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Decision 93800 December 1, 1981

ORIGINAL

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of Douglas Bus Lines, Inc.,
doing business as COMMUTER BUS
LINES, for authority to extend
its passenger stage commuter
service to the Liquefied (sic)
Natural Gas (LNG) terminal site.

Application 58160
(Filed June 22, 1978)

In the Matter of the Application
of WILLIAM H. HUNT, dba HUNT
TRANSPORTATION, for a Certificate
of Public Convenience and
Necessity to operate a passenger
stage service in the area of and
to the Liquefied (sic) Natural
(LNG) terminal site.

Application 58378
(Filed September 25, 1978)

O P I N I O N

Douglas Bus Lines, Inc. (Douglas), a California corporation, doing business as Commuter Bus Lines, and William H. Hunt (Hunt), doing business as Hunt Transportation, each request authority under Public Utilities (PU) Code Sections 1031 et seq. to operate a passenger stage (home-to-work) service between the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal site and points within a 75-mile radius of the terminal site. The LNG terminal was the subject of Applications (A.) 57626 et al., decided by Decision (D.) 89177 dated July 31, 1978. The order, among other things, granted Western LNG Terminal Associates a conditional permit to construct and operate a LNG terminal at Little Cojo near Point Conception.

After filing its application, Douglas notified the Commission it had amended its articles of incorporation to change the name of the corporation to Commuter Bus Lines, Inc. ✓

Since the site had not been determined when Douglas and Hunt filed their applications, they included Point Conception, as well as the other three possible sites in their applications. Douglas and Hunt assert identical reasons for the granting of the requested authority:

1. Either there is no service available between the points proposed to be served or existing services are not routed or scheduled to meet the needs of home-to-work commuters.
2. Establishment of the proposed service would result in energy conservation and environmental protection.
3. The cost of home-to-work commuting by private automobile is increasing rapidly.
4. Experience at other major construction projects has shown that the type service proposed is popular and necessary, e.g., service to San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant.

Douglas presently provides service as a passenger stage corporation (PSC-453), operating a network of "home-to-work" bus services in the greater Los Angeles area. From the 1980 Annual Report on file with the Commission Douglas shows total assets at year-end 1980 of \$349,337 and a year 1980 operating ratio of 92.9%. Douglas avers that it has the ability and can make available the necessary equipment and facilities to provide the proposed service.

Hunt operates a passenger stage service in the Los Angeles area under certificate PSC 1029 granted by D.88159 issued November 29, 1977. His financial statement attached to the application shows total assets of \$107,585 and a net worth of \$95,485 as of August 5, 1977. Hunt operates three buses of 45- to 49-passenger capacity and states that he will obtain additional

equipment as required for the proposed service. Hunt served copies of his application on Greybound Lines, Inc., and on county authorities in the proposed service area.

Construction at the Point Conception LNG terminal has not yet started. When, or if it will commence, is presently unknown. Should construction commence, it will be advantageous to have a passenger stage corporation ready to initiate the proposed service promptly. Home-to-work commuter service provides an important public service. It relieves highway congestion and conserves energy. That there are two applicants for this same service is desirable. The element of competition will probably result in better service and/or lower rates than if competition were absent.

Each applicant originally protested the application of the other applicant. Those protests were removed when applicants were advised that their applications would be processed without hearing.

Findings of Fact

1. Public hearing in these matters is not necessary.
2. Douglas and Hunt have the ability, experience, and financial resources to perform the proposed services.
3. Public convenience and necessity will require the proposed services as soon as construction of the LNG terminal commences.
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.

Conclusions of Law

1. Public convenience and necessity, when construction of the LNG terminal commences, have been shown, and the applications should be granted.
2. The certificates being granted should be temporary and should expire December 31, 1985, unless modified by further order of this Commission. ✓
3. Applicants should be prepared to commence service to the public within 30 days from the date construction of the LNG terminal begins.

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.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A temporary certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Commuter Bus Lines, 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. The authority granted shall expire December 31, 1985, unless modified by further order of the Commission.

2. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to William H. Hmt, an individual, for temporary authority to operate as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in PU Code Section 226, between the points and over the routes set forth in the attached First Revised Page 3, Second Revised Page 4, and First Revised Page 6 of Appendix A of Decision 88159. The authority granted shall expire December 31, 1985, unless modified by further order of the Commission.

3. Each applicant shall:

- a. File a written acceptance of this certificate within 30 days after this order is effective.
- b. Commence the authorized service and file tariffs and timetables within 30 days of the start of construction of the Liquefied Natural Gas terminal.
- 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.

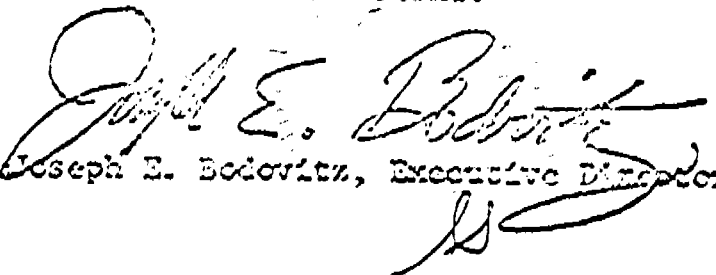
- d. Comply with General Orders Series 79, 98, 101, and 104, and the California Highway Patrol safety rules.
- e. Maintain accounting records in conformity with the Uniform System of Accounts.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated DEC 1 1961, at San Francisco, California.

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

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS TODAY.


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director

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Appendix A

COMMUTER BUS LINES, INC.

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TEMPORARY
CERTIFICATE
OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
AS A PASSENGER STAGE CORPORATION

PSC - 453

(Part 0)

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.

Authority expires December 31, 1985, unless modified
by further order of the Commission. ✓

Issued under authority of Decision 93800,
dated December 1, 1981, of the Public Utilities Commission
of the State of California, in Application 58160.

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

Commuter Bus Lines, Inc., by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to transport passengers between the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal site at Little Cojo near Point Conception and any appropriate points within a 75-mile radius of the terminal site, subject, however, to the authority of this Commission to change or modify the route at any time and subject to the following provisions:

- a. Applicant transports only bona fide commuters traveling to work (or job applicants seeking work) at the LNG terminal site.
- b. Service shall be scheduled to operate at times necessary to meet established work shifts on regular workdays.
- c. Only weekly fares will be accepted.
- d. This authority expires December 31, 1985, unless modified by further order of the Commission. ✓

Issued by California Public Utilities Commission.

Decision 93800 Application 58160.

Appendix A
(Dec. 88159)

WILLIAM HUNT
doing business as
Hunt Transportation
(PSC 1029)

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

William Hunt, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to transport passengers between certain designated areas in Orange County and Los Angeles International Airport Area and certain intermediate and adjacent territories,* and between the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal site at Little Cojo near Point Conception and any appropriate points within a 75-mile radius of the terminal site, over and along the routes described, subject, however, to the authority of this Commission to change or modify the 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. All transportation of passengers shall originate at the specified points in Orange County, on the one hand, and shall be destined to the various buildings and installations of the Hughes Aircraft Company in the Los Angeles International Airport Service Area, on the other hand, and shall be limited to employees of or persons seeking employment at the Hughes facilities. Transportation of passengers to (LNG) terminal site may originate at any appropriate points within a 75-mile radius of the terminal site and shall be destined to the terminal site only.

Issued by California Public Utilities Commission.

*Added by Decision 93800 Application 58378.

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Appendix A
(Dec. 88159,
Dec. 89735)

WILLIAM HUNT
doing business as
HUNT TRANSPORTATION
(PSC 1029)

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SECTION 1. GENERAL AUTHORIZATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, LIMITATIONS,
AND SPECIFICATIONS. (Continued)

- d. Passenger stage service shall be operated only at times necessary to meet employee shift changes at the industry served and at other times when necessary to transport persons seeking employment at that industry.
- e. This authority shall automatically expire and be subject to automatic revocation in the event service is discontinued.
- *f. Authority to serve between the (LNG) terminal site and points within a 75-mile radius shall expire December 31, 1985, unless modified by further order ✓
of the Commission.

SECTION 2. DESCRIPTION OF AREAS AND LOCATION.

Los Angeles International Airport Service Area

That area bounded on the south by Redondo Beach Boulevard, Prairie Avenue, and Manhattan Beach Boulevard, on the east by the Harbor Freeway (State Route 11), on the north by Manchester Avenue, and on the west by the Pacific Ocean.

Locations to be served within this area shall be as set forth in Section 3.

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*Added by Decision 93800, Application 58378.

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Appendix A
(Dec. 90662)

WILLIAM HUNT
doing business as
HUNT TRANSPORTATION
(PSC 1029)

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SECTION 3. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS.

Route No. 4 - From the City of Tustin to the Northrop Corporation facilities, Hawthorne, and return.

To the Northrop Corporation facilities in Hawthorne from the following pickup points only:

17th Street and the Newport Freeway (State Highway 57) in the City of Tustin; Newport Freeway (State Highway 57) and Lincoln Avenue in the City of Orange; Harbor Boulevard and Orangefair Avenue in the City of Fullerton; Beach Boulevard and Orangethorpe Avenue in the City of Buena Park; Orangethorpe Avenue and Carmenita Street in the City of Buena Park.

*Route No. 5 - From points within a 75-mile radius of (LNG) terminal site to the (LNG) terminal site and return.

From the passenger pickup points over and along the most appropriate streets and highways to the (LNG) terminal site and return.

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*Added by Decision 93800, Application 58378.