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for CPCN to Operate a
Passenger Service Corporation**

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APPLICATION

The application of Shuttle Junkies LLC, hereinafter referred to as “Applicant,” respectfully states:

1. Applicant Information

The exact legal name of Applicant is Shuttle Junkies LLC, a California limited liability company.

Applicant’s principal place of business is located at:

Shuttle Junkies LLC

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Applicant’s California Secretary of State entity number is: B20260204470.

Applicant will operate under the name Shuttle Junkies LLC. No separate fictitious business name is currently proposed.

2. Owner / Managing Member

The owner and managing member of Shuttle Junkies LLC is:

Mathew Bascom

Owner / Operator

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Mathew Bascom will serve as the primary contact for all communications regarding this application.

3. Communications

Communications regarding this application should be addressed to:

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4. Request for Authority

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 1031, Applicant requests a certificate of public convenience and necessity to establish and operate as an on-call, reservation-based passenger stage corporation for the transportation of passengers between designated

staging and pickup locations in the Pinecrest and Strawberry areas of Tuolumne County, California, and approved mountain biking trailheads in and around the Stanislaus National Forest.

The proposed service is a limited, seasonal, reservation-based mountain bike shuttle service. The service is intended to support outdoor recreation access by transporting mountain bikers and their bicycles from designated staging areas to trailheads serving downhill mountain biking routes. The proposed operation is not intended to provide commuter transportation, airport transportation, taxi service, or charter-party service.

Applicant requests authority to provide on-call, reservation-based passenger stage service within the limited operating area described in this application and the attached exhibits.

5. Description of Proposed Service

Shuttle Junkies LLC proposes to provide seasonal mountain bike shuttle service in the Pinecrest and Strawberry areas of Tuolumne County, primarily along the Highway 108 corridor and within or near the Stanislaus National Forest.

The proposed operation will transport mountain bikers from designated staging and parking areas in and around Pinecrest and Strawberry to approved trailhead drop-off points, including Pinecrest Peak Trailhead and other nearby trailheads approved through the U.S. Forest Service Special Use Permit process.

Passengers will reserve shuttle seats in advance. Transportation will be provided in connection with mountain biking recreation access. Riders will be transported to an approved trailhead and will ride independently after drop-off. Applicant will not provide guided rides, riding instruction, or trail supervision.

Applicant intends to operate one vehicle initially and to operate only within the limited service area described in this application.

6. Proposed Fares and Zone of Rate Freedom

Applicant proposes an initial fare of \$40 per passenger per shuttle trip.

Applicant also requests authority to establish a Zone of Rate Freedom pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 454.2. Applicant requests a Zone of Rate Freedom of \$15 above or below the initial fare, with a minimum fare of \$25 per passenger per shuttle trip and a maximum fare of \$55 per passenger per shuttle trip.

The requested Zone of Rate Freedom is intended to allow Applicant to adjust fares within a reasonable range based on operating costs, fuel costs, insurance costs, seasonal demand, special events, and other business conditions without filing a formal application for each fare adjustment.

The proposed fares, rules, and passenger terms are set forth in Exhibit A.

7. Proposed Schedule / On-Call Service Conditions

Applicant proposes to operate on an on-call, reservation-based basis rather than as a fixed-schedule route.

Approximate operating season:

May 1 through November 30 of each year.

Additional possible operations:

Applicant may provide limited operations before May 1 or after November 30 when weather, road conditions, safety, trail access, U.S. Forest Service authorization, and seasonal closures permit safe operation.

Estimated operations:

Approximately 3 to 4 shuttle trips per operating day.

Approximately 5 operating days per week during peak season.

Approximately 7 to 28 passengers per operating day, depending on demand, weather, road conditions, trail access, and vehicle availability.

Service will be provided based on reservations, passenger demand, vehicle availability, safe operating conditions, U.S. Forest Service authorization, and access to approved pickup and drop-off locations.

Applicant reserves the right to cancel, delay, or modify service due to unsafe road conditions, weather, wildfire, forest closure, vehicle maintenance issues, insufficient reservations, or other conditions affecting safe operation.

The proposed on-call service conditions are set forth in Exhibit B.

8. Route and Points to Be Served

The proposed service area includes designated staging and pickup areas in and around Pinecrest and Strawberry, California, and approved trailhead drop-off locations in and around the Stanislaus National Forest.

Primary staging / pickup area:

Pinecrest and Strawberry areas, Tuolumne County, California.

Primary drop-off / trailhead area:

Pinecrest Peak Trailhead and other approved mountain biking trailhead locations within or near the Stanislaus National Forest.

The proposed operation will occur primarily along the Highway 108 corridor and related public roads used to access approved trailheads. Applicant will not provide city-to-city transportation, commuter transportation, airport transportation, taxi service, or charter-party service.

A map showing the proposed route, staging areas, and trailhead locations is attached as Exhibit C.

9. Equipment

Applicant proposes to initially operate one vehicle:

Vehicle:

2000 GMC Savana 2500 passenger van.

Fuel:

Gasoline.

Seating:

Configured for seven passengers plus driver, eight total occupants.

Equipment:

External bicycle rack system.

First aid kit.

Fire extinguisher.

Emergency supplies.

Basic repair tools.

Safety and communication equipment.

Applicant will maintain the vehicle in safe operating condition and will comply with applicable inspection, maintenance, insurance, and safety requirements prior to operation.

A description of the proposed equipment is attached as Exhibit D.

10. Financial Ability

Applicant has prepared financial information showing its ability to establish and operate the proposed service. Applicant's projected operations are based on a limited, seasonal model using one vehicle.

Estimated revenue assumptions:

7 to 28 passengers per operating day.

\$40 per passenger per shuttle trip.

Approximately 3 to 4 shuttle trips per operating day.

Approximately 5 operating days per week during peak season.

Approximate operating season from May 1 through November 30, with possible earlier or later limited operations if weather, safety, access, and required authorizations permit.

Estimated daily gross revenue:

7 passengers x \$40 = \$280 per day.

15 passengers x \$40 = \$600 per day.

28 passengers x \$40 = \$1,120 per day.

Estimated weekly gross revenue:

35 passengers x \$40 = \$1,400 per week.

75 passengers x \$40 = \$3,000 per week.

140 passengers x \$40 = \$5,600 per week.

Estimated seasonal gross revenue will depend on actual operating days, passenger demand, weather, road conditions, Forest Service access, and other safety or operational limitations.

Applicant's financial statement and pro forma operating estimate are attached as Exhibit E.

11. Public Convenience and Necessity

Public convenience and necessity support granting the requested authority.

There is currently no dedicated commercial mountain bike shuttle service operating in the Pinecrest, Strawberry, and Stanislaus National Forest area. The region contains downhill-oriented mountain biking routes that require riders to return to higher elevation trailheads. Without an organized shuttle service, riders often rely on informal self-shuttling, multiple private vehicles, roadside parking, and repeated vehicle trips to access the same recreational routes.

The proposed service will provide a structured, insured, and safety-focused transportation option for mountain bikers. The operation will support outdoor recreation access, reduce informal self-shuttling, reduce unnecessary vehicle trips where possible, reduce parking

pressure at sensitive trailhead locations, and support tourism and local economic activity in Tuolumne County.

The service is also being developed in coordination with the U.S. Forest Service Special Use Permit process for the Stanislaus National Forest. Applicant has prepared an operating plan, safety procedures, proposed route information, and private parking arrangements to support responsible operation.

The proposed service is limited in scope, seasonal, and recreational in nature. Applicant seeks only the authority necessary to operate the proposed on-call mountain bike shuttle service in the limited Pinecrest/Strawberry and Stanislaus National Forest service area described in this application.

Additional support for public convenience and necessity is attached as Exhibit F.

12. Governmental Entities, Regional Transportation Planning Agencies, and Public Transit Operators

The names of county and local governmental entities, regional transportation planning agencies, and public transit operators within whose boundaries passengers may be loaded or unloaded are attached as Exhibit G.

Applicant will provide notice of this application to the required entities and agencies.

Applicant will also serve a copy of the application on public transit operators operating in any portion of the territory proposed to be served.

Applicant does not propose construction, ground disturbance, permanent facilities, or new infrastructure. The proposed service will use an existing vehicle, existing public roads, existing parking/staging areas, and approved trailhead locations. Applicant will not construct, alter, or improve any physical facility as part of this application. Applicant will provide any additional CEQA information requested by the Commission.

A copy of the Notice of Application is attached as Exhibit H.

A Certificate of Service is attached as Exhibit I.

13. Insurance and Safety Compliance

Applicant understands that no operations may begin until all required CPUC approvals and licensing compliance items are satisfied.

Applicant will obtain and maintain liability insurance as required by the Commission prior to operation. Applicant will work with a qualified insurance provider to ensure that required evidence of insurance is filed with the Commission before operations commence.

Applicant will also comply with applicable safety, driver qualification, vehicle inspection, vehicle identification, drug and alcohol testing, and other operational requirements applicable to passenger stage corporations.

Applicant's safety and compliance summary is attached as Exhibit J.

14. U.S. Forest Service Special Use Permit

Applicant is also applying for authorization from the U.S. Forest Service to operate on National Forest System lands within the Stanislaus National Forest. The proposed shuttle operation will not commence unless and until the required U.S. Forest Service authorization is obtained and all applicable conditions are satisfied.

The U.S. Forest Service operating plan and related materials may be provided as supplemental information if requested by the Commission.

15. Request for Order

Wherefore, Applicant requests that the California Public Utilities Commission issue an order granting Shuttle Junkies LLC a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Applicant to operate as an on-call passenger stage corporation providing limited, seasonal, reservation-based mountain bike shuttle service between designated staging areas in Pinecrest and Strawberry, California, and approved mountain biking trailheads in and around the Stanislaus National Forest.

Applicant requests authority to operate during an approximate annual operating season of May 1 through November 30, with limited operations before or after those dates when

weather, safety, access, road conditions, U.S. Forest Service authorization, and seasonal closures permit safe operation.

Applicant further requests authority to establish an initial fare of \$40 per passenger per shuttle trip and a Zone of Rate Freedom of \$15 above or below the initial fare, with a minimum fare of \$25 per passenger per shuttle trip and a maximum fare of \$55 per passenger per shuttle trip.

Applicant requests such further relief as the Commission may find just and proper.

Dated: June 27, 2026

Sonora, California

Respectfully submitted,

Mathew Bascom

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Signature of Applicant

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VERIFICATION

I am the owner and managing member of Shuttle Junkies LLC and am authorized to make this verification on its behalf. I have read the foregoing application and know its contents. The statements in the foregoing document are true of my own knowledge, except as to matters which are stated based on information or belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

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

Executed on June 27, 2026, at Sonora, California.

Mathew Bascom

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Signature of Applicant

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EXHIBIT LIST

Exhibit A – Proposed Fares, Rules, and Zone of Rate Freedom

Exhibit B – On-Call Service Conditions and Operating Schedule

Exhibit C – Route Map and Points to Be Served

Exhibit D – Equipment Description

Exhibit E – Financial Statement and Pro Forma

Exhibit F – Public Convenience and Necessity Statement

Exhibit G – Governmental Entities, Regional Transportation Planning Agencies, and Public Transit Operators

Exhibit H – Notice of Application

Exhibit I – Certificate of Service

Exhibit J – Safety and Compliance Summary

Exhibit K – U.S. Forest Service Operating Plan and Supporting Materials, if included

Exhibit L – Business Formation and Authority to Transact Business

SCOPING MEMO INFORMATION

A. Category

Applicant proposes that this proceeding be categorized as *ratesetting*.

B. Are hearings necessary?

No.

Applicant does not believe hearings are necessary. Applicant seeks authority for a limited, seasonal, on-call mountain bike shuttle operation in a defined rural recreation area.

Applicant does not anticipate disputed material facts requiring evidentiary hearings.

C. Are public witness hearings necessary?

No.

Applicant does not believe public witness hearings are necessary. The proposed service is limited in scope, seasonal, recreation-focused, and intended to support access to mountain biking trailheads in the Pinecrest and Strawberry areas.

D. Issues

The issues to be addressed in this proceeding are:

1. Whether Shuttle Junkies LLC should be granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate as an on-call passenger stage corporation.

2. Whether the proposed limited, seasonal, reservation-based mountain bike shuttle service between Pinecrest/Strawberry staging areas and approved Stanislaus National Forest trailheads serves public convenience and necessity.
3. Whether the proposed initial fare of \$40 per passenger per shuttle trip is reasonable.
4. Whether the requested Zone of Rate Freedom of \$15 above or below the initial fare, with a minimum fare of \$25 and a maximum fare of \$55 per passenger per shuttle trip, should be approved.
5. Whether the proposed service area, operating conditions, equipment, and safety measures are appropriate for the authority requested.

E. Proposed Schedule

Applicant proposes that the application be processed without hearings if uncontested.

Proposed schedule:

Application filed: June 29, 2026

Protests or responses due: According to Commission rules

Prehearing conference: Not requested unless required by the Commission

Hearings: Not requested

Submission: Upon completion of review if uncontested

Proposed decision: As soon as practicable

Final decision: As soon as practicable

Applicant respectfully requests a timely review due to the seasonal nature of the proposed service and the limited operating window associated with mountain biking recreation access in and around the Stanislaus National Forest