BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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Inactive Status.

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the Application of)

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For Extension of Motor Carrier
Certificate.

DOCKET NO. 04-0264

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(CONSOLIDATED)

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I. Application


On August 27, 2004, Petitioner filed an application in Docket No. 04-0270 seeking commission approval to extend his authority under Certificate No. 1527-C to include the 1-to-7 passenger classification. In light of Petitioner's request to extend his authority under Certificate No. 1527-C, we will treat the request for extension of authority as a request to reactivate
Certificate No. 1527-C, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 271-18, as well as a request for an extension of authority.

Petitioner 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.

Consolidation

Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 6-61-39 provides that the commission, upon its own initiative, may consolidate two or more proceedings that involve related questions of fact or law if it finds that the consolidation will be conducive to the proper dispatch of its business and to the ends of justice and will not unduly delay the proceedings.

Upon review of the record, we find that Docket Nos. 04-0264 and 04-0270 involve related questions of fact and law. We also find that the consolidation of these proceedings will be conducive to the proper dispatch of the commission’s business and the ends of justice, and will not unduly delay these proceedings.

Based on the foregoing, we conclude that Docket Nos. 04-0264 and 04-0270 should be consolidated.
III.

Findings and Conclusions

Petitioner seeks commission approval to extend his authority under Certificate No. 1527-C to include the 1-to-7 passenger classification. Petitioner's current authority under Certificate No. 1527-C allows him to transport passengers by motor vehicle over irregular routes on the island of Oahu in the 8-to-25 passenger classification, limited to limousines.

Based upon our review of Petitioner's application, we find that Petitioner 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 Petitioner's request for an extension of his authority should be granted.

In addition, we find that there is good cause to reactivate Certificate No. 1527-C, pursuant to HRS § 271-19, as Petitioner plans to begin operations in the 1-to-7 passenger classification upon approval of his application and has fulfilled the requirements for reactivation.

IV.

Orders

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. Docket Nos. 04-0264 and 04-0270 are consolidated pursuant to HAR § 6-61-39.
2. Certificate No. 1527-C is reactivated, effective from the date of this decision and order.

3. Petitioner is authorized to operate as a common carrier of passengers by motor vehicle over irregular routes on the island of Oahu in the (1) 1-to-7 passenger classification, and (2) 8-to-25 passenger classification, limited to limousines.

4. Petitioner shall surrender Certificate No. 1527-C, and an amended certificate reflecting the operating authority granted by this decision and order shall be issued.

5. Petitioner shall not commence operations in the 1-to-7 passenger classification until he has received written confirmation from the commission that all requirements have been met.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii NOV - 5 2004

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

By Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By Benedyne S. Stone
Commission Counsel
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Decision and Order No. 21454 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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