BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of
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FREEDOM HAWAII TRANSPORTS LLC
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DOCKET NO. 2008-0293
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For a Motor Carrier Certificate or Permit.
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DECISION AND ORDER

By this Decision and Order, the commission grants
FREEDOM HAWAII TRANSPORTS 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 (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 17 passengers, and subject to certain conditions, as
described herein.

I.

Application for Common Carrier Authority

On November 21, 2008, 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 (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
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 (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 17 passengers.

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.

   c. Complete and submit the enclosed "Vehicle Inventory List" form. The list must include motor vehicles in both the (1) 1-to-7 passenger classification, and (2) 8-to-25 passenger classification, limited to motor vehicles with a maximum manufacturer's seating capacity of 17 passengers. 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.

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

¹An explanation of the liability insurance coverage requirements is attached to this Decision and Order.
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 FEB - 4 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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Commission Counsel

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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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