

Decision 99-03-060 March 18, 1999

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of A & M United Group, L.L.C., a Limited Liability Company, to acquire, and Isam M. Alziq to transfer, a passenger stage certificate of public convenience and necessity and certain other assets, pursuant to Section 851, et seq., of the California Public Utilities Code.

Application 98-06-051
(Filed June 30, 1998)

ORDER CONTINUING SUSPENSION

Summary

Immediate suspension of all passenger service ordered by Commission in Decision (D.) 99-03-024 against EZ Shuttle and Charter Service (EZ) continued until further order.

Discussion

On March 4, 1999, the Commission ordered the immediate suspension of all passenger service provided by EZ. It also issued an Order to Show Cause why Isam M. Alziq, holder of the passenger stage certificate of EZ, should not be held in contempt for failure to comply with Pub. Util. Code Section 582, failure to provide the Commission staff access to utility records, and General Order (GO) 158-A, failure to comply with the duties of a passenger stage carrier, thereby endangering the public safety. Hearings on this Order to Show Cause were combined with already scheduled hearings in Application (A.) 98-06-051 for March 11 and 12, 1999 in Los Angeles.

At these hearings EZ appeared through its attorney and participated through the testimony of a witness who is the brother of Alziq and manager of

EZ. Both the witness and the attorney for EZ stated that EZ does not oppose a continuation of the suspension ordered in D.99-03-024. The witness stated that service had ceased as of March 5, 1999, the date that EZ received the Order of Suspension.

Findings of Fact

1. An order to suspend all passenger service, D.99-03-024, was signed by the Commission on March 4, 1999, and served on EZ on March 5, 1999.
2. EZ ceased operations on March 5, 1999, in compliance with that order.
3. At the previously scheduled hearings on March 11-12, 1999, EZ was given an opportunity to present evidence that safety violations do not exist.
4. At these hearings EZ, through a witness and its attorney, indicated that it had no objection to the continuation of the suspension order in D.99-03-024.

Conclusions of Law

1. No reason was offered why the suspension of passenger operations of EZ should not be continued.
2. EZ agrees to a continuation of the suspension of its passenger operations.

IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the passenger operations of EZ Shuttle and Charter Service, pursuant to Decision 99-03-024, shall continue until further order of the Commission.

This order is effective today.

Dated March 18, 1999, at San Francisco, California.

RICHARD A. BILAS
President
HENRY M. DUQUE
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Commissioners