

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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1. <u>REPORT DATE:</u>	February 2, 1990	2. <u>BUREAU AGENDA NO.</u>	
3. <u>BUREAU:</u>	Transportation		FEB-90-T-195*
4. <u>SECTION</u>	Technical Review	5. <u>PUBLIC MEETING DATE:</u>	
6. <u>APPROVED BY:</u>			February 22, 1990
Director:	Ernst 7-2154		
Supervisor:	Bigelow/Marzolf 3-5945		
7. <u>MONITOR:</u>			
8. <u>PERSON IN CHARGE:</u>	Hoshour 7-5513		
9. <u>DOCKET NO.:</u>	A-00107294, F. 2, Am-B		
10. (a) <u>CAPTION</u> (abbreviate if more than 4 lines)			
(b) Short summary of history & facts, documents & briefs			
(c) Recommendation			

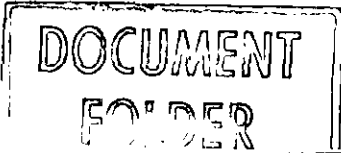
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(a) Application of Bucks County Transport, Inc., Holicong, Bucks County, a corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for amendment to its common carrier certificate: SO AS TO PERMIT the transportation of persons, in paratransit service, between points in the county of Bucks, and from points in said county, to points in the counties of Northampton, Lehigh, Montgomery and Philadelphia, and return; limited to vehicles having a seating capacity of twenty-nine (29) passengers or less, excluding the driver.

(b) The application is unopposed and the applicant and 18 supporting parties have entered verified statements. The record contains sufficient evidence to demonstrate that there exists a public need for the proposed service and that approval of the application is necessary for the accommodation and convenience of the public.

(c) The Bureau of Transportation recommends that the Commission adopt the proposed order approving the application.

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11. MOTION BY:	Commissioner Chm. Shane	Commissioner Rhodes - Yes
		Commissioner Fischl - Yes
SECONDED:	Commissioner Smith	Commissioner Rolka - Yes

CONTENT OF MOTION: Staff recommendation adopted.



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
P. O. BOX 3265, HARRISBURG, Pa. 17120

March 1, 1990

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO OUR FILE

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James D. Campbell, Jr., Esquire
3631 North Front Street
Harrisburg, Pa. 17110

Application of Bucks County Transport, Inc.
a corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Enclosed is the compliance order issued by the Commission in
this proceeding.

The applicant will not be permitted to operate or engage in
any transportation granted by the enclosed order until a tariff has been
prepared and filed in accordance with the enclosed instructions.

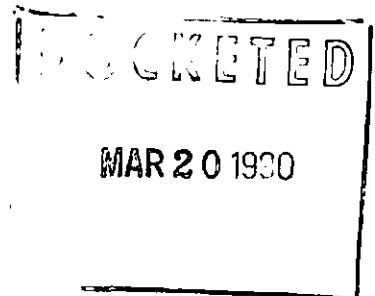
Motor carriers operating without complying with the above
requirement will be subject to the penalty provisions of the Public
Utility Code.

Commission regulations require compliance with the above
requirement within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter. Failure
to comply within the sixty (60) day period will cause the Commission to
rescind the action of February 22, 1990 and dismiss the application
without further proceedings.

Very truly yours,

Jerry Rich
Secretary

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Enclosure
Certified Mail
Receipt Requested
Tariff Contact Person: Joseph Machulsky (717) 787-5521
cc:applicant
Bucks County Transport, Inc.
Buckingham Green 1
P.O. Box 510
Holicong, Pa. 18928



PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Public Meeting held February 22, 1990

Commissioners Present:

Bill Shane, Chairman
William H. Smith, Vice-Chairman
Joseph Rhodes, Jr.
Frank Fischl
David W. Rolka

Application of Bucks County Transport, Inc., a corporation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for amendment to its common carrier certificate, which grants the right to transport, by motor vehicle, persons, in paratransit service, between points in Bucks County; subject to the following condition: That any service provided under the authority granted herein shall be rendered in vehicles having a seating capacity of twenty-nine (29) passengers or less, excluding the driver: SO AS TO PERMIT the transportation of persons, in paratransit service, between points in the county of Bucks, and from points in said county, to points in the counties of Northampton, Lehigh, Montgomery and Philadelphia, and return; limited to vehicles having a seating capacity of twenty-nine (29) passengers or less, excluding the driver.

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Caldwell & Kearns by James D. Campbell, Jr., for the applicant.

O R D E R

BY THE COMMISSION:

This matter comes before the Commission on an application filed September 29, 1989. Public notice of the application was given in the Pennsylvania Bulletin of October 28, 1989. No protests were filed.

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The unprotested application is certified to the Commission for its decision without an oral hearing. The record consists of verified statements submitted by the applicant and 18 supporting parties.

DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

Bucks County Transport, Inc. (applicant) a Pennsylvania corporation, seeks by the instant application to have its certificate of public convenience amended so that it will be authorized to transport persons, in paratransit service, between points in the county of Bucks, and from said county, to points in the counties of Northampton, Lehigh, Montgomery and Philadelphia, and return; limited to vehicles having a seating capacity of twenty-nine (29) passengers or less, excluding the driver. The applicant is currently authorized to provide paratransit service between points in Bucks County, with the same twenty-nine (29) passenger vehicle limitation. The applicant has also been issued a broker's license to operate between points in Bucks County so as to be authorized to operate as the "203 Program" coordinator for Bucks County.

Administrative and terminal facilities are maintained at Buckingham Green, Suite 2G, Route 202 (P.O. Box 510), Holicong, Bucks County. Located at this location are dispatch facilities, office facilities, vehicle storage, and all other necessary equipment to provide paratransit service, including six vans, five stationwagons and 36 buses which have a seating capacity of 29 passengers or less. All but three of the vehicles are owned by the applicant, with three operated under long-term leases. Of the 47 vehicles operated by the applicant, 42 are equipped with specialized equipment to serve handicapped passengers, said equipment including hydraulic lifts for wheelchairs.

Since issuance of its certificate (November 10, 1987), the applicant has been receiving requests from its clients for transportation from Bucks County to destinations in adjacent counties. It is the objective of the applicant to continue to provide its clients with the service it is now providing, within the expanded operational territory.

Statements in support of the pending application have been submitted by Alan E. Farneth, executive director, Pennswood Village, Newtown; Geraldine Trapani Buckman, administrator, Gloria Dei Plaza, Newtown; Carol Rucker, resident services coordinator, Twining Village, Holland; Lee Gourley, administrator, Friends Village, Newtown; Marlene M. Selgrath, activities director, Langhorne Gardens Nursing Center, Langhorne; Connie McInnes, program director, Beelong Adult Day Care Centre, Warrington; and Joan Schumacher, manager, Central Bucks Senior Center, Doylestown. All of these statements express a need for paratransit service, often in specialized vehicles equipped to transport wheelchairs, from the various facilities to points in the counties of Philadelphia, Montgomery, Lehigh and Northampton, and return.

The proposed service to be used for transportation to medical facilities, doctors' offices, shopping centers, banks and other destinations.

All of the statements indicate that the various facilities are currently using the services of the applicant for transportation between points in Bucks County.

Additional statements were entered by the following individuals: Viola Halfpenny, Quakertown; Dorothy Adams, Perkasio; Marie Ruth, Sellersville; Trudy Spouse, Quakertown; Elinor Thomas, Perkasio; Evelyn Fairstone, Doylestown; Eve Mathews, Perkasio; Edith Goodwin, Quakertown; Catherine Kehs, Perkasio; Lydia Johnston, Quakertown; and Susan Webb, Perkasio. These statements express need for paratransit service from Bucks County to points in the counties of Philadelphia, Montgomery, Lehigh and Northampton. The applicant's proposed service is needed for transportation to medical facilities, banking facilities, shopping centers and doctors' offices. The statements also indicate that service that has been provided by the applicant under its current authority has been more than satisfactory.

The evidence of record clearly indicates that the applicant has the experience and equipment to expand its current paratransit operations to include service to points in the counties of Northampton, Lehigh, Montgomery and Philadelphia. The statements of support entered on behalf of the seven facilities and 11 individuals more than adequately demonstrate that there exists a public need for service from Bucks County to the four counties which the applicant is proposing to serve.

The right being sought by the instant application will totally encompass the applicant's current authority. The applicant has stated in its verified statement that it has no objection to the Commission issuing the right sought herein "in lieu" of the right contained in the order adopted September 17, 1987 and entered on September 24, 1987, and amended by our order adopted November 23, 1988 and entered December 1, 1988. After due consideration, we believe that issuance of the proposed authority in lieu of the applicant's current authority has merit.

We find:

1. That the applicant is fit, willing and able to render the proposed service.
2. That the applicant has demonstrated that there exists a public need for the proposed transportation.
3. That approval of the application is necessary for the accommodation and convenience to the public; THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED: That the application, be and is hereby approved, and that the certificate issued on November 10, 1987, as amended, be further amended so that the right contained in the order adopted September 17, 1987 and entered September 24, 1987 and amended by our order adopted November 23, 1988 and entered December 1, 1988, shall now read as follows:

To transport, as a common carrier, persons, in paratransit service, between points in the county of

Bucks, and from points in said county, to points in the counties of Northampton, Lehigh, Montgomery and Philadelphia, and return;

subject to the following condition:

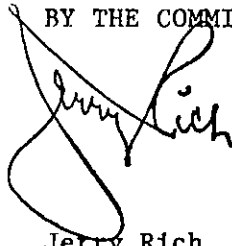
That any service provided under the authority granted herein shall be rendered in vehicles having a seating capacity of twenty-nine (29) passengers or less, excluding the driver.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the applicant shall not engage in any transportation granted herein until it shall have complied with the requirements of the Public Utility Code and the rules and regulations of this Commission relative to the filing and acceptance of a tariff establishing just and reasonable rates.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That in the event said applicant has not, on or before sixty (60) days from the date of the service of this order, complied with the requirements hereinbefore set forth, the application shall be dismissed without further proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the authority granted herein, to the extent that it duplicates authority now held by or subsequently granted to the carrier, shall not be construed as conferring more than one operating right.

BY THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Rich", written over a large, stylized, looped flourish.

Jerry Rich
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: February 22, 1990

ORDER ENTERED: **MAR - 1 1990**

ENTRY NO. : 0001
NAME: BUCKS COUNTY TRANSPORT, INC. ✓
ADDRESS1: BUCKINGHAM GREEN 1
ADDRESS2: P.O. BOX 510
CITY: HOLICONG STATE: PA ZIP: 18928
REPRESENTING: SELF

ENTRY NO. : 0002
NAME: JAMES D CAMPBELL JR ESQUIRE ✓
ADDRESS1: 3631 NORTH FRONT STREET
ADDRESS2:
CITY: HARRISBURG STATE: PA ZIP: 17110
REPRESENTING: APPLICANT

SENDER: Complete items 1 and 2 when additional services are desired and complete items 3 and 4. Put your address in the "RETURN TO" Space on the reverse side. Failure to do this will prevent this card from being returned to you. The return receipt fee will provide you the name of the person delivered to and the date of delivery. For additional fees the following services are available. Consult postmaster for fees and check box(es) for additional service(s) requested.

1. Show to whom delivered, date, and addressee's address. (Extra charge) 2. Restricted Delivery (Extra charge)

3. Article Addressed to: <i>A-00107294/F.2, Am B</i> <i>C.O.</i> <i>James D. Campbell, Jr. Esq</i>	4. Article Number 044514
5. Signature - Address X <i>B. Staves</i>	Type of Service: <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Insured <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified <input type="checkbox"/> COD <input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise
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7. Date of Delivery <i>3/2/90</i>	8. Addressee's Address (ONLY if requested and fee paid) <i>65</i>