

Decision 03-03-014 March 13, 2003

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of Jafar Kargaran and Farrokh Reza Falahi, sellers and Kevin Kohl and Associates LLC, buyer, for approval of the transfer by sale of the operating authority held by sellers in passenger stage corporation certificate PSC-9524 from seller to buyer, pursuant to the provisions of Public Utilities Code §§ 851 et seq.

Application 02-10-039
(Filed October 29, 2002)

O P I N I O N

Summary

This decision grants the application to transfer, pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 851 et seq., a passenger stage corporation (PSC) certificate from Jafar Kargaran and Farrokh Reza Falahi (Transferor), a partnership, to Kevin Kohl and Associates LLC (Transferee), a limited liability company.

Discussion

Transferor is authorized by Decision (D.) 95-01-037 to transport persons and their baggage on an on-call basis between certain points in San Diego County, on the one hand, and San Diego International Airport, the San Diego AMTRAK Station and the Greyhound Bus Terminal in downtown San Diego, on the other hand.

This application requests approval to transfer the PSC certificate of Transferor to Transferee. Dissolution of the partnership motivates the transfer. Partner Jafar Kargaran desires to pursue other activities. Partner Farrokh Reza Falahi will continue to be involved in the operation as a member of the limited liability company.

Exhibit 1 of the application is a Bill of Sale in which Transferor agrees to sell the business to Transferee, including the PSC certificate, for \$216,000. The sale is contingent upon the Commission's approval of the certificate transfer and San Diego International Airport's approval to transfer the ground transportation permits held by Transferor. Transferee's financial statement, Exhibit 2 of the application, discloses assets of \$266,902, liabilities of \$177,702, and equity of \$89,200.

Notice of filing of the application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar on November 5, 2002.

In Resolution ALJ 176-3099 dated November 7, 2002, the Commission preliminarily categorized this application as ratesetting, and preliminarily determined that hearings were not necessary. No protest has been received. Given this status, public hearing is not necessary, and it is not necessary to alter the preliminary determinations made in Resolution ALJ 176-3099.

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.

Assignment of Proceeding

Richard Clark is the assigned Examiner in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. Transferor is operating as a PSC pursuant to D.95-01-037. Transferor requests approval to transfer a PSC certificate to Transferee.
2. The proposed transfer will not be adverse to the public interest.
3. No protest to the application has 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. The proposed transfer is in the public interest and should be authorized.
2. Since the matter is uncontested, the decision should be effective on the date it is signed.
3. 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. Within 120 days from the effective date of this decision, Jafar Kargaran and Farrokh Reza Falahi (Transferor), a partnership, may transfer the operative rights specified in this application to Kevin Kohl and Associates LLC (Transferee), a limited liability company, subject to the conditions contained in the following paragraphs.
2. Transferee shall:
 - a. File a written acceptance of this certificate within 30 days after this order is effective.
 - b. Establish the authorized service within 120 days after this order is effective and adopt Transferor's tariffs and timetables, state in them when the service will start, make them effective 10 or more days after this order is effective and allow at least 10 days' notice to the Commission.
 - c. Comply with General Orders Series 101 and 158, and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) safety rules.

- d. Comply with the controlled substance and alcohol testing certification program pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1032.1 and General Order Series 158.
- e. Maintain accounting records in conformity with the Uniform System of Accounts.
- f. Remit to the Commission the Transportation Reimbursement Fee required by Pub. Util. Code § 423 when notified by mail to do so.
- g. Comply with Pub. Util. Code §§ 460.7 and 1043, relating to the Workers' Compensation laws of this state.
- h. Enroll all drivers in the pull notice system as required by Section 1808.1 of the Vehicle Code.

3. Transferee is authorized to begin operations on the date that the Consumer Protection and Safety Division mails a notice to Transferee 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 Transferee's vehicles for service.

4. The CPCN granted to Transferor by Decision 95-01-037 is revoked on the date Transferee is notified that it may commence operations as provided in Ordering Paragraph 3.

5. Before beginning service to any airport, Transferee shall notify the airport's governing body. Transferee shall not operate into or on airport property without authority from the airport's governing body.

6. The CPCN to operate as PSC-14720, granted herein, shall expire unless exercised within 120 days after the effective date of this order.

7. The Application is granted as set forth above.

8. This proceeding is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated March 13, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

MICHAEL R. PEEVEY

President

CARL W. WOOD

LORETTA M. LYNCH

GEOFFREY F. BROWN

SUSAN P. KENNEDY

Commissioners

CERTIFICATE
OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
AS A PASSENGER STAGE CORPORATION
PSC-14720

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.

Supersedes the authority heretofore granted to
Jafar Kargaran and Farrokh Reza Falahi, a partnership, by D.95-01-037.

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

This certificate supersedes all passenger stage operative authorities granted to Jafar Kargaran and Farrokh Reza Falahi, a partnership.

Kevin Kohl and Associates LLC, a limited liability company, 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 an "on-call" basis, between points and places as described in Section IIA, and points and places 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. The term "on-call", as used, refers to service which is authorized to be rendered dependent on the demands of passengers. The tariffs shall show the conditions under which each authorized on-call service will be provided, and shall include the description of the boundary of each fare zone, except when a single fare is charged to all points within a single incorporated city.
- 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 any airport unless such operation is authorized by the airport authority involved.

SECTION II. SERVICE AREA.

- A. Within the geographical limits of San Diego County in the following: (1) cities - Carlsbad, Chula Vista, Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, Encinitas, National City, Oceanside, Poway, San Diego, San Marcos, Santee, Solana Beach, and Vista, and (2) U.S. Postal zip code communities - Bonsall (92003), Fallbrook (92028), Lakeside (92040), North Island Naval Base (92135), Rancho Santa Fe (92067), and San Onofre (92672).

- B. San Diego International Airport.
Santa Fe Train Station (AMTRAK Station), City of San Diego.
Greyhound Bus Terminal, City of San Diego.

SECTION III. ROUTE DESCRIPTION.

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