

Decision 97-11-008 November 5, 1997

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Wondewossen Mekbib dba Green Earth Airport Shuttle, for authority to operate as an "on call" passenger stage between points in the San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, and Contra Costa Counties and the San Francisco, Oakland and San José International Airports.

ORIGINAL

Application 97-02-042
(Filed February 21, 1997)

O P I N I O N

Wondewossen Mekbib (applicant), an individual, requests authority pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 1031, et seq., to establish and operate as an on-call passenger stage corporation to transport passengers and their baggage between points in the Counties of San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, and Contra Costa, on the one hand, and San Francisco (SFO), Oakland, and San Jose International Airports, on the other hand.

Applicant proposes to perform an on-call service, 24-hours per day, seven days a week. Applicant proposes to use three 15-passenger vans, one seven-passenger van, and one five-passenger sedan. This equipment is presently being used to transport persons who require non-emergency medical attention. By letter dated April 3, 1997, the applicant amended his request, seeking to reduce the proposed service area. Applicant said he proposes to serve only between SFO and the City and County of San Francisco. The proposed one-way adult fare of \$10 is reasonable. An undated Balance Sheet was submitted to the Rail Safety and Carriers Division staff on September 4, 1997. Applicant shows total assets in the amount of \$57,075, total liabilities in the amount of \$12,508 and net worth in the amount of \$44,567.

Notice of filing of the application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 7, 1997. No protest has been received. The applicant notified the affected airports, cities and governmental entities. The Rail Safety and Carriers Division recommends that the application be granted.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant requests authority to establish and operate as an on-call passenger stage corporation to transport passengers and their baggage only between the City and County of San Francisco and SFO as amended by his letter dated April 3, 1997.
2. Public convenience and necessity require the issuance of a certificate to perform the proposed service.
3. No protests to the application have been filed.
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. A public hearing is not necessary.
2. Public convenience and necessity have been demonstrated and the application should be granted.
3. Since there is no protest to the application filed with the Commission, this decision should be effective on the date it is signed.

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 certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Wondewossen Mekbib (applicant), an individual, authorizing him to operate as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Public Utilities (PU) Code § 226, to transport persons and their baggage, between the points and over the route set forth in Appendix PSC-10972 subject to the conditions contained in the following paragraphs.
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 the 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 101, 104, and 158 and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) safety rules.
 - e. Comply with the controlled substance and alcohol testing certification program pursuant to PU Code § 1032.1 and General Order Series 158.
 - f. Maintain accounting records in conformity with the Uniform System of Accounts.
 - g. Remit to the Commission the Transportation Reimbursement Fee required by PU Code § 403 when notified by mail to do so.
 - h. Comply with PU Code §§ 460.7 and 1043, relating to the Workers' Compensation laws of this state.
 - i. Enroll all drivers in the pull notice system as required by § 1808.1 of the Vehicle Code.
3. Before beginning service to any airport, applicant shall notify the airport's governing body. Applicant shall not operate into or on airport property unless such operations are also authorized by the airport's governing body.
 4. Applicant is authorized to begin operations on the date that the Executive Director mails a notice to applicant that his evidence of insurance is on file with the Commission and that the CHP has approved the use of applicant's vehicles for service.
 5. The application is granted, as amended by letter dated April 3, 1997.

A.97-02-042 ALJ/KLK/wav

6. This application is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated November 5, 1997, at San Francisco, California.

P. GREGORY CONLON
President

JESSIE J. KNIGHT, JR.

HENRY M. DUQUE

JOSIAH L. NEEPER

RICHARD A. BILAS

Commissioners

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Appendix PSC-10972

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CERTIFICATE
OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
AS A PASSENGER STAGE CORPORATION
PSC-10972

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 97-11-008, dated November 5,
1997, of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of
California in Application 97-02-042.

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

Wondewossen Mekbib, an individual, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to transport passengers and their baggage on an "on-call" basis, between points and places as described in Section II, and San Francisco International Airport (SFO), over and along the route described in Section III, subject, however, to the authority of this Commission to change or modify this authority at any time and subject to the following provisions:

- a. When route description is given in one direction, they apply to operation in either direction unless otherwise indicated.
- b. The term "on-call", as used, refers to service which is authorized to be rendered dependent on the demands of passengers. The tariffs and timetables shall show the conditions under which each authorized on-call service will be rendered.
- c. No passengers shall be transported except those having a point of origin or destination at SFO.
- d. This certificate does not authorize the holder to conduct any operation on the property of or into any airport unless such operation is authorized by the airport authority involved.

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SECTION II. SERVICE AREA.

The City and County of San Francisco.

SECTION III. ROUTE DESCRIPTION.

Commencing from any point as described in Section II, then over the most convenient streets, expressways, and highways to SFO.

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