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**Before the**  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the matter of the Application of: )  
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THE SONOMA COUNTY AIRPORT EXPRESS, )  
INC. )  
 )  
PSC-1120 ) Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 )  
to modify Applicant’s existing Certificate of Public )  
Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to operate )  
scheduled passenger stage corporation service )  
between points in Napa, California, and San )  
Francisco International Airport, with an intermediate )  
stop at Petaluma, California, and to establish a Zone )  
of Rate Freedom. )

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**APPLICATION**

This Application of The Sonoma County Airport Express, Inc. (hereafter referred to as “APPLICANT”), respectfully shows:

**I. Introduction and Corporate Status**

The exact legal name of APPLICANT, its address and telephone number are as follows:

THE SONOMA COUNTY AIRPORT EXPRESS, INC.  
5807 Old Redwood Highway  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
Telephone: 707-837-8700

All notices, correspondence, and communications with respect to this Application should be addressed as follows:

THE SONOMA COUNTY AIRPORT EXPRESS, INC.  
ATTN: Judy Lin Bristow  
2001 W Broad Street, Suite 105  
Richmond, VA 23220  
Email: [jbristow@groometrans.com](mailto:jbristow@groometrans.com)

**II. Existing Authority**

APPLICANT presently holds a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) as a Passenger Stage Corporation (PSC-1120), authorizing the transportation of passengers and their baggage, between points in Sonoma County and SFO, on the one hand, and between points in in Sonoma County and OAK, on the other, over specified routes. Service areas authorized by its CPCN include PETALUMA.

**III. Proposed Expansion of Service; Authority Requested**

For ease of reference, the following abbreviations will be used in this APPLICATION:

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|----|---------------------------------------|---|----------|
| 1. | San Francisco International Airport   | - | SFO      |
| 2. | Oakland Airport International Airport | - | OAK      |
| 3. | City of Napa, California              | - | NAPA     |
| 4. | City of Petaluma, California          | - | PETALUMA |

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By this Application, and pursuant to the provisions of the Pub. Util Code, APPLICANT seek to amend its CPCN hereby requests authorization from the Commission to expand services as further described below:

- (a) APPLICANT seeks to operate a new scheduled, fixed-route passenger stage corporation service for the transportation of passengers and their baggage between points in NAPA, on the one hand, and SFO, on the other hand, with an intermediate transfer stop in the PETALUMA.
- (b) APPLICANT proposes to establish one or more passenger stop points in NAPA. Any stop points established by APPLICANT to load or discharge passengers will comply with all applicable parking, curb-use, passenger-loading, airport, and local governmental regulations.
- (c) The proposed service for which APPLICANT seeks authority is limited to passengers traveling to or from SFO and not local passengers traveling solely between NAPA and PETALUMA and will bridge a critical transit gap by connecting NAPA to SFO.

- (d) APPLICANT's proposed route of operations is attached hereto as Exhibit A, subject to reasonable operational adjustments for traffic, construction, weather, roadway incidents, airport operating conditions, safety, or other circumstances affecting efficient and safe service.
- (e) To meet this increased demand for service, APPLICANT will add a new inventory of **14-passenger Ford Transit vans** to its fleet, which vehicles will only be used to transport airport passengers between points NAPA and PETALUMA. From PETALUMA to SFO, APPLICANT will simply utilize its current inventory of **coach and mini-buses** which are currently used to support APPLICANT's existing scheduled airport shuttle operations. The fleet of passenger vehicles used to support the present and expanded are operated by highly trained and experienced drivers currently in place with and utilized by APPLICANT. APPLICANT will make an ADA-accessible vehicle available upon request. All vehicles used in the proposed service will be properly licensed, registered, inspected, insured, and maintained in accordance with applicable federal, state, local, airport, and Commission requirements.

#### **IV. Fare Structure, Zone of Rate Freedom (ZORF) and Schedules**

Fares for the expanded route between NAPA and SFO are as follows:

Adult: \$45.00

Senior, 62 and older: \$43.00

Military and Student with valid identification: \$43.00

Child, 12 and under: One free child per adult passenger

APPLICANT requests that the Commission's previously authorized Zone of Rate Freedom (ZORF) of +/- 15% apply equally to this new route segment to accommodate fuel and operational variables.

Upon approval of this Application, APPLICANT proposes to amend, and update its Tariff in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B to include the territory, timetables, base fare and ZORF parameters applied to the expanded route.

#### **V. Financial Fitness**

Applicant currently operates passenger stage corporation service under PSC-1120 and has the financial, managerial, and operational ability to provide the proposed expanded service. Attached hereto as hereto as Exhibit C are APPLICANT's most recent and available financial statements which support the ability of APPLICANT to expand its services as set forth herein. Overall, APPLICANT is financially fit to support the proposed expanded passenger services contemplated by this Application.

#### **VI. Public Convenience and Necessity**

Public convenience and necessity support the requested authority of APPLICANT for the proposed service expansion. NAPA and the surrounding Napa Valley region generate substantial airport travel demand from residents, visitors, hospitality employees, winery guests, conference

attendees, and leisure travelers. SFO is a major airport gateway for domestic and international travel to and from the region.

Travelers between NAPA and SFO have limited direct and scheduled airport shuttle options. Many travelers must rely on private automobiles, rental cars, transportation network companies, taxis, private car services, or indirect public transit connections. These alternatives may be costly, inconvenient, less predictable, or impractical for passengers traveling with luggage or on airport schedules.

APPLICANT's proposed service will provide a scheduled, shared-ride airport shuttle option between points in NAPA and SFO, coordinated through Applicant's existing PETALUMA-SFO scheduled service. The proposed service will improve regional airport access, provide a more predictable transportation option for NAPA-area travelers, and expand the availability of scheduled airport shuttle service in the North Bay.

This expansion improves overall equipment utilization, provides eco-friendly shared riding, and relieves highway traffic congestion. The proposed service should reduce the need for individual passenger vehicle trips to and from SFO, reduce airport parking demand, support regional mobility, and provide an efficient transportation option for visitors to Napa Valley hotels, wineries, restaurants, and other tourism-related businesses.

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## **VII. Service and Confirmation**

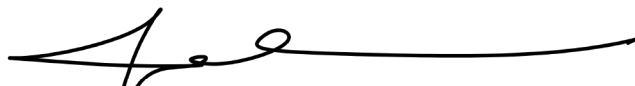
In accordance with Rule 2.7, APPLICANT will furnish a copy of this Application to any potential competitor, governmental entity, or interested party requesting a copy and/or to any other persons as the Commission may direct. Furthermore, APPLICANT respectfully submits this Application should be categorized as ratesetting, so that no hearing relative to same is necessary.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 3.3(b), APPLICANT intends to provide appropriate public notice of this Application by posting same in the public area of the City Hall for NAPA. However, and in accordance with Rule 1.9(c), APPLICANT requests the waiver of the requirements of said Rule 3.3(b) if and to the extent thereof, any such notice may be deemed to be deficient for any reason. In this regard, APPLICANT does not believe in good faith that any such notice is inadequate under Rule 3.3(b). Still and out of an abundance of caution, APPLICANT does request this waiver to the extent necessary under the circumstances. Furthermore, notice of the Application will be published in the Commission's Daily Calendar which is adequate notice to the Commission.

APPLICANT further confirms that APPLICANT has on file with the Commission the required proof of insurance in accordance with General Order Series 101, as well compliance with the controlled substance and alcohol testing program pursuant to PUC Code 1032.1 and General Order Series 158. In addition, APPLICANT is enrolled in the pull notice system as required by Section 1808.1 of the California Vehicle Code.

**WHEREFORE**, it is respectfully requested that the Commission authorize the expansion of service between NAPA and SFO (with an intermediate stop in PETALUMA) to APPLICANT's services and routes by adding as Exhibit C the attached Fifth Revised Page 3 to APPLICANT's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

DATED this 4th day of June 2026.



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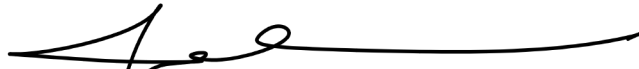
JUDY LIN BRISTOW  
General Counsel  
THE SONOMA COUNTY AIRPORT  
EXPRESS, INC.

VERIFICATION

I am General Counsel of The Sonoma County Airport Express, Inc., and am authorized to make this verification on its behalf. The statements in the foregoing document are true of my own knowledge, except as to matters which are therein stated based on information or belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on June 4, 2026, in Richmond, Virginia



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JUDY ANN BRISTOW  
General Counsel  
THE SONOMA COUNTY AIRPORT  
EXPRESS, INC.

EXHIBIT A

PSC 1120

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Service originating in Napa will proceed generally west and southwest via State Route 29 and State Route 12, connecting the Napa Valley with the Sonoma Valley. The route will then continue using State Route 116 and connecting roadways to access U.S. Route 101, where applicable, for final approach into Petaluma. Thereafter, service will continue over the most convenient streets and highways to SFO as currently authorized by APPLICANT's CPCN.

EXHIBIT B

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TIMETABLE AND FARES

DAILY DEPARTURES TO SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT

Outbound: Napa → Petaluma Transfer → SFO

<b>Depart NAPA</b>	<b>Transfer/Depart PETALUMA</b>	<b>Arrive SFO</b>
2:35 AM	3:30 AM	5:00 AM
3:35 AM	4:30 AM	6:00 AM
4:35 AM	5:30 AM	7:00 AM
5:35 AM	6:30 AM	8:15 AM
6:35 AM	7:30 AM	9:15 AM
7:35 AM	8:30 AM	10:15 AM
8:35 AM	9:30 AM	11:15 AM
9:35 AM	10:30 AM	12:15 PM
10:50 AM	11:45 AM	1:15 PM
12:05 PM	1:00 PM	2:30 PM
1:20 PM	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
2:35 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
3:50 PM	4:45 PM	6:15 PM
5:05 PM	6:00 PM	7:30 PM
6:20 PM	7:15 PM	8:45 PM
7:35 PM	8:30 PM	10:00 PM
9:05 PM	10:00 PM	11:30 PM

Inbound: SFO → Petaluma Transfer → Napa

<b>Depart SFO</b>	<b>Transfer / Depart Petaluma</b>	<b>Arrive NAPA</b>
5:30 AM	7:10 AM	7:55 AM
6:30 AM	8:10 AM	8:55 AM
7:30 AM	9:10 AM	9:55 AM
8:30 AM	10:10 AM	10:55 AM
9:30 AM	11:10 AM	11:55 AM
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EXHIBIT B (CONTINUED)

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TIMETABLE AND FARES

DAILY DEPARTURES TO SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT

**FARES TO OR FROM NAPA ONE WAY TO/FROM SFO**

	Minus 15% ZORF	Proposed Base Rate	Plus 15% ZORF
Adult	\$38.25	\$45.00	\$51.75
Senior	\$38.25	\$43.00	\$49.45
Military (w/ID)	\$38.25	\$43.00	\$49.45
Students (13-21 yrs w/ID)	\$38.25	\$43.00	\$49.45
Child	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXHIBIT C  
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Income Statement

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Prior</b>
	<b>Apr 2025 - Mar 2026</b>	<b>Apr 2024 - Mar 2025</b>
	<i>Actuals</i>	<i>Actuals</i>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Revenue	\$ 8,795,632	\$ 8,814,397
<b>Operating Expense</b>		
Payroll Expenses	3,439,712	3,336,832
Fuel Expense	1,093,083	1,102,402
Parts & Repair	514,001	391,474
Vehicle Expenses	518,639	481,079
Insurance - Claims	198,503	181,751
Insurance - Fixed Cost	153,127	122,075
General and Administrative	2,030,166	1,935,980
All Other Operating Expenses	30,192	32,613
Other Expense (Income)	25,026	205,436
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8,002,449</b>	<b>\$ 7,789,643</b>
Interest Expenses	(9,194)	10,225
Depreciation	442,478	459,014
<b>Earnings Before Taxes</b>	<b>\$ 359,899</b>	<b>\$ 555,515</b>
Taxes	-	-
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 359,899</b>	<b>\$ 555,515</b>

EXHIBIT C (CONTINUED)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Balance Sheet

<b>The Sonoma County Airport Express, Inc.</b>		
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
	<b>Current</b>	<b>Prior</b>
	<b>Month Ending</b>	<b>Month Ending</b>
	<b>03/31/2026</b>	<b>03/31/2025</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets	695,940.97	851,363.77
Fixed Assets, Net	2,799,384.96	2,470,292.90
Intangible Assets, Net	1,530,295.00	1,530,295.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 5,025,620.93</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,851,951.67</u></b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>		
Current Liabilities	1,417,549.89	1,472,526.34
Long Term Liabilities	0.00	263,254.50
Other Liabilities	606,713.00	624,100.00
Stockholders Equity	3,001,358.04	2,492,070.83
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b><u>\$ 5,025,620.93</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,851,951.67</u></b>

EXHIBIT D  
PSC 1120  
REVISED CPCN PAGE

Fifth Revised Page 3  
Cancels  
Fourth Revised Page 3

PSC-1120                      The Sonoma County Airport  
   Express, Inc.  
   (a California corporation)

SECTION I.                      GENERAL AUTHORIZATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, LIMITATIONS,  
   AND SPECIFICATION (CONTINUED)

g. Airport service may also be provided on an on-call basis. 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 shall be rendered.

\* SECTION II.                      SERVICE AREAS

- A. City of Santa Rosa, including Sonoma County Airport (Santa Rosa Airport).  
Community of Oakmont.  
City of Rohnert Park.  
City of Petaluma  
San Rafael Transit Center  
City of Napa
  
- B. San Francisco International Airport (SFO). Oakland International Airport (OAK).
  
- C. Hotels and other places of lodging located in Napa, Santa Rosa and Rohnert Park.

\* SECTION III. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS

Airport Service

Commencing from the Community of Oakmont, then over the most convenient streets and highways to Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Petaluma, San Rafael Transit Center, and SFO/OAK.

Commencing from City of Napa, generally west and southwest via State Route 29 and State Route 12, connecting the Napa Valley with the Sonoma Valley, continuing on State Route 116 and connecting roadways to access U.S. Route 101, where applicable, for final approach into Petaluma.

\* Revised by Decision \_\_\_\_\_