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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
WESTERN MOTOR TARIFF BUREAU, INC.)
On Behalf of Robert's Tours and)
Transportation, Inc., for Authority)
to Implement Tariff Changes on)
Short Notice.)
WMTB Rate Notice No. 4334-8-C.)
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DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF HAWAII

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I.

By Rate Notice No. 4334-8-C, filed on December 20, 2002, WESTERN MOTOR TARIFF BUREAU, INC. (WMTB), on behalf of ROBERT'S TOURS AND TRANSPORTATION, INC., seeks commission approval on short notice of certain changes to WMTB's tariff. For the island of Oahu, Robert's Tours and Transportation, Inc. is duly authorized to operate regular route service in the over-25 passenger classification, within the geographic area from Waikiki to Waikele Center.¹

WMTB makes its request in accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes § 271-21 and Hawaii Administrative Rules § 6-63-18. The proposed effective date of WMTB's rate notice is January 15, 2003.

Based on high demand from the tourist industry, Robert's Tours and Transportation, Inc. intends to initiate, on

¹See Decision and Order No. 17075, filed on July 14, 1999, in Docket No. 96-0462. The commission instructed Robert's Tours and Transportation, Inc. to "file a tariff amendment whenever any new route is added within its geographical service area[.]"

January 15, 2003, a new regular route service, between Ala Moana Center, Ward Warehouse and Ward Center, and back to Ala Moana Center, continuously, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:45 p.m., each day. This new service, WMTB explains, will provide visitors with direct, convenient ground transportation service between Ala Moana Center and the Ward shopping complexes. The per passenger fare is \$1.00, each way.

Upon review, the commission finds good cause to grant WMTB's request for approval on short notice. WMTB shall promptly file its revised tariff sheet, incorporating the correct effective date.²

II.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. WMTB's Rate Notice No. 4334-8-C, filed on December 20, 2002, is approved on short notice, to be effective from January 15, 2003.

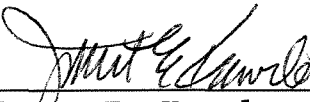
2. WMTB shall promptly file its revised tariff sheet, consistent with the terms of this order.

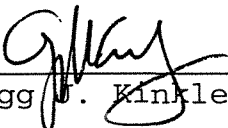
²WMTB's initial tariff sheet inadvertently lists the effective date as January 15, 2002.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this 27th day of December,
2002.


PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By 
Wayne H. Kimura, Chairman

By 
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

By 
Gregg P. Kinkley, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Michael Azama
Commission Counsel

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 19943 upon the following parties, by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each such party.

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DATED: December 27, 2002