

Decision No. 35114.

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Asbury
Rapid Transit System, a corporation, for
authority to extend the operations of its
Burbank-North Hollywood division to the
intersection of Sepulveda Boulevard and
Van Owen Street, on the one hand, and to
the Vega and Lockheed Aircraft Factories
in the city of Burbank, on the other hand,
by certain alternate route.

Application
No. 24795.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

The above numbered application, filed on February 25, 1942, by Asbury Rapid Transit System, seeks authority to operate a motor coach service in the Van Nuys, North Hollywood and Burbank area of the San Fernando Valley. Many thousands of employees of vital defense industries located in the vicinity of the Union Air Terminal in Burbank have established their residences in the area tributary to the proposed service and at the present time are traveling to and from the plants by means of private automobiles. Because of the acute tire situation, particularly as it affects the private automobile, it appears that this mode of transportation will of necessity gradually disappear. While Pacific Electric Railway Company operates a passenger rail service through the same general area between Van Nuys and North Hollywood, there is no direct service without transfer between those areas and the plants involved. Under present conditions, two transfers are required and this appears to be unreasonable where so many workers are concerned.

The granting of this certificate with proper restrictions should work no hardship upon Pacific Electric Railway Company and the institution of the service is of sufficient importance, not only to

the patrons involved but to the safety of the nation as a whole, that this matter should be handled with all due dispatch. With the imposition of the restrictions above referred to, we believe that there is no necessity for formal hearing and that the application should be granted; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to Asbury Rapid Transit System for the operation of an automotive passenger stage service, as that term is defined in Section 2½ of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers.

In the operation of the passenger transportation service authorized above, Asbury Rapid Transit System shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

- (1) Written acceptance of the certificate herein granted shall be filed within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date hereof.
- (2) Applicant shall commence the service herein authorized within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days from the effective date hereof, and shall file in triplicate and concurrently make effective, on not less than one day's notice to the Railroad Commission and the public a tariff or tariffs constructed in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's General Orders and containing rates and rules which in volume and effect, shall be identical with the rates and rules shown in the exhibit attached to the application, in so far as they conform to the certificate herein granted, or rates and rules satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.
- (3) Applicant shall file, in duplicate, and make effective within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days after the effective date of this order, on not less than one day's notice to the Railroad Commission and the public, time schedules covering the service herein authorized, in a form satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.
- (4) The rights and privileges herein authorized may not be discontinued, sold, leased, transferred or assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such discontinuance, sale, lease, transfer or assignment has first been obtained.
- (5) No vehicle may be operated by applicant herein unless such vehicle is owned by said applicant or is leased by applicant under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

- (6) Applicant is authorized to turn its motor vehicles at termini, either in the intersection of the streets or by operating around a block contiguous to such intersection in either direction, and to carry passengers as traffic regulations of the municipality may require.
- (7) Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify such at any time by further order, Asbury Rapid Transit System shall conduct said passenger stage operation over and along the following described route:

Commencing at the intersection of Sepulveda Boulevard and Van Owen Street, thence via Van Owen Street, Van Nuys Boulevard, Burbank Boulevard, Colfax Avenue, Magnolia Boulevard, Lankershim Boulevard, Tujunga Avenue, Oxnard Street, Vineland Avenue, Van Owen Street, Clybourne Avenue, Empire Avenue, San Fernando Road, Hollywood Way, Airport Drive, and Empire Avenue. Return via reverse of going route to point of commencement.

- (8) The certificate herein granted is subject to the restriction that applicant shall not transport any passengers having both origin and destination in the area between the intersection of Van Owen Street and Sepulveda Boulevard and the intersection of Lankershim Boulevard and Burbank Boulevard, both points inclusive. The certificate is subject to the further restriction that no through fares shall be published between points in the above restricted area and the downtown area of Los Angeles, and no passengers shall be transported between those points and downtown Los Angeles, except upon payment of the combination fares on two or more of applicant's lines.
- (9) The authority herein granted is temporary, only, and shall expire ninety (90) days after the declaration of peace following the present war, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, March 10, 1942.

Justus J. Callinan
Ray A. Rice

Francis D. Haverens
Arthur J. Lachar

Commissioners.