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Decision No. 23599

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of
PASADENA OCEAN PARK STAGE LINE, INC.

To abandon a portion of its Studio
Line extending from Hollywood and
Cahuenga Boulevard to Universal City.

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) Application No. 17222
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In the Matter of the Application of
ORIGINAL STAGE LINE, INC,

1 - To abandon a portion of its
Magnolia Avenue Line between Holly-
wood and Burbank and

2 - To re-route its Magnolia Avenue
Line via Universal City
and

3 - To re-route its Magnolia Avenue
and Olive Avenue Lines in Hollywood.

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Richard T. Eddy, for Applicants.

Carl Bush, for Hollywood Chamber of Commerce,
Interested Party.

Loeb, Walker & Loeb, by Bert Wetherby, for
Universal Pictures, Inc.,
Interested Party.

S. M. Lanham, for Board of Public Utilities
and Transportation of City of
Los Angeles, Interested Party.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

By the above-named applications it is sought to have authority granted by this Commission for the abandonment by Pasadena Ocean Park Stage Line, Inc. of that portion of its operating right between Culver City and Universal City north of the bus terminal at 1629 Cahuenga Avenue in the City of Los Angeles and to authorize Original Stage Line, Inc. to

abandon a portion of its Magnolia Avenue line between Hollywood and Burbank and Universal City, and to reroute its Magnolia and Olive Avenue lines in Hollywood.

Public hearings thereon were conducted by Examiner Williams at Los Angeles, and the applications were, by stipulation, consolidated for hearing and decision.

Applicant corporations are controlled by the same interests, and one of the purposes is to reduce duplicate operations and retrench in a period of stagnation of passenger transportation.

Applicant, Pasadena Ocean Park Stage Line, Inc., Studio Line, follows a meandering course from Culver City, west of Los Angeles, through Los Angeles and Hollywood, Universal City, which is just outside the city limits of Los Angeles. The line was originally established to furnish transportation to and from the motion picture establishments at both places, from the Hollywood reservoir of motion picture employment. Little of the business has been through from studio to studio, the bulk being between Hollywood and each terminal. This applicant now desires to abandon and cease operations upon that portion of its line north of the new bus terminal station in Hollywood, which is half a block south of Hollywood Boulevard. The abandonment, however, is not to leave the route covered without service equal to, or in excess of, present schedules, as applicant, Original Stage Line, Inc., asks to reroute its Magnolia Avenue line on Cahuenga Avenue to Lankershim Boulevard and thence to Moor Park and Clybourne and Rowland Streets to Olive Avenue and Hollywood Way (Dark Canyon Road) and thence via its present route over Magnolia Avenue to Burbank. If this rerouting is granted applicant will maintain 11 schedules instead of 8 now operated.

Applicant, Original Stage Line, Inc., also desires to reroute its service so as to eliminate Hollywood Way (Dark Canyon Road) between Cahuenga Avenue and the intersection of Olive Street and Pass

Avenue on the northbound trip but to use this route on the return trip.

Applicant and all the parties appearing at the hearing were protagonists of the proposed changes and the testimony was affirmative of the public convenience and benefit to such tariff. It was admitted by all that the patronage of the duplicate service over a large part of the distance is not needed nor self-sustaining, and exhibits filed by applicants support this conclusion. The only questions raised were, first, as to the frequency and time of schedules between Hollywood terminus and Universal City, and, second, as to the establishment of a 5-cent fare between the junction of Hollywood and Cahuenga Avenues and the terminal, a distance of about one mile.

The first question was presented by counsel for Universal City, Inc. because it appeared that no schedule reaches this large motion picture establishment close to the hour of 9:00 a.m. Applicant's nearest schedule is at 8:20 a.m. It appears that this schedule is a little remote from the connection with the usual hours of employment at the studios of Universal City, and that applicant should, of its own volition, arrange a schedule more nearly to meet the business hours at the studios. It was held that this should be done by negotiations between the studio representatives and applicant, Original Stage Line, Inc.

The other question as to a fare of 5 cents between the junction of Highland and Cahuenga Avenue and the Hollywood terminal was presented by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and the City of Los Angeles through its Board of Public Utilities and Transportation, and was agreed to by applicant during the hearing. The reasons for this fare are the need of transportation facilities by bus from this junction and the terminal for passengers who may want to take stages east and west on the lines of Pasadena Ocean Park Stage Line, Inc. or to the south to Culver City, and the result of this fare will be

to add nothing to the cost to the public over established rates. While the other rates of both applicants are in no case less than 10 cents for the single ride, the establishment of this rate does not present undue preference because of the short distance that may be travelled. It is also urged by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce as a serviceable means of transportation between a large residential district and the Hollywood shopping center.

As to other rates, applicant proposes not to disturb the rates in effect except that applicant, Original Stage Line, Inc., operating over the route now served by Pasadena Ocean Park Stage Line, Inc. between the Hollywood terminal and Universal City, will reduce the round trip rate from 30 to 25 cents, leaving, however, the one-way rate, as heretofore, at 15 cents. As the bulk of the travel on this route is to and from Hollywood and Universal City, the concession is of benefit to the public.

In view of the unanimity of all the parties represented at the hearing and the apparent justification of the service modification of this area by the two applicants and manifest advantages to the public thereby, we believe the application, as amended, should be granted as prayed for, and an order accordingly will be entered.

O R D E R

PASADENA OCEAN PARK STAGE LINE, INC. having made application to abandon service on that portion of its Studios Division between its Hollywood Bus Terminal and Universal City, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted and now being ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, PASADENA OCEAN PARK STAGE LINE, INC., be, and it is hereby, authorized to abandon and discontinue said service on April 30, 1931, over and along the following route:

Beginning at applicant's stage terminal No. 1629, Cahuenga Avenue, in the City of Los Angeles, thence northerly via Cahuenga Boulevard to Lankershim Boulevard, thence easterly on Lankershim Boulevard to Universal City.

Provided, however, that notice thereof, and notice that this route subsequent to April 30, 1931, will be served by schedules of the Original Stage Line, Inc., shall be posted in the coaches and stations of said applicant at least five days before said date, on the following conditions:

That the authority herein granted shall not become effective unless and until Original Stage Line, Inc. shall file with this Commission its written acceptance of authority to reroute its service over said route according to its application No. 17224, and should such acceptance not be filed within ten (10) days from the date of decision on said Application No. 17224--unless such time is extended by this Commission by its further order--then the authority hereinabove mentioned shall become null and void.

Original Stage Line, Inc. having made application to abandon a portion of its Magnolia Avenue line between Hollywood (a portion of the City of Los Angeles) and Burbank and to reroute it via Universal City, and to reroute its Magnolia and Olive Avenue lines in Hollywood; a public hearing having been held, the matter being duly submitted and now being ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, ORIGINAL STAGE LINE, INC., be, and it is hereby, authorized to abandon that portion of its route between Hollywood and Burbank over Hollywood Way, between Cahuenga Boulevard and the intersection of Pass Road and Olive Street, and to reroute its service from the junction of Cahuenga Boulevard and Hollywood Way as follows:

North on Cahuenga Boulevard to Lankershim Boulevard, thence east via Lankershim^{Boulevard} to Cahuenga, Moor Park, Clybourne and Rowland Streets to Olive Avenue; thence over Olive Avenue, Hollywood Way and Magnolia Avenue, First Street, Olive Avenue and San Fernando Road to terminus at 141 East San Fernando Road, and returning via exactly the same route in reverse order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant, Original Stage Line, Inc., be, and it is hereby, authorized to reroute its Olive Avenue service as follows:

IN-BOUND:

From 10th and Olive Avenue in Burbank, Olive Avenue to San Fernando Road, San Fernando Road to depot located at 141 East San Fernando Road, thence easterly to Angeleno Street, Angeleno Street to First Street, First Street west to Olive Avenue, Olive Avenue to Hollywood Way (Dark Canyon Road), Hollywood Way (Dark Canyon Road) to Cahuenga Boulevard, thence southerly on Cahuenga Boulevard to terminal located at 1625-1629 Cahuenga Boulevard, Hollywood.

OUT-BOUND:

From the Terminal at 1625-1629 Cahuenga Boulevard to Wilcox Avenue, thence northerly along Wilcox Avenue to Cahuenga Boulevard, thence northerly along Cahuenga Boulevard to Hollywood Way (Dark Canyon Road), Hollywood Way to Olive Avenue, Olive Avenue to San Fernando Road, San Fernando Road to depot located at 141 East San Fernando Road, Burbank, San Fernando Road to Angeleno Street, Angeleno Street north to Third Street, Third Street west to Olive Avenue, Olive Avenue to 10th Street.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant, Original Stage Line, Inc., be, and it is hereby, authorized to file the rates for service on its route via Universal City as shown in its Exhibit "A" attached to the application, including a fare of five (5) cents between the junction of Highland Avenue and Cahuenga Boulevard and applicant's terminal at 1629 Cahuenga Boulevard, as stipulated at the hearing herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all rerouting and fares authorized herein shall become effective May 1, 1931, and shall be effective only if and when Pasadena Ocean Park Stage Line, Inc. shall have filed its written acceptance of the decision on its Application No. 17222 herein.

For all other purposes the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of April, 1931.

C. S. Sawyer
Leon Williams

W. J. Linn

M. B. Harris

Fred G. Stewart
Commissioners.