BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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By this Decision and Order, the commission grants KA'U EXPRESS, INC. ("Applicant") a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("Certificate") to operate as a common carrier of property by motor vehicle over irregular routes on the island of Hawaii in the general commodities classification, limited to providing services between, and including, the areas of Ka'u and Hilo, and subject to certain conditions, as described herein.

I. Application for Common Carrier Authority

On August 28, 2009, Applicant filed an application requesting a Certificate to operate as a common carrier of property by motor vehicle over irregular routes on the island of Hawaii in the general commodities classification, limited to providing services between, and including, the areas of Ka'u and Hilo. The application was filed 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.

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 property by motor vehicle over irregular routes on the island of Hawaii in the general commodities classification, limited to providing services between, and including, the areas of Ka'ū and Hilo.
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), (b) Uniform Motor Carrier Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability Endorsement (WC-3538), (c) Motor Carrier Cargo Certificate of Insurance (MCB-8), and (d) Motor Carrier Cargo Insurance Endorsement (MCB-9). The forms should include the policy number and be completed and signed by Applicant's insurance agent or company; or they will be rejected.

   b. File a tariff in accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 6-63. As the application indicates that Applicant will be participating in the tariff published by the Western Motor Tariff Bureau, Inc. ("WMTB"), Applicant shall submit an executed Rate and Tariff Agreement or a tariff scope sheet confirming Applicant's membership in the tariff bureau.

   c. Complete and submit the enclosed "Vehicle Inventory List" form. Applicant shall list all vehicles that it intends to use in the proposed operation. The vehicles utilized must be registered under the name of the corporation. 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.

   'An explanation of the liability and cargo insurance coverage requirements is attached to this Decision and Order.

   'WMTB may be contacted at 836-5874, or toll free at (866) 585-5874, for more information.
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 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  

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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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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