BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET NO. TC-030018
)	
GENIE SERVICE COMPANY, INC.)	ORDER NO. 01
d/b/a GENIE TOUR COACHES)	
)	
Applicant,)	
)	
Relating to Discontinuance of Service)	
Authorized By Certificate of Public)	
Convenience and Necessity No.)	ORDER GRANTING TEMPORARY
C-1033.)	DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE
)	

BACKGROUND

- On January 9, 2003, Genie Service Company, Inc., C-1033, d/b/a Genie Tour Coaches (Genie), filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective schedule requesting the Commission grant a temporary discontinuance of service authorized by Genie's certificate of public convenience and necessity.
- 2 Genie states in its petition that current ridership is low. The number of passengers requiring the Company's service is insufficient to allow the Company to operate at a profit and may jeopardize the Company's viability. The Company requests a temporary discontinuance be allowed until November 2003.
- 3 Genie holds auto transportation certificate of public convenience and necessity number C-1033 authorizing passenger and express service as follows:
- 4 (1) Between Walla Walla and Seattle with intermediate stops at Richland and Yakima.

- 5 (2) Between Seattle and Clarkston with intermediate stops via I-5 to I-90 to I-82 to Hwy 12.
- 6 (3) Between Seattle and Pullman with intermediate stops via I-5 to I-90 to I-82 to I-182 to Hwy 12 to Hwy 127 to Hwy 26 to Hwy 195.
- 7 Commission Staff reviewed the petition and recommended that Genie's petition be granted.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 8 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate public service companies, including auto transportation companies. *RCW* 80.01.040; Chapter 81.01 RCW; Chapter 81.04 RCW; Chapter 81.28 RCW and Chapter 81.68 RCW.
- 9 (2) Genie is an auto transportation company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. WAC 480-30-060 requires ten days notice to the Commission and the public before the effective date.
- 10 (3) The petition filed by Genie should be granted, authorizing a temporary discontinuance of service from February 1, 2003, until November 1, 2003.
- (4) The Commission imposes a condition that should an immediate need arise for auto transportation passenger service, Genie must be prepared to resume service to meet those needs. If Genie can not or will not resume service, the Commission will consider that it has waived interest in its auto transportation certificate. The Commission will then institute

proceedings to cancel the certificate of public convenience and necessity held by Genie and to grant authority to another carrier who is prepared to meet the needs of the traveling public.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- (1) The petition filed by Genie Service Company, Inc., C-1033, d/b/a Genie Tour Coaches, for permission to temporarily discontinue service authorized by the Company's Certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted.
- (2) The temporary discontinuance is effective February 1, 2003, until November 1, 2003. Genie Service Company, Inc., C-1033, d/b/a Genie Tour Coaches is required to file a new time schedule at least thirty days prior to resuming service.
- (3) Should an immediate need arise for auto transportation passenger service, Genie Service Company, Inc., C-1033, d/b/a Genie Tour Coaches, must be prepared to resume service to meet those needs. If Genie Service Company, Inc., C-1033, d/b/a Genie Tour Coaches, can not or will not resume service the Commission will consider that it has waived interest in its auto transportation certificate of public convenience and necessity and will grant authority to another carrier who is prepared to meet the needs of the traveling public.
- 15 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 29, 2003. The Commissioners, having determined this filing to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 29th day of January, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary