

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
PACIFIC SNORKELING TOURS LLC)
For a Motor Carrier Certificate or)
Permit.)
_____)

DOCKET NO. 2009-0297

DECISION AND ORDER

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By this Decision and Order, the commission grants PACIFIC SNORKELING TOURS LLC ("Applicant") a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("Certificate") to operate as a common carrier of passengers by motor vehicle over irregular routes on the island of Oahu in the 8-to-25 passenger classification, limited to providing transportation services between Waikiki and Hawaii Kai, and subject to certain conditions, as described herein.

I.

Application for Common Carrier Authority

On October 6, 2009, Applicant filed an application requesting a Certificate to operate as a common carrier of passengers by motor vehicle over irregular routes on the island of Oahu in the 8-to-25 passenger classification, limited to providing transportation services between Waikiki and Hawaii Kai. The application was filed pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 271-12.

Applicant served copies of the application on the Hawaii Transportation Association and the Hawaii State Certified Common Carriers Association, Inc., which consist 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"). The Consumer Advocate did not participate in this proceeding, and no persons moved to intervene in this docket.

II.

Findings and Conclusions

Based upon our review of the record, the commission finds that Applicant is fit, willing, and able to properly perform the proposed service, and to conform to HRS Chapter 271 and the requirements and rules of the commission. The commission also finds that the proposed service is required by the present and future public convenience and necessity. Accordingly, the commission concludes that Applicant's request for operating authority, as set forth in the application, should be granted.

III.

Orders

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. Applicant is granted a Certificate to operate as a common carrier of passengers by motor vehicle over irregular routes on the island of Oahu in the 8-to-25 passenger

classification, limited to providing transportation services between Waikiki and Hawaii Kai.

2. Within one hundred and twenty (120) days after service of this Decision and Order, Applicant shall:

- a. Complete and submit the enclosed insurance forms: (a) Uniform Motor Carrier Bodily Injury and Property Damage Certificate of Insurance (WC-3539), and (b) Uniform Motor Carrier Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability Endorsement (WC-3538). The forms should include the policy number and be completed and signed by Applicant's insurance agent or company; or they will be rejected.¹
- b. File a tariff in accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 6-63. As the application indicates that Applicant will be participating in the tariff published by the Hawaii State Certified Common Carriers Association, Inc. ("HSCCCA"), Applicant shall submit a notarized copy of the Power of Attorney and a copy of the official written statement from HSCCCA confirming Applicant's membership in the tariff bureau.²
- c. Complete and submit the enclosed "Vehicle Inventory List" form. Applicant shall list all vehicles that it intends to use in the proposed operation. The vehicles utilized must be registered under the name of the limited liability company. If Applicant chooses to lease any vehicle, it is required to complete and submit a "Motor Vehicle Equipment Lease" form. The form is available on the commission's website at www.hawaii.gov/budget/puc.
- d. Submit a copy of the current Certificate of Registration or ownership document for all vehicles listed on the Vehicle Inventory List.

¹An explanation of the liability insurance coverage requirements is attached to this Decision and Order.

²HSCCCA may be contacted at 554-9371 for more information.

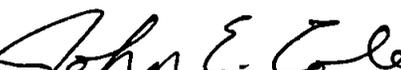
3. Applicant shall comply with the foregoing requirements within one hundred and twenty (120) days after service of this Decision and Order. Failure to comply within the time specified may constitute cause for this commission to vacate this Decision and Order.

4. Applicant shall not commence operations under this Decision and Order until it has received written confirmation from the commission that all requirements have been met.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii DEC - 9 2009.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By 
Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By 
John E. Cole, Commissioner

By 
Leslie H. Kondo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The foregoing order was served on the date of filing by mail, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to the following parties:

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