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Decision No. 89968

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of AMERICAN CAMPING TOURS, INC., )  
A California corporation, to modify and )  
extend existing routes of a motor vehicle )  
camping tour service from San Francisco. )

Application No. 58353  
(Filed September 14, 1978)

O P I N I O N

By Decision No. 88887 dated May 31, 1978, in Application No. 57843, American Camping Tours, Inc. (applicant) was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity as a passenger stage corporation. Applicant was authorized to conduct two camping tours for the transportation of passengers and their baggage between San Francisco and various campsites in California. A 15-day northern California tour involves a circular route beginning and ending at San Francisco International Airport. A southern California tour departs San Francisco International Airport and arrives at Los Angeles International Airport 11 days later. In both cases overnight stops are in public campgrounds; and food, camping equipment, driver, and bilingual guide are included in the tour price.

By the instant pleading, applicant seeks to expand the number and to vary the length of the tours it is now authorized to provide. From its single 15-day San Francisco round-trip route, applicant would derive six additional tours of various lengths: 5 days, 6 days, 7 days, 8 days, 14 days, and 16 days. From its existing 11-day San Francisco to Los Angeles tour, applicant would derive an additional 8-day version.

The rates proposed are as follows:

<u>SF Tours</u>	<u>Fares Per Person</u>
5 days	\$ 355
6 days	455
7 days	525
8 days	570
14 days	945
*15 days	1,020
16 days	1,090
 <u>LA Tours</u>	
8 days	595
*11 days	665

\*Existing authority

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of September 15, 1978. No protests have 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. The certificate of public convenience and necessity of American Camping Tours, Inc. is modified to authorize operations as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, between the points and over the routes set forth in Original Pages 4 and 5 attached hereto and added to Appendix A of Decision No. 88887 in Application No. 57843.

2. In providing service pursuant to the authority granted by this order, applicant shall comply with the following service regulations. Failure to do so 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 14th day of FEBRUARY, 1979.

John E. Gyles  
President  
Thomas L. Sturgeon

Clare T. DeLoach

Commissioners

Commissioner Richard D. Gravello, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner Leonard M. Grimes, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate.

Route 3 - 14-Day Tour

Route 3 is the same as Route 1 until leaving Yosemite National Park, thence west on SR 140 to SR 99 South on SR 99 to SR 152, west on SR 152, south on SR 156 via San Juan Bautista, north on SR 1 to New Brighton Beach State Park. The rest of the route is the same as Route 1.

Route 4 - 16-Day Tour

Route 4 is the same as Route 1. An extra day is used at Sequoia National Park.

Route 5 - 5-Day Tour

Service shall commence at the San Francisco International Airport, north on SR 101 to San Francisco, north on 101 to Samuel P. Taylor State Park, thence north on SR 1 to Van Damme State Park, north on SR 1 to SR20, east on SR 20 to SR 101, north on SR 101 to Humboldt State Park, south on SR 101 to the San Francisco International Airport.

Route 6 - 6-Day Tour

Service shall commence at the San Francisco International Airport, north on SR 101 to I-80 in San Francisco, east on I-80 to SR 89, south on SR 89 to Sugar Pine Point State Park, south on SR 89 to SR 50, 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, (Optional route: commencing at Sugar Pine Point State Park south of SR 89 to SR 395, south on SR 395 to SR 120, west on SR 120 to Yosemite National Park), west on SR 120 to I-580, west on I-580 to I-80 west on I-80 to SR 101, south on SR 101 to the San Francisco International Airport.

Route 7 - 8-Day Tour

Service shall commence at the San Francisco International Airport, north on SR 101 to Samuel P. Taylor State Park, north on SR 1 to Van Damme State Park, north on SR 1 to SR 20, east on SR 20 to SR 101, north on SR 101 to Patrick's Point State Park, north on SR 101 to Redwood National Park, south on SR 101 to SR 299, east on SR 299 to SR 96, north on SR 96 to Hoopa, south on SR 96 to SR 299, east on SR 299 to I-5, north on I-5 to SR 89, south on SR 89 to McArthur-Burney State Park, south on SR 89 to Plumas-Eureka State Park, south on SR 89 to Sugar Pine State Park, south on SR 89 to SR 50, west on SR 50 to I-80, west on I-80 to SR 101, south on SR 101 to the San Francisco International Airport.

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Route 8 - 7-Day Tour

Commencing at the San Francisco International Airport, north on SR 101 to I-80, east on I-80 to I-580, east on I-580 to SR 120, east on SR 120 to Yosemite National Park, south on SR 41 to SR 180, east on SR 180 to Sequoia National Park, west on SR 180 to SR 99, north on SR 99 to SR 152, west on SR 152 to New Brighton State Park, south on SR 1 to Monterey and Carmel, north on SR 1 to SR 17, north on SR 17 to SR 101, north on SR 101 to the San Francisco International Airport.

Route 9 - 8-Day Tour - San Francisco to Los Angeles

Commencing at the San Francisco International Airport, south on SR 101 to SR 17, south on SR 17 to SR 1, south on SR 1 to New Brighton State Park, south on SR 1 to Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, south on SR 1 to SR 101, south on SR 101 to Pismo Beach, south on SR 101 to Refugio Beach, south on SR 101 to Carpinteria State Beach, south on SR 101 through Los Angeles to SR 1, south on SR 1 to Doheny State Beach, south on SR 1 to I-5, south on I-5 to SR 78, east on State Route 78 to I-15 in Escondido, south on I-15 to I-5 in San Diego, north on I-5 to I-405 in Los Angeles, north on I-405 to Los Angeles International Airport (Optional route: Commencing at Doheny State Beach, south on SR 1 to I-5), south on I-5 to I-15 in San Diego, north on I-15 to SR 78, east on SR 78 to SR 79, north on SR 79 to SR 76, east on SR 76 to I-5, north on I-5 to I-405 in Los Angeles, north on I-405 to the Los Angeles International Airport.

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