

Decision 11-06-007 June 9, 2011

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Jaipal Singh
to sell and transfer his ownership of Comfort
Express Shuttle Service and Certificate PSC-18461
to Abdul Abuzaid.

Application 11-03-018
(Filed March 22, 2011)

D E C I S 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 Jaipal Singh (Transferor), an individual, to Abdul Abuzaid (Transferee), an individual.

Discussion

Transferor holds a PSC certificate authorizing the transportation of passengers and their baggage on an on-call basis between points in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Santa Clara, and Solano Counties, on the one hand, and San Francisco (SFO), Oakland (OAK), and San Jose (SJC) International Airports, on the other hand. The certificate was granted by Decision (D.) 06-04-051. The application requests approval to transfer certificate PSC-18461 to Transferee.

The proposed transaction is described in the Purchase and Sale Agreement attached to the application as Exhibit A. Transferee has agreed to purchase the certificate, trade name, and a 2008 Chevrolet van for \$7,600. Transferee indicates he has the knowledge and ability to assume the operation of Transferor's PSC business. He has been employed as a shuttle driver for over four years.

Transferee reports he will operate initially with the one 7-passenger van that he is purchasing from Transferor, and will add other equipment as needed to meet the public's service needs. His financial statement as of March 15, 2011, discloses assets of \$407,000, liabilities of \$750, and net worth of \$406,250.

Notice of filing of the application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar on April 1, 2011.

In Resolution ALJ 176-3272 dated April 14, 2011, 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 176-3272.

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 holds a PSC certificate granted by D.06-04-051.
2. The application requests approval to transfer the PSC authority to Transferee.
3. The proposed transfer will not be adverse to the public interest.
4. No protest to the application has been filed.
5. A public hearing is not necessary.

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.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Within 120 days from the effective date of this decision, Jaipal Singh (Transferor), an individual, may transfer the operative rights specified in this application to Abdul Abuzaid (Transferee), an individual, 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 decision is effective.
- b. Establish the authorized service within 120 days after this decision is effective, adopt Transferor's tariffs and timetables or issue new tariffs and timetables, state in them when the service will start, make them effective ten or more days after this decision is effective and allow at least ten 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 Commission's controlled substance and alcohol testing certification program pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1032.1 and General Order Series 158.
- e. Remit to the Commission the Transportation Reimbursement Fee required by Pub. Util. Code § 423 when notified by mail to do so.
- f. Comply with Pub. Util. Code §§ 460.7 and 1043, relating to the Workers' Compensation laws of this state.
- g. Enroll all drivers in the pull notice system as required by Vehicle Code § 1808.1.

3. Transferee is authorized to begin operations on the date that the Consumer Protection and Safety Division mails a notice to Transferee that his 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 certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) granted to Transferor by Decision 06-04-051 is revoked on the date Transferee is notified that he may commence operations as provided in Ordering Paragraph 3.

5. The CPCN to operate as PSC-27667, granted herein, shall expire unless exercised within 120 days after the effective date of this decision.

6. The Application is granted as set forth above.

7. This proceeding is closed.

This decision is effective today.

Dated June 9, 2011, at San Francisco, California.

MICHAEL R. PEEVEY
President
TIMOTHY ALAN SIMON
MICHEL PETER FLORIO
CATHERINE J.K. SANDOVAL
MARK J. FERRON
Commissioners

CERTIFICATE
OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
AS A PASSENGER STAGE CORPORATION
PSC-27667

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 Jaipal Singh,
an individual, by Decision 06-04-051.

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

This certificate supersedes all passenger stage operative authorities granted to Jaipal Singh, an individual.

Abdul Abuzaid, an individual, 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 the points described in Section II, over the routes 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. Points in the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Santa Clara, and Solano.
- B. San Francisco International Airport (SFO).
Oakland International Airport (OAK).
San Jose International Airport (SJC).

SECTION III. ROUTE DESCRIPTION

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