

Decision No. 92565 DEC 30 1980

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
SONOMA AIRPORTER, INC., a Corpora- )  
tion, for certificate of public )  
convenience and necessity to oper- )  
ate a passenger stage corporation )  
and express baggage and item )  
service between the City of Sonoma, )  
County of Sonoma, on the one hand, )  
and the San Francisco International )  
Airport, in the County of San Mateo, )  
on the other hand. )

Application No. 60003  
(Filed October 14, 1980)

O P I N I O N

Sonoma Airporter Inc., a California corporation, requests a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate as a passenger stage corporation between the City of Sonoma and the immediately surrounding unincorporated areas, on the one hand, and the San Francisco International Airport, on the other hand.

The purpose of the proposed service is to provide airport access from Sonoma to the San Francisco International Airport. Applicant intends to provide four round trips per day on Monday through Friday and two round trips on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

Applicant proposes to use two Dodge Maxivans, each propane-powered, with seating capacities of 14 passengers plus the driver. Applicant believes this equipment is adequate to perform the proposed service.

Applicant's financial statement indicates that it has adequate financial resources to establish and operate the proposed service.

Applicant proposes to charge a one-way fare of \$15.00.

Applicant avers that no other passenger stage corporation operates between the proposed points.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of October 17, 1980. 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 by ex parte order. No protest or request for hearing has been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

#### Finding of Fact

1. Public convenience and necessity require the proposed service.
2. Applicant has the equipment and financial resources to perform the proposed service.
3. The proposed fares are reasonable.
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.
5. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusions of Law

(1) The application should be granted. (2) Since the public will benefit from the immediate institution of the service, the order should be effective the date of signature.

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 grant 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 Sonoma Airporter, Inc., a California corporation, authorizing it to operate as a passenger stage corporation as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code to transport passengers, their baggage, and express between the points and over the routes 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 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 rule 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. 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 ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and the public, and the effective date of the tariff and timetable filing shall be concurrent with the establishment 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 Nos. 79-Series and 98-Series.

(e) Applicant shall maintain its accounting records on a calendar year basis in conformance with the applicable Uniform System 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 operation in such form, content, and number of copies as the Commission, from time to time, shall prescribe.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated DEC 30 1980, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Byers  
President

Richard D. Charles

Clair J. DeWitt

Donald W. Jones  
Commissioners

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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Appendix A

SONOMA AIRPORTER, INC.

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CERTIFICATE  
OF  
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY  
AS A PASSENGER STAGE CORPORATION  
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Showing passenger stage operative rights, restrictions, limitations, exceptions, and privileges applicable thereto.

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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 92565  
dated DEC 30 1980 of the Public Utilities  
Commission of the State of California, in Application 60003

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

By the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, Sonoma Airporter, Inc., is authorized to transport passengers, their baggage, and express between certain points in the City of Sonoma and immediately surrounding unincorporated areas, as hereinafter described, on the one hand, and the San Francisco International Airport, on the other hand, subject, however, to the authority of this Commission to change or modify said authority 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) All transportation of passengers shall originate at the pickup points hereinafter specified, on one hand, and shall be destined to the San Francisco International Airport, on the other hand, or the reverse.
- (d) The vehicles used in this service shall have a seating capacity of not more than fifteen (15) passengers, including the driver.
- (e) The transportation of baggage or express shall be on passenger-carrying vehicles and shall be incidental to the transportation of passengers.

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Appendix A

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SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS.

Via the most appropriate streets and highways, pickup points at the following locations:

California Highway 12 and Thompson Avenue, in Boyes Hot Springs.

Sonoma Mission Inn at 18140 Sonoma Highway in Boyes Hot Springs.

Sambo's Restaurant at Napa Street (Highway 12) and Second Street West, in the City of Sonoma.

Thence via the most appropriate streets and highways to the dropoff point at the San Francisco International Airport. airline passenger terminal area.

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