# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

# OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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In the Matter of the Application of)

KAPOHOKINE ADVENTURES, LLC

For Extension of Motor Carrier Certificate. DOCKET NO. 05-0074

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# DECISION AND ORDER NO. 21974



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By this Decision and Order, the commission authorizes KAPOHOKINE ADVENTURES, LLC ("Applicant") to extend its authority under certificate of public convenience and necessity number 5730-C ("Certificate No. 5730-C") to include the 8-to-25 passenger classification on the island of Hawaii, excluding Waipio Valley, subject to certain conditions, as described herein.

I.

# Application to Extend Common Carrier Authority

Applicant is a common carrier of passengers by motor vehicle over irregular routes on the island of Hawaii, excluding Waipio Valley, in the 1-to-7 passenger classification. On March 22, 2005, Applicant filed an application seeking commission approval to extend its authority under Certificate No. 5730-C to include the 8-to-25 passenger classification. Applicant represents that if its authority is extended as requested, it can meet customer demand for motor vehicles with a seating capacity of 8-to-25 passengers.

Applicant served copies of the application on the Hawaii Transportation Association, which consists of carriers that may be affected by Applicant's proposed service, and on the Division of Consumer Advocacy, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Consumer Advocate"). On March 24, 2005, the Consumer Advocate informed the commission that it will not be participating in this docket.

On June 7, 2005, Jack's Tours, Inc. ("Jack's") filed a motion to intervene in the instant proceeding ("Motion to Intervene"), which included a request that the commission hear oral arguments on the Motion to Intervene. On June 14, 2005, Applicant filed a memorandum in opposition to Jack's Motion to Intervene.

On June 28, 2005, oral argument on the Motion to Intervene was heard by the commission. On July 8, 2005, the commission issued Order No. 21911, denying Jack's Motion to Intervene.

#### II.

### Findings and Conclusions

Based upon our review of the record, we find that Applicant is fit, willing, and able to properly perform the proposed service, and to conform to Hawaii Revised Statutes chapter 271 and the requirements and rules of the commission. We also find that the proposed service is required by the present

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and future public convenience and necessity. Accordingly, we conclude that Applicant's request for an extension of its authority should be granted.

# III.

# <u>Orders</u>

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. Applicant is authorized to operate as a common carrier of passengers by motor vehicle over irregular routes on the island of Hawaii, excluding Waipio Valley, in the 1-to-7 and 8-to-25 passenger classifications.

2. Applicant shall surrender Certificate No. 5730-C, and an amended certificate reflecting the operating authority granted by this Decision and Order shall be issued.

3. Applicant shall comply with all of the commission's requirements for common carriers by motor vehicle including, but not limited to, filing a Vehicle Inventory List and copies of its Certificates of Registration or Ownership documents.

4. Applicant shall comply with the foregoing requirements within one hundred and twenty (120) days after service of this Decision and Order. Failure to comply within the time specified constitutes cause for this commission to void this Decision and Order.

5. Applicant shall not commence operations in the 8-to-25 passenger classification until it has received written

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confirmation from the commission that all requirements have been met.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii \_\_\_\_\_ AUG - 5 2005

By

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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Chairman Caliboso, Carlito P.

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Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Benedyne S. Stone Commission Counsel

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing <u>Decision and Order No.</u> 21974 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: AUG - 5 2005