

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of)
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MEGUMI MATSUMOTO, dba)
BIG BLUE HAWAII)
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For a Motor Carrier Certificate or)
Permit.)
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DOCKET NO. 05-0134

DECISION AND ORDER NO. 22221

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DECISION AND ORDER

By this Decision and Order, the commission grants MEGUMI MATSUMOTO, dba BIG BLUE HAWAII ("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 Hawaii, excluding Waipio Valley, in the 8-to-25 passenger classification, limited to providing transportation services in conjunction with its dive tours, and subject to certain conditions, as described herein.

I.

Application for Common Carrier Authority

By application filed on June 2, 2005, and amended on July 7, 2005, Applicant requests 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 8-to-25 passenger classification, limited to providing transportation services in conjunction with its dive tours. 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"). On June 3, 2005, the Consumer Advocate informed the commission that it will not be participating in this docket.

On August 24, 2005, Jack's Tours, Inc. ("Jacks") filed a motion to intervene in this proceeding ("Motion to Intervene"), which included a request that the commission hear oral arguments on the Motion to Intervene. On October 13, 2005, oral argument was heard by the commission. On November 16, 2005, the commission issued Order No. 22122, 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 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.

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 Hawaii, excluding Waipio Valley, in the 8-to-25 passenger classification, limited to providing transportation services in conjunction with its dive tours.

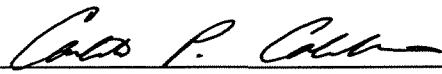
2. Applicant shall comply with all of the commission's requirements for common carriers by motor vehicle including, but not limited to, filing a lawful tariff, paying a fee of \$20 for motor carrier gross revenues, and filing the appropriate insurance documents.

3. Applicant shall comply with the foregoing requirements within 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.


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

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii JAN 13 2006.

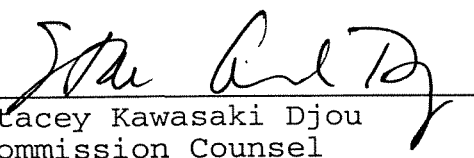
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By 
Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By (EXCUSED)
Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

By 
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Stacey Kawasaki Djou
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. 22221 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: JAN 13 2006