

Decision No. 35410

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
MT. LASSEN MOTOR TRANSIT, INC. for a )  
certificate of public convenience and )  
necessity to operate a common carrier )  
passenger and express service between )  
point on Highway Departure on U. S. )  
395 and Sierra Ordnance Depot, Honey )  
Lake Valley, Cal. )

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Application No. 24905

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Mt. Lassen Motor Transit, Inc. has applied to the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to establish and operate a passenger stage service between a designated point on U. S. Highway 395 and Sierra Ordnance Depot, Honey Lake Valley, Lassen County, California.

Applicant operates an automotive service for the transportation of passengers, baggage and property between Red Bluff and the California-Nevada State Line near Purdy, said service having been established by virtue of an in lieu certificate granted in Decision No. 24922. It proposes, in this application, to digress from the main highway at a point approximately one mile north of Doyle to Sierra Ordnance Depot, a distance of about eight miles. Such traffic would be over a temporary route which will be superseded by a new county road via a slightly different route.

The application sets forth that the ordnance depot is a major defense project under construction by the United States Government. It will employ a large number of men who, for the

most part, will have to find living accommodations at Susanville, some fifty miles to the northwest. These employees will eventually be confronted with the impending tire difficulties making it necessary for them to look elsewhere for transportation facilities to and from their work. Applicant alleges also that it is equipped to transport, on a regular daily schedule, express shipments of commodities required on short notice by merchants and others. Proposed time schedules, arranged primarily to serve employees of the plant, are submitted with the application, as are also schedules of passenger fares and express rates. Equipment presently available consists of two 25-passenger buses and one 21-passenger bus.

It is anticipated that the project under construction will be completed in a few months. No stage or truck line serves the depot at the present time. Two rail lines operate within reasonably close proximity to the point where this project is located and it is assumed that they will in due course build branches into the depot property for the transportation of freight shipments.

The service proposed herein appears to be a necessary one and we are of the opinion that a public hearing is not required. The application will be granted.

#### O R D E R

Application having been filed in the above-entitled matter, the Commission being duly advised, and finding that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience

and necessity is granted to Mt. Lassen Motor Transit, Inc. authorizing the operation of a passenger stage service, as defined in section 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Public Utilities Act, between a point approximately one mile north of Doyle, California, on U. S. Highway 395, and Sierra Ordnance Depot, as an extension and enlargement of applicant's operative rights acquired under authority of the Commission's Decision No. 24922, subject to the following condition:

Mr. Lassen Motor Transit, Inc., its successors or assigns, may never claim before this Commission, or any court or other public body, a value for the authority hereby granted in excess of the actual cost thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the operation of said passenger stage service Mt. Lassen Motor Transit, Inc. shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

1. File a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days from the effective date hereof.
2. Comply with the rules of the Commission's General Orders Nos. 79 and 80 and Part IV of General Order No. 93-A by filing, in triplicate, and concurrently making effective tariffs and time schedules satisfactory to the Commission within sixty (60) days from the effective date hereof and on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public.
3. Conduct said passenger stage service and highway common carrier service over and along the most appropriate route or routes between the points herein authorized to be served.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of

May, 1942.

Justin F. Galeman  
Ray L. King

Richard H. Schaefer  
COMMISSIONERS