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Decision No. 90673

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application )  
of ROBERT A. DOCKERTY (MISSION  
BUS LINES), for CLASS "B"  
certificate to operate as a  
charter-party carrier of  
passengers, Lakeview. (File  
No. TCP-71-B.)

Application No. 58694  
(Filed February 21, 1979)

Robert A. Dockerty, for applicant.  
Thomas P. Hunt, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

Applicant Robert A. Dockerty, dba Mission Bus Lines, requests a Class B charter-party carrier of passengers certificate. Applicant's terminal is located in Lakeview, Riverside County. Public hearing was held May 21, 1979 at Los Angeles before Administrative Law Judge Banks at which time the matter was submitted.

Applicant alleges that he has 19 years experience driving charter and school buses. He also alleges that he spent 10 years as a California Highway Patrolman with assignments in truck and bus regulation and traffic safety and is part owner of Holiday Lines in Covina, California.

Applicant testified that he plans to operate one 1967 GMC intercity 38-passenger coach with a second bus to be purchased for a backup. He stated that he would operate charters out of the Hemet area with charges based on either a group rate or an hourly rate; that he would perform most of the maintenance himself; that he has access to maintenance facilities; that, as a new business, he has received an authorization from Standard Oil Co. to purchase 2,500 gallons of

fuel per month; and will do all driving himself. He further stated that he had been in contact with a number of tour agencies, tour clubs, travel agencies, and fraternal organizations and all have been very receptive to the proposed service because charter service presently available must come from Riverside and there is a deadhead charge of up to \$100. Applicant also stated that it was his intention to provide overnight trips only when requested, that most charters would be to visit movie studios or racetracks, and that he would not solicit business in Riverside although he would serve that area on a call basis.

The Commission staff presented no witness or evidence but stated for the record that it supports the application. There were no protests to the granting of the certificate.

The record herein discloses that applicant has many years of experience involving the operation, maintenance, and safety of buses. Further, the service proposed is not now available in the Hemet area without a substantial deadhead charge.

Applicant's proposal will provide a much needed service to the citizens of Hemet and the surrounding area. It is tailored to provide the service at a reasonable cost. Applicant has the requisite experience to operate a charter service and the financial stability to provide the proposed service. The application should be granted.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant has the ability, experience, equipment, and financial resources to perform the proposed service.
2. Public convenience and necessity require that the service proposed by applicant be established.
3. Applicant should be authorized to pick up passengers within a radius of 40 air miles from his home terminal in Lakeview.
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.

The Commission concludes that the proposed authority should be issued as provided in the following order.

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 Robert A. Dockerty, dba Mission Bus Lines, authorizing him to operate as a Class B charter-party carrier of passengers, as defined in Section 5383 of the Public Utilities Code, from a service area encompassing a radius of 40 air miles from applicant's home terminal at 30-997 Walter Avenue, Lakeview, California.

2. In providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, applicant shall comply with and observe the following service regulation. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the operating authority granted by this decision.

Applicant will be required, among other things, to comply with and observe the safety rules administered by the California Highway Patrol, the rules and other regulations of the Commission's General Order No. 98-Series, and the insurance requirements of the Commission's General Order No. 115-Series.

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

Dated     AUG 14 1979     at San Francisco, California.

John E. Bryan  
President

Terrence L. Shegson

Walter T. ...

James M. ...  
Commissioners

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