, seeks authority from the Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to establish a Passenger Stage Corporation for the operation of a motor vehicle camping tour service for the transportation of passengers and their baggage between San Francisco and various campsites in California.

Applicant proposes to utilize a customized motor home carrying the passengers including the driver and guide to provide the service. The service will be especially attractive to foreign tourists because the guide will speak the native language of the majority of the passengers as well as English. Applicant states that no comparable service is being operated.

Applicant proposes to charge \$665 per person for the 11-day tour and \$1,020 per person for the 15-day tour. Service is to be "on-call".

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of January 30, 1978. The Commission's Transportation Division staff has reviewed the application and recommends that in the absence of protest or request for public hearing it be granted. No protest has been received.

After consideration, the Commission finds that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a Passenger Stage Corporation should be granted to the applicant to the extent set forth in the ensuing order. It can be seen with certainty

that there is no possibility that the project involved in this proceeding may have a significant effect on the environment.

Applicant is placed on notice that operative rights, as such, do not constitute a class of property which may be capitalized or used as an element of value in rate fixing for any amount of money in excess of that originally paid to the State as the consideration for the granting of such rights. Aside from their purely permissive aspect, such rights extend to the holder a full or partial monopoly of a class of business. This monopoly feature may be modified or canceled at any time by the State, which is not in any respect limited as to the number of rights which may be given.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is granted to American Camping Tours, Inc., authorizing it to operate as a Passenger Stage Corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, between the points and over the route set forth in Appendix A of this decision.

2. In providing service pursuant to the authority granted by this order, applicant shall comply with the following service regulations. Failure so to do may result in a cancellation of the authority.

(a) Within thirty days after the effective date of this order, applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate granted. Applicant is placed on notice that if it accepts the certificate it will be required, among other things, to comply with the safety rules administered by the California Highway Patrol, the rules and other regulations of the Commission's General Order 98-Series and the insurance requirements of the Commission's General Order 101-Series.

- (b) Within one hundred twenty days after the effective date of this order, applicant shall establish the authorized service and file tariffs and timetables in triplicate, in the Commission's office.
- (c) The tariff and timetable filings shall be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public, and the effective date of the tariff and timetable filings shall be concurrent with the establishment of the authorized service.
- (d) The tariff and timetable filings made pursuant to this order shall comply with the regulations governing the construction and filing of tariffs and timetables set forth in the Commission's General Orders 79-Series and 98-Series.
- (e) Applicant shall maintain its accounting records on a calendar year basis in conformance with the applicable Uniform Systems of Accounts or Chart of Accounts as prescribed or adopted by this Commission and shall file with the Commission, on or before March 31 of each year, an annual report of its operations in such form, content, and number of copies as the Commission, from time to time, shall prescribe.

The effective date of this order shall be thirty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31st day of 1 MAY, 1978.

Robert Bateman
President
William J. Quinn
Thomas L. Sturgeon
Richard D. Havel

Commissioners

Commissioner Claire T. Dedrick, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

CERTIFICATE

OF

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
AS A PASSENGER STAGE CORPORATION

PSC-1038

Showing passenger stage operative rights, restrictions,
limitations, exceptions and privileges applicable thereto.

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 No. 88887 dated MAY 31, 1978
of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California in
Application No. 57843.

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

American Camping Tours, Inc., a corporation by the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity granted by the decision in the margin, is authorized to transport passengers and their baggage between the San Francisco International Airport, on the one hand and various California campsites and the Los Angeles International Airport on the other hand over and along the routes hereinafter described, subject, however, to the authority of this Commission to change or modify said routes at any time and subject to the following provisions:

- (a) All tours shall commence at the San Francisco International Airport and terminate at either the San Francisco International Airport or the Los Angeles International Airport.
- (b) The term "on-call" as used herein 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.
- (c) All sightseeing tours shall be for the complete trip as hereinafter described.
- (d) Vehicles on sightseeing tours may divert from the numbered and named roads and highways identified in the route description to visit the intermediate points of interest identified in those route descriptions.
- (e) Only customized motorhomes may be utilized to provide the transportation.

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SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS.

Route 1. California Tour - San Francisco Round Trip.

Service shall commence at the San Francisco International Airport, then north on SR 101 through San Francisco to Samuel P. Taylor State Park, north on SR 1 to Van Damme State Park, north on SR 1 and 101 to Patricks Point State Park, optional stop at Fort Bragg, north on SR 101 to Redwood National Park, south on SR 96 to Hoopa Indian Reservation, east on SR 299, north on I-5 at Redding to SR 89, east to MacArthur-Burney Falls State Park, south on SR 89 to Plumas Eureka State Park and Lassen National Park, south on SR 89 to South Lake Tahoe to Richardson Bay campground, west on SR 50 to SR 49, south on SR 49 to Columbia State Park, south on SR 49 to SR 120, east on SR 120 to Yosemite National Park, south on SR 41 to Fresno, east on SR 180 to Sequoia National Park, west on SR 180, north on SR 99, west on SR 152, south on SR 156 via San Juan Bautista, north on SR 1 to New Brighton Beach State Park, south on SR 1 to Monterey, Carmel, Point Lobos, north on SR 101 to Great America, in Sunnyvale, north on SR 101 to San Francisco, south on SR 101 to San Francisco International Airport.

Route 2. Golden Week Tour - San Francisco to Los Angeles.

Service shall commence at the San Francisco International Airport, north on SR 101 to San Francisco, east on I-80 to SR 24, east on SR 24 to Walnut Creek, south on I-680 to I-580, east on I-580 to I-205, south to SR 120, east on SR 120 to Yosemite National Park, west on SR 140 to SR 33, south on SR 33 to SR 156 via San Juan Bautista, west on SR 129 to SR 1, north on SR 1 to New Brighton Beach State Park, south on SR 1 to Hearst-San Simeon State Park, south on SR 1 to Morro Bay State Park, south on SR 101 to Santa Maria, south on SR 1 and County Route 520 to Vandenberg Air Force Base and Lompoc, east on SR 246 to La Purisima State Historic Park east on SR 246 to Solvang, west on SR 246 to SR 101, south on SR 101 to Rufugio State Beach south on SR 101 to Santa Barbara, south on SR 101 to Malibu, south on SR 101 to I-5, south on I-5 to Disneyland, south on I-5 to Doheny State Beach, south on I-5 to San Diego, north on I-5 to Doheny State Beach, north on I-5 to I-405, north on I-405 to the Los Angeles International Airport.

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