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Decision 93455 AUG 18 1981

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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)
California corporation, for an)
increase in size of the passenger)
vehicles used for existing service)
between the City of Sonoma and)
the San Francisco International)
Airport.)

Application 60708
(Filed July 2, 1981)

O P I N I O N

Applicant, by Decision 92565 and by subsequent modifications, was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity for authority to operate as a passenger stage corporation between certain points in the City of Sonoma and immediately surrounding unincorporated areas, on the one hand, and certain points in the City of Millbrae and the San Francisco International Airport, on the other hand. Service is presently restricted to vehicles having a seating capacity of not more than 15 passengers, including the driver.

Applicant seeks authority to increase the vehicle seating capacity to not more than 23 passengers, including the driver.

As justification for its request, applicant has presented, as Exhibit A to the application, an accounting of passenger traffic for each run during the month of June 1981. Applicant states that, at certain peak periods, passenger demand exceeds the capacity of the currently used 11-passenger vans. Applicant further states that the use of one 23-passenger vehicle instead of two 11-passenger vehicles would be better in terms of overall fuel consumption, vehicle maintenance, driver wages, and traffic congestion. Due to the existing passenger demand, this order should be effective today.

The application was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar. 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.

Findings of Fact

1. Public convenience and necessity require the proposed increase in vehicle size.
2. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed increase in vehicle size may have a significant effect on the environment.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Sonoma Airporter, Inc. is granted authority to increase its vehicle seating capacity to not more than 23 passengers, including the driver, as set forth in the attached Second Revised Page 1 of Appendix A to Decision 92565.
2. In providing service under the authority granted by this order, applicant shall comply with the following service regulation. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the authority.

Within 30 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

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comply with the safety rules administered by the California Highway Patrol, the rules and other regulations of the Commission's General Order Series 98.

This order is effective today.

Dated AUG 18 1981, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Cayo
President

Richard D. Healy

Donald W. King

Victor Caber

Prescott C. Yuen
Commissioners

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Appendix A
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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 the described immediately surrounding unincorporated areas, on the one hand, and certain points in the City of Millbrae and the San Francisco International Airport, on the other hand, subject, however, to the authority of this Commission to change or modify this 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 specified pickup points and be destined to the specified dropoff points.
- d. The vehicles used in this service shall have a seating capacity of not more than *23 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.

Issued by California Public Utilities Commission.

*Amended by Decision 93455, Application 60708.