BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

In the Matter of the Application of)
    NUI POHAKU, LLC )
    DOCKET NO. 2006-0346 )
    For a Motor Carrier Certificate or )
    Permit. )

DECISION AND ORDER NO. 23131

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Karen Higashi
Chief Clerk of the Commission

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Commission, State of Hawaii.
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By this Decision and Order, the commission grants NUI POHAKU, 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 Hawaii, excluding Waipio Valley, in the 8-to-25 passenger classification, limited to utilizing motor vehicles with a maximum manufacturer's seating capacity of 15 passengers, and subject to certain conditions, as described herein.

I.

Application for Common Carrier Authority

On August 25, 2006, 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 Hawaii, excluding Waipio Valley, in the 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. By Decision and Order No. 22954, filed on October 18, 2006, in Docket No. 2006-0389, the commission granted Applicant temporary authority to transport passengers by motor vehicle over irregular routes on the island of Hawaii, excluding Waipio Valley, in the 8-to-25 passenger classification, limited to utilizing motor vehicles with a maximum manufacturer's seating capacity of 15 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"). 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, 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 utilizing motor vehicles with a maximum manufacturer's seating capacity of 15 passengers.

2. This docket is closed unless otherwise ordered by the commission.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii DEC 13 2006.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By John E. Cole, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stacey Kawasaki Djou
Commission Counsel
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Decision and Order No. 23131 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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