

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION **RECEIVED**
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DIV. OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY
DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
LA MODA LLC,)
dba TOR TOURS)
For a Motor Carrier Certificate or)
Permit.)
_____)

DOCKET NO. 03-0152

DECISION AND ORDER NO. 20364

Filed August 6, 2003
At 8:00 o'clock A .M.

Karen Higashi
Chief Clerk of the Commission

ATTEST: A True Copy
KAREN HIGASHI
Chief Clerk, Public Utilities
Commission, State of Hawaii.
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I.

By an application filed on May 23, 2003, LA MODA LLC, dba TOR TOURS ("Applicant"), requests a certificate of public convenience and necessity 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) 1-to-7 passenger classification, and (2) 8-to-25 passenger classification, limited to utilizing motor vehicles with a maximum manufacturer's seating capacity of 15 passengers. The application is made pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 271-12.

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"). The Consumer Advocate did not participate in this proceeding, and no persons moved to intervene in this docket.

II.

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 HRS chapter 271 and the requirements and rules of the commission. We also find that the proposed service is required by the present and future public convenience and necessity. Accordingly, we conclude that Applicant's request for operating authority, as set forth in the application, should be granted.

III.

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 Hawaii, excluding Waipio Valley, in the (1) 1-to-7 passenger classification, and (2) 8-to-25 passenger classification, limited to utilizing motor vehicles with a maximum manufacturer's seating capacity of 15 passengers.

2. Applicant shall comply with all of the commission's requirements for common carriers by motor vehicle including, but not limited to, paying a fee of \$20 for motor carrier gross revenues and filing the appropriate insurance documents.

3. Applicant shall comply with the foregoing requirements within 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.

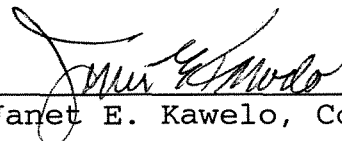
4. Applicant shall not commence operations under this decision and order until it has received written confirmation from the commission that all requirements have been met.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii this


PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By _____ (EXCUSED)
Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By  _____
Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

By  _____
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 Decision and Order No. 20364 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: August 6, 2003