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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Flamingo Tours, Inc.,)
a California corporation, for a )
certificate of public convenience )
and necessity to operate passenger )
service namely, sightseeing, night )
clubs and restaurant tours, within )
the County of Los Angeles and the )
Marina del Rey and/or Santa Monica )
area, Beverly Hills and/or Hollywood )
and Downtown Los Angeles area. )

Application 60725 (Filed July 8, 1981)

#### <u>opinion</u>

Flamingo Tours, Inc. (applicant), a California corporation, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate as a passenger stage corporation providing sightseeing service between various points in the County of Los Angeles.

Applicant proposes to offer seven tours originating at major hotels in Downtown Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Westwood, Beverly Hills, Marina del Rey, and Los Angeles International Airport. A description of the proposed tours as contained in the application follows:

#### Tour No. 1 - Deluxe French Night & Disco Fever

Commencing from designated hotels/motels in the Los Angeles International Airport and major hotels/ motels in the Los Angeles areas; then along the most appropriate routes and highways to Marina del Rey to view the Marina; then along the most convenient streets to Ocean Blvd., north to San Vicente Blvd., east to Wilshire Blvd., east to Beverly Drive, north to Sunset Blvd., east to Le Dome French Restaurant or l'Ermitage French Restaurant on La Cienega; then to Carlos and Charlie's Discotheque; then returning to the point of origin by the most appropriate routes and highways.

Tour Length 6 hours

Departure 7:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Return 1:00 a.m.

Fare Dinner/Cocktail/Wine/

Tips/Tax/Admission

Adult \$13.43 \$124.57 \$156.00 Total

#### Tour No. 2 - Los Angeles By Night Mexican Style

Commencing from designated hotels/motels in the Los Angeles International Airport and major hotels/motels in the Los Angeles area; then along the most appropriate routes and highways to Marina del Rey to the El Torito Mexican Restaurant, then along the most convenient routes to Downtown Los Angeles to La Fonda Mexican Restaurant for dinner/show, then returning to the point of origin by the most appropriate routes and highways.

Tour Length 4 hours

Departure 7:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Return 11:00 p.m.

Fare Dinner/Cocktails/

Tips/Tax

Adult \$27.50 \$32.50 \$60.00 Total

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#### Tour No. 3 - La Cage Aux Folles and Bar Hopping

Commencing from designated hotels/motels in the Los Angeles International Airport and major hotels/motels in the Los Angeles areas, then along the most appropriate streets to La Cage Aux Folles for dinner/show, then to Cugat and/or Chippendales in West L.A., then returning to the point of origin by the most appropriate routes.

Tour Length 6 hours

Departure 7:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Return 1:00 a.m.

Fare Dinner/Cocktails/Tips/

Tax/Cover Charge

Adult \$23.92 \$73.08 \$97.00 Total

#### Tour No. 4 - Arabian Night & Space Disco

Commencing from designated hotels/motels in the Los Angeles International Airport and major hotels/motels in the Los Angeles areas, then along the most appropriate routes and highways to Marrakesh Restaurant in Sherman Oaks for dinner/cocktails, then along the most convenient streets to Hollywood Freeway South to Downtown Los Angeles to the Bonaventure Hotel for disco dancing, then returning to the point of origin by the most appropriate routes and highways.

Tour Length 6 hours

Departure 7:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Return 1:00 a.m.

Fare Dinner/Cocktails/Tips/

Tax/Admission

Adult \$27.00 \$43.00 \$70.00 Total

# Tour No. 5 - Magic Mountain & Buffalo Bill Wild West Show

Commencing from designated hotels/motels in the Los Angeles International Airport and major hotels/motels in the Los Angeles areas, then along the most appropriate routes and highways to Magic Mountain and Buffalo Bill Wild West Show, then returning to the point of origin by the most convenient routes and highways.

*Tour Length Departure Return	8 hours 3:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.	Tuesday	through	Saturd	ay.	
Fare			Dinner/Admission/ Tips/Tax:			
Adult (12 & Child (5-11) Infant (3-4)			\$22. \$15. \$ 6.	95 95	\$36.00 \$25.47 \$ 6.00	Total

<sup>\*</sup>This tour offered from May through September.

#### Tour No. 6 - Burger King and Roller Skating

Commencing from designated hotels/motels in the Los Angeles International Airport and major hotels/motels in the Los Angeles area, then along the most convenient and appropriate routes and highways to Burger King located on Pico Blvd. in Santa Monica, then Pico Blvd., east to Avenue of the Stars or Century Park East, north to Santa Monica, east to Flippers, then returning to the point of origin by the most convenient routes and highways.

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# Tour No. 7 - Shopping Tour

Commencing from designated hotels/motels in the Los Angeles International Airport and major hotels/motels in the Los Angeles areas, then along the most appropriate routes and highways to the Tower of Record on Sunset Boulevard, then south on La Ciencga Blvd. to Century City Shopping Mall. Beverly Center Shopping Mall will replace Century City Mall upon official opening.

Tour Length	4 hours (ea	ach	tour)		
Departure	10:00 a.m.	to	2:00	p.m.	return
Departure	11:00 a.m.	to	3:00	p.m.	return
Departure	12:00 noon	to	4:00	p.m.	return
Departure	1:00 p.m.	to	5:00	p.m.	return

Three tours offered daily except Sundays and Holidays.

Fare			
Adult	(12 & over)	\$10.00	\$10.00 Total
Child	(5-11)	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00 Total

On December 20 through 24 an additional tour departing at 2:00 p.m. will be added.

The tours would originate from one or more of the following hotels:

### LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AREA

ı.	Travelodge International Hotel 9750 Airport Blvd.	8.	Holiday Inn Hotel 9901 La Cienega Blvd.
2.	Skyway Airport Hotel 9250 Airport Blvd.	9.	Pacifica Hotel 6161 Centinela Ave.
3.	Hyatt House Hotel 6225 W. Century	10.	Dai-Ichi Airport Hotel 4330 W. Century Blvd.
4.	Sheraton Hotel 6101 W. Century	11.	Ramada Inn Hotel 9620 Airport Blvd.
5.	Marriott Hotel 5855 W. Century Blvd.	12.	Capri Motel 8620 Airport Blvd.
6.	Airport Century Inn Hotel 5547 W. Century Blvd.	13.	Cockatoo Inn 4334 W. Imperial Hwy
7.	Quality Inn Hotel 5249 W. Century Blvd.	14.	Hacienda Hotel 525 N. Sepulveda Blvd.

1111 2nd Street

#### LOS ANGELES - (DOWNTOWN)

The Los Angeles Hilton 8. Ambassador Hotel '930 Wilshire Boulevard 3400 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles Bonaventure 9. Hyatt Wilshire Los Angeles 2. 5th and Figueroa Street 3515 Wilshire Blvd. Mayflower Hotel Alexandria Hotel 3. 10. 535 S. Grand Avenue 501 S. Spring at 5th Street Hyatt Regency Los Angeles 11. Hollywood Roosevelt 4. 711 S. Hope Street 7008 Hollywood Blvd. Otani Los Angeles 12. Mayflower Hotel 5. 120 S. Los Angeles Street 535 S. Grand Avenue Holiday Inn Downtown 750 Garland Ave at 8th St. 13. Hyatt Continental House 6. 8401 Sunset Blvd. 7. Biltmore Hotel 515 S. Olive Street SANTA MONICA Miramar Sheraton Pacific Shores Hotel 1. 4. 101 Wilshire Boulevard 1819 Ocean AVenue 2. Travelodge 5. Holiday Inn 1525 Ocean Avenue 120 Colorado Avenue Huntley House Hotel 3.

#### WESTWOOD

Holiday Inn-Westwood
 10740 Wilshire Blvd.
 Del Capri Hotel
 10587 Wilshire Blvd.
 Cavalier Hotel
 10724 Wilshire Blvd.
 Century Wilshire Hotel
 10776 Wilshire Blvd.

#### BEVERLY HILLS

7. Holiday Inn-Beverly Hills Beverly Hilton Hotel 1. 9360 Wilshire Blvd. :9876 Wilshire Blvd. Beverly Crest Hotel 8. Beverly Wilshire Hotel 2. 125 S. Spalding Dr. 9500 Wilshire Blvd. Beverly Hillcrest Hotel 9. Beverly Rodeo 3. Pico at Beverwil Dr. 360 N. Rodeo Beverly Hills Comstock Hotel 10. The Beverly Hills Hotel 4. 10300 Wilshire Blvd. 9641 Sunset Blvd. Ramada Inn-Beverly Hills Century Plaza Hotel 11. 5. 1150 S. Beverly Dr. Avenue of the Stars L'Ermitage Hotel 6.

#### MARINA DEL REY

- Best Western Jamica Bay Inn Marina Del Rey Hotel 4. l. 4175 Admiralty Way 13534 Bali Way 5. Marina Pacific Hotel Marina International Hotel 2. 1697 Pacific Ave.
- Marriott Inn-Marina del Rey 3. Lincoln Blvd. & Marina del Rey Freeway

9291 Burton Way

4200 Admiralty Way

Applicant presently owns one 15-passenger Dodge Maxi Van and plans to purchase additional equipment as needed. Applicant initially plans to supplement its need for additional equipment by contracting with other certificated carriers.

The financial statement attached to the application shows total assets of \$52,788.59, liabilities of \$16,800.68 and stockholders equity of \$35,987.91

The application states that applicant's principal officer, Nelly Toomaru, has experience as a travel agent, airlines sales agent, and special airport representative for two major international airlines. Toomaru was also active in public relations work while doing costume design and choreography for a Tahitian revue.

In support of its request, applicant states the proposed service is distinct and different from any service currently offered in the area, the tours being deluxe and uniquely specialized for specific customers; and the nature and costs are very different from available service, duplicating available service only in a minor degree. Applicant alleges that the proposed service would have no adverse effect on the environment.

The application was noticed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of July 13, 1981. Copies of the application were served upon interested or affected parties. No protests have been received.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission concludes that the certificate of public convenience and necessity sought by Flamingo Tours, Inc. is in the public interest.

#### Findings of Fact

- 1. Applicant seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate as a passenger stage corporation for the seven tours set forth in Appendix A.
- 2. Applicant proposes to originate tours from hotels in Downtown Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Westwood, Beverly Hills, Marina del Rey, and the Los Angeles International Airport.
- 3. Applicant has the financial fitness and equipment to perform the proposed service.
- 4. Applicant's principal, Nelly Toomaru, has the necessary experience to perform the proposed service.

- 5. Public convenience and necessity require that applicant be certificated for the service proposed.
  - 6. There is no known opposition to the proposed service.
- 7. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

#### Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted as set forth in the ensuing order, which, since a need exists for the proposed service, should be effective today.

Only the amount paid to the State for operative rights may be used in rate fixing. The State may grant any number of rights and may cancel or modify the monopoly feature of these rights at any time.

#### ORDER

#### IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Flamingo Tours, Inc., a corporation, authorizing it to operate as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in PU Code Section 226, between the points and over the routes set forth in Appendix A to transport persons and their baggage.
  - 2. Applicant shall:
    - a. File a written acceptance of this certificate within 30 days after this order is effective.
    - b. Establish the authorized service and file tariffs and timetables within 120 days after this order is effective.

- c. State in its tariffs and timetables when service will start; allow at least 10 days' notice to the Commission; and make timetables and tariffs effective 10 or more days after this order is effective.
- d. Comply with General Orders Series 79, 98, 101, and 104, and the California Highway Patrol safety rules.
- e. Maintain accounting records in conformity with the Uniform System of Accounts.

This order is effective today.

Dated \_\_\_OCT\_201981 \_\_\_, at San Francisco, California.

JOHN E. BRYSON
President
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. GREW:

Commissioners

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CERTIFICATE

OF

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AS A PASSENGER STAGE CORPORATION

PSC-1184

Showing passenger stage operative rights, restrictions, limitations, exceptions, and privileges.

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.

Issued under authority of Decision 93643 , dated OCT 20 1981 , of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California in Application 60725.

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

Flamingo Tours, Inc., a California Corporation, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to operate as a passenger stage corporation to transport passengers on sightseeing tours between various points in the County of Los Angeles as described, over and along the most direct or reasonable route or routes subject, however, to the authority of this Commission to change or modify said points or tour routes 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) Carrier shall not pick up or discharge passengers except at the specified service points of origin/destination as hereinafter set forth.
- (d) All service herein authorized shall be limited to the transportation of round-trip passengers only.
- (e) All tours shall be conducted on a continuous basis except stops necessary for sightseeing, shopping, entertainment and/or meals.

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- SECTION 1. GENERAL AUTHORIZATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS. (Continued)
  - (g) Service may be operated for "on-call" basis, subject to the minimum number of passengers shown below:

Tour No. 1 - 14 passengers

Tour No. 2 - 14 passengers

Tour No. 3 - 14 passengers

Tour No. 4 - 14 passengers

Tour No. 5 - 14 passengers

Tour No. 6 - 14 passengers

Tour No. 7 - 14 passengers

Tariffs and timetables of applicant shall show the conditions under which such "on-call" service will be rendered.

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## SECTION 2. AUTHORIZED POINTS OF PICKUP.

# Los Angeles (Downtown)

- 1. The Los Angeles Hilton 930 Wilshire Boulevard
- 8. Ambassador Hotel 3400 Wilshire Blvd.
- Los Angeles Bonaventure 5th and Figueroa Street
- 9. Hyatt Wilshire Los Angeles 3515 Wilshire Blvd.
- Mayflower Hotel 535 S. Grand Avenue
- 10. Alexandria Hotel 501 S. Spring at 5th Street
- 4. Hyatt Regency Los Angeles 11. Hollywood Roosevelt 711 S. Hope Street
  - 7008 Hollywood Blvd.
- 5. Otani Los Angeles 120 S. Los Angeles Street
- 12. Mayflower Hotel 535 S. Grand Avenue
- 6. Holiday Inn Downtown 750 Garland Avenue
- 13. Hyat Continental House 8401 Sunset Blvd.
- 7. Biltmore Hotel 515 S. OliverStreet

### Santa Monica

- 1. Miramar Sheraton 101 Wilshire Blvd.
- 3. Huntley House Hotel 11112nd Street
- 2. Travelodge 1525 Ocean Avenue
- 4. Pacific Shores Hotel 1819 Ocean Avenue
- 5. Holiday Inn 120 Colorado Avenue

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# SECTION 2. AUTHORIZED POINTS OF PICKUP. (Continued)

# Los Angeles (Westwood)

- 1. Holiday Inn-Westwood 10740 Wilshire Blvd.
- 3. Cavalier Hotel 10724 Wilshire Blvd.
- 2. Del Capri Hotel 10587 Wilshire Blvd.
- 4. Century Wilshire Hotel 10776 Wilshire Blvd.

# Beverly Hills-Century City

- 1. Beverly Hilton Hotel 9876 Wilshire Blvd.
- 4. The Beverly Hills Hotel 9641 Sunset Blvd.
- 2. Beverly Wilshire Hotel 5. Century Plaza Hotel 9500 Wilshire Blvd.
  - Avenue of the Stars

3. Beverly Rodeo 360 N. Rodeo

# Century City (Los Angeles)

- 1. L'Ermitage Hotel 9291 Burton Way
- 3. Beverly Crest Hotel 125 S. Spalding Drive
- 2. Holiday Inn-Beverly Hills 9360 Wilshire Blvd.
- 4. Beverly Hillcrest Hotel Pico at Beverwil Drive

# Los Angeles

- 1. Beverly Hills Comstock Hotel 2. Ramada Inn-Beverly Hills 10300 Wilshire Blvd.
  - 1150 S. Beverly Drive

# Marina Del Rey

- 1. Marina Del Rey Hotel 13534 Bali Way
- 3. Marriott Inn-Marina Del Rey Lincoln Blvd. & Marina del Rey
- 2. Marina International Hotel 4. Best Western Jamaica Bay Inn 4175 Admiralty Way 4200 Admiralty Way
  - 5. Marina Pacific Hotel 1697 Pacific Avenue

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# SECTION 2. AUTHORIZED POINTS OF PICKUP.

#### Los Angeles International Airport Area

- Travelodge International Hotel
   Hacienda Hotel
   Airport Blvd.
   Sepulveda Blvd.
- 2. Skyway Airport Hotel 9250 Airport Blvd.
- 3. Hyatt House Hotel 6225 W. Century Blvd.
- Sheraton Hotel
   6101 W. Century Bivd.
- 5. Marriott Hotel 5855 W. Century Blvd.
- 6. Airport Century Inn Hotel 5547 W. Century Blvd.
- 7. Quality Inn Hotel 5249 W. Century Blvd.
- 8. Holiday Inn Hotel 9901 La Cienega Blvd.
- 9. Pacifica Hotel
  9901 Centinela Avenue
- 10. Dai-Ichi Airport Hotel 4330 W. Century Blvd.
- 11. Ramada Inn Hotel 9620 Airport Blvd.
- 12. Cockatoo Inn 4334 W. Imperial Hwy
- 13. Capri Motel 8620 Airport Bivd.

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SECTION 3. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS.

# Tour No. 1 - Deluxe French Night and Disco Fever

Commencing at one or more of the authorized pickup points listed in Section 2, thence, over and along the most appropriate streets and highways to Culver Boulevard and Lincoln Boulevard in Marina Del Rey, north on Lincoln Boulevard to Fiji Way, west on Fiji Way to Admiralty Way, north and northwest on Admiralty Way to Palwan Way, north on Palwan Way to Washington Street, west on Washington Street to Pacific Avenue (Ocean Avenue), north on Ocean Avenue to San Vicente Boulevard, northeast on San Vicente Boulevard to Wilshire Boulevard, east on Wilshire Boulevard to Beverly Drive in the City of Beverly Hills, north on Beverly Drive to Sunset Boulevard, east on Sunset Boulevard to La Cienega Boulevard, south on La Cienega Boulevard visiting points of interest including the Le Dome and L'Ermitage restaurants and Carlos and Charlie's Discotheque, and return to points of origin.

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#### Tour No. 2 - Los Angeles By Night Mexican Style

Commencing at one or more of the authorized pickup points listed in Section 2, thence, over and along the most appropriate streets and highways to the following service locations: El Torito Restaurant, 13737 Fiji Way, Marina Del Rey; La Fonda Restaurant 2501 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, and return to points of origin.

# Tour No. 3 - La Cage Aux Folles & Bar Hopping

Commencing at one or more of the authorized pickup points listed in Section 2, thence, over and along the most appropriate streets and highways to the following service locations: La Cage Aux Folles, 643 N. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles; Chippendales, 3739 Overland Avenue, West Los Angeles; Casa Cugat, 848 N. La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, and return to points of origin.

# Tour No. 4 - Arabian Night & Space Disco

Commencing at one or more of the authorized pickup points listed in Section 2, thence, over and along the most appropriate streets and highways to the following service locations: The Marrakesh Restaurant, 13003 Ventura Blvd., Van Nuys; The Bonaventure Hotel, 5th and Flower Streets, Los Angeles, and return to points of origin.

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SECTION 3. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS. (Continued)

# Tour No. 5 - Magic Mountain & Buffalo Bill Wild West Show

Commencing at one or more of the authorized pickup points listed in Section 2, thence, over and along the most appropriate streets and highways to Interstate Highway 5 (I-5), thence, north on I-5 to the Magic Mountain recreation area located on I-5 in Valencia and return to points of origin.

# Tour No. 6 - Burger King & Roller Skating

Commencing at one or more of the authorized pickup points listed in Section 2, thence, over and along the most appropriate streets and highways to the following service locations: Burger King, 1919 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica; Flippers, 8491 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, and return to points of origin.

# Tour No. 7 - Shopping Tour

Commencing at one or more of the authorized pickup points listed in Section 2, thence, over and along the most appropriate streets and highways to the following service locations: The Tower of Records, 8801 West Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles; Century City Shopping Mall at Avenue of the Stars and Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Hills; Beverly Center Shopping Mall at 3rd Street and La Cienega Boulevard, Los Angeles, and return to points of origin.