

Decision 99-10-010 October 7, 1999

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Northstate Airport Shuttle, Inc., a California corporation in organization, for authority to operate a passenger service between the Cities of Redding, Anderson, Red Bluff, Corning, Orland and Willows and the Sacramento Airport.

Application 99-06-018
(Filed June 15, 1999)

O P I N I O N

Summary

This decision grants the application of Northstate Airport Shuttle, Inc. (applicant), a corporation, pursuant Pub. Util. Code § 1031 et seq., for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a passenger stage corporation as defined in Pub. Util. Code § 226.

Discussion

Applicant requests authority to operate as a scheduled passenger stage corporation transporting passengers and their baggage between the cities of Redding, Anderson, Red Bluff, Corning, Orland, and Willows, on the one hand, and Sacramento International Airport (SAC), on the other hand. Applicant intends to operate two scheduled round-trips daily. Applicant will use fourteen-passenger vans. The proposed one-way fares range from \$35 (Orland - SAC) to \$40 (Redding - SAC). The unaudited Balance Sheet as of May 18, 1999, discloses total assets of \$15,106 and capital of \$15,106.

Notice of filing of the application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar on June 17, 1999. The applicant notified the affected cities and SAC.

In Resolution ALJ 176-3018 dated June 24, 1999, the Commission preliminarily categorized this application as ratesetting, and preliminarily determined that hearings were not necessary. No protests have been received. The Commission's Rail Safety and Carriers Division recommends that this application be granted. Given this status, public hearing is not necessary, and it is not necessary to alter the preliminary determinations made in Resolution ALJ 176-3018.

This is an uncontested matter in which the decision grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 311(g)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant requests authority to operate a scheduled passenger stage corporation between the cities of Redding, Anderson, Red Bluff, Corning, Orland, and Willows, on the one hand, and SAC, on the other hand.
2. Public convenience and necessity requires the proposed service.
3. No protests to the application have been filed.
4. A public hearing is not necessary.
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.

Conclusions of Law

1. Public convenience and necessity has been demonstrated and the application should be granted.
2. Since the matter is uncontested, the 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 Northstate Airport Shuttle, Inc. (Applicant), a corporation, authorizing it to operate as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Pub. Util. Code § 226, to transport persons and their baggage, between the points and over the route set forth in Appendix PSC-12759 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 Pub. Util. 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 Pub. Util. Code § 403 when notified by mail to do so.

- h. Comply with Pub. Util. 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 Section 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 authorized by the airport's governing body.
 4. Applicant is authorized to begin operations on the date that the Rail Safety and Carriers Division mails a notice to the applicant that its evidence of insurance and other documents required by Ordering Paragraph 2 have been filed with the Commission and that the CHP has approved the use of applicant's vehicles for service.
 5. The certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate as a passenger stage corporation (PSC-12759), granted herein, expires, unless exercised within 120 days after the effective date of this order.
 6. The Application is granted as set forth above.
 7. This proceeding is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated October 7, 1999, at Los Angeles, California.

RICHARD A. BILAS
President
HENRY M. DUQUE
JOSIAH L. NEEPER
JOEL Z. HYATT
CARL W. WOOD
Commissioners

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Appendix PSC-12759

Northstate Airport Shuttle, Inc.
(a corporation)

Original Title Page

CERTIFICATE
OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
AS A PASSENGER STAGE CORPORATION

PSC-12759

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 99-10-010, dated October 7, 1999, of the Public
Utilities Commission of the State of California in Application 99-06-018.

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

Northstate Airport Shuttle, Inc., a corporation, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the foot of the margin, is authorized to transport passengers and their baggage on a scheduled service between points and places as described in Section IIA, and the point as described in Section IIB, 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 a route description is given in one direction, it applies to operation in either direction unless otherwise indicated.
- b. Scheduled service will be operated only at the designated service areas as described in Section II. A description of all the stop points and the arrival and departure times from such points shall be indicated in the timetable.
- c. No passengers shall be transported except those having a point of origin or destination as described in Section IIB.
- 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 AREAS.

- A. Within the geographical city limits of:
 - Redding
 - Anderson
 - Red Bluff
 - Corning
 - Orland
 - Willows.

- B. Sacramento International Airport (SAC).

SECTION III. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS.

Commencing from Redding, then over the most convenient streets, expressways, and highways to Anderson, Red Bluff, Corning, Orland, Willows, and to SAC.

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