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Decision 93709 NOV 3 1981

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application)
of Vinit Chuentongkam and Charal)
Sasasmith, a partnership, doing)
business as Siam Travel and)
Rental to operate as a Class "B")
Charter Party Carrier of)
Passengers in Los Angeles.)

Application 60745
(Filed July 21, 1981)

O P I N I O N

Applicants Vinit Chuentongkam and Charal Sasasmith, a partnership, doing business as Siam Travel and Rental, seek a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate as a charter-party carrier from a terminal in Los Angeles, California. Applicants apparently plan to act as their own drivers, using a single 20-passenger 1981 Ford Microbus which they own.

Applicants claim total assets of \$42,393, primarily consisting of motor vehicle equipment. Applicants have held no previous authority from this Commission.

Greyhound Lines, Inc. (Greyhound) filed a protest and request for hearing. Greyhound, however, offered to withdraw its protest if applicants would accept a certificate with operations restricted as follows:

- (1) Restricted to the transportation of "overseas preformed groups" only;
- (2) Restricted to the transportation of no more than three groups per month; and
- (3) Restricted to the use of one microbus only with a seating capacity of no more than 20 passengers.

Applicants, by letter of August 21, 1981, indicated that they would accept the limitation. Since the application was properly served and since the only protest was withdrawn, no hearing is necessary. The certificate to be granted will authorize the use of a single microbus and will restrict the operation to the transportation of no more than three overseas preformed groups per month.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicants possess satisfactory fitness and financial responsibility to conduct the proposed transportation services.
2. Public convenience and necessity require the service proposed by applicants.
3. Applicants should be authorized to pick up passengers within a radius of 40 air miles from their home terminal at 5300 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles.
4. The public interest requires that applicants' operating authority should restrict them to operating one bus only and to providing transportation of no more than three overseas preformed groups per month.
5. 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

Public convenience and necessity have been demonstrated and a certificate should be granted.

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 Vinit Chuentongkam and Charal Sasasmith authorizing them to operate as a Class B charter-party

carrier of passengers, as defined in Public Utilities Code Section 5383, from a service area with a radius of 40 air miles from applicants' home terminal at 5300 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles; applicants are limited to the operation of a single 20-passenger bus and transportation of no more than 3 overseas preformed groups per month. ✓

2. The Passenger Operations Branch will issue the annual renewable certificate on Form PE-695 as authorized by Resolution PE-303, when it receives California Highway Patrol clearances and evidence of liability protection in compliance with General Order Series 115.

3. In providing service under the certificate, applicants shall comply with General Orders Series 98 and 115, and the California Highway Patrol safety rules.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated NOV 3 1981, at San Francisco, California.

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

I certify that this decision was approved by the above Commissioners
John E. Bryson
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