

ORIGINALDecision No. 35343

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 SANTA FE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, a)
 California corporation, for authority)
 to abandon service as a common carrier) Application No. 24685
 for the transportation of passengers)
 by motor vehicle between Bakersfield,)
 California, and Barstow, California,)
 and intermediate points.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

By Decision No. 30790, dated April 18, 1938 on Application No. 20173, Santa Fe Transportation Company, applicant herein, was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the transportation of passengers and their baggage between Bakersfield and Barstow and intermediate points subject to a restriction prohibiting local service between Bakersfield and Mojave and intermediate points.

In the above-entitled application applicant requests authority to abandon that service. In support of this request it is alleged substantially as follows:

That since the commencement of service on July 1, 1938, applicant has made every effort to meet the public needs and to assure the permanency of the operation. It originally operated one round trip daily which service was in effect until December 17, 1941, at which time the service was reduced to one round trip weekly.

That the experience gained from more than three years' operation of that service has demonstrated that the maintenance of the operation can only be continued at a substantial loss to applicant and that the preservation

thereof is neither desirable nor necessary in the public interest.

From data submitted with the application it is shown that the total cost including depreciation of the intrastate operation for the period from January 1, 1940 to and including September 30, 1941 was \$7,028.30 and that the total revenue therefrom was \$3,610.08. The net loss from this operation is shown to be \$3,418.22.

From schedules on file with this Commission it appears that the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company now provides passenger rail service between Bakersfield and Barstow as follows:

7:00 P.M.	8:00 A.M.	Lv Bakersfield	Ar	11:20 A.M.	9:50 P.M.
10:55 P.M.	12:05 A.M.	Ar Barstow	Lv	7:45 A.M.	5:50 P.M.

From a review of the evidence submitted in this application, together with prevailing conditions which in the public interest require the elimination of unnecessary and duplicating stage with rail service which is the case here, it is our opinion that the authority requested should be granted. The order will so provide.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Santa Fe Transportation Company is hereby authorized to abandon the transportation of passengers and their baggage between Bakersfield and Barstow and intermediate points and the operative right therefor, heretofore granted by Decision No. 30790, dated April 18, 1938, is hereby revoked and annulled subject to the provision that applicant shall post notices of abandonment of service in its equipment used, and in its depots on the route involved at least ten days prior to the abandonment of the service as herein authorized.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall by appropriate supplements cancel its tariffs and time schedules on file with the Commission on not less than ten (10) days' notice to the Commission and the public.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12th day of May, 1942.

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