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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the matter of the application of The Sonoma County Airport Express, Inc. for a Class B charter bus certificate from home terminal in Santa Rosa, CA.

Application 60314 (Filed March 3, 1981)

OPINION

The Sonoma County Airport Express, Inc. requests a Class B certificate to operate as a charter-party carrier of passengers from a service area encompassing a radius of 40 air miles from Santa Rosa.

Applicant is presently conducting operations as a passenger stage corporation between various points within the State pursuant to Decision 92624 dated January 21, 1981, in Application 59957.

Applicant proposes to operate 3 1981, 18-passenger van-type buses. As of December 31, 1980, applicant indicated a net worth in the amount of \$23,459.

Notice of the filing of the application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 4, 1981, and copies of the application were served upon Golden Gate Transit, All-Cal Tours, All-West Tours, Bobs Nevada Tours, Budget Tours, Poodle Bus Line Tours, The Tour Company, Western Charter Tours, E & H Bus Charter Service, G & L Bus Lines, Mendocino Transit Authority, Sierra Pacific Tours, Trailways Bus System, and Western Tours. No protest has been received.

Findings of Fact

 Applicant is presently engaged in conducting operations as a passenger stage corporation between various points within the State.

2. Applicant has the necessary equipment, experience, ability, fitness, and financial ability to conduct the proposed service.

3. Applicant's business address is The New Flamingo Hotel, 4th and Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa, California, 95405.

4. Public convenience and necessity require that applicant be granted a certificate to operate as a Class B charter-party carrier of passengers.

5. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in questions may have a significant effect on the environment.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity 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 the radius of 40 air miles from applicant's home terminal at The New Flamingo Hotel, 4th and Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa, California, 95405, is authorized to be issued to The Sonoma County Airport Express, Inc.

2. When the required California Highway Patrol clearances are received by the Passenger Operations Branch of the Commission and the evidence of adequate protection against liability imposed by law are filed in compliance with General Order 115-B the annual renewable certificate on Form PE-695 will be issued by the Passenger Operations Branch of the Commission under the authorization of Resolution PE-303, approved July 29, 1975.

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3. In providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, applicant shall comply with and observe, among other things, 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 115-Series. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the operating authority granted by this decision.

> This order becomes effective 30 days from today. Dated <u>MAY 191981</u>, at San Francisco, California.

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