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Decision No. 36000

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of W. B. McLERAN, doing business as McLeran Transit Company, for a certificate of public necessity and convenience to operate an on-call motor stage line, as a common carrier between Santa Monica, California, the various Beach Cities on or adjacent to State Highway 101a, and the Defense Plants in and adjacent to Wilmington, California.

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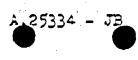
BY THE COMMISSION:

<u>O P I N I O N</u>

This matter comes before the Commission on an application filed by W. B. McLeran, doing business as McLeran Transit Company, seeking authority to establish an on-call passenger stage service for defense workers as a common carrier between Santa Monica and defense plants at or in the vicinity of Wilmington, California, serving intermediate points.

The application alleges generally that defense workers who reside in Santa Monica, Ocean Park, Venice, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach, employed by Los Angeles Shipbuilding Corporation, Consolidated Shipbuilding Corporation, Western Pipe and Steel Corporation and California Shipbuilding Corporation and other defense plants near Wilmington, have no direct through means of transportation except by the use of their own cars; that staggered shifts and staggered days of employment have made it impossible for many workers to arrange successfully a share-the-ride plan; that applicant has consulted with the transportationdepartments of those defense plants and was informed that gas rationing has restricted the use of private cars so that many workers residing in these beach towns

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now find it impossible to get to and from work; and that the proposed service will enable these workers to remain on the job and others to obtain work.

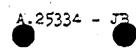
Applicant also asserts that he has been requested on numerous occasions by defense workers to establish this direct through service. Many workers have made a similar request of Mr. Anderson, president of the Bay Cities Transit Company, and he has communicated with the Commission to this effect in support of the granting of this application. The Pacific Greyhound Lines and Mr. D. B. Maurice, doing business as Sunset Stages, have filed waivers of protest.

There will be no intermediate local service, the service being restricted to those destined to or originating at defense plants at or near Wilmington. Schedules would be operated in accordance with the shift hours of the industries and to suit the convenience of workers. Stops would be made only at the selected locations to meet the convenience of the traffic. The proposed oneway fares between Santa Monica and points to be served, not including El Segundo, on the one hand, and Wilmington, on the other hand, are 35 cents. The proposed fares between El Segundo and points intermediate to El Segundo and Wilmington, on the one hand, and Wilmington, on the other hand, are 30 cents.

It is apparent that this service would provide a direct through transportation facility which would be of benefit to passengers now residing in this area who are required to go to and from work at Santa Monica and points intermediate thereto and Wilmington.

It appears from the record that the proposed service should be authorized and an order therefor accordingly will be made. This appears to be a matter that does not require a public hearing.

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ORDER

The Commission being fully advised in this proceeding and having found that the public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to W. B. McLeran, doing business as McLeran Transit Company, authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation as defined by section 2¹/₂ of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers and their baggage between Santa Monica and Wilmington and intermediate points, subject to the following restriction and conditions:

- 1. No passengers shall be transported except those having point of origin or point of destination at defense plants situated at or near Wilmington.
- 2. The authority hereby granted shall expire six (6) months after the termination of the national emergency unless otherwise extended by order of the Commission.
- 3. W. D. McLeran his successors or assigns, may never claim before this Commission or any court or other public body, a value for any purpose, for the certificate herein granted in excess of the actual cost incurred by him in obtaining said operative authority.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the operation of said passenger stage service, applicant shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

- 1. Applicant shall 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. Applicant shall comply with the rules of the Commission's General Order No. 79 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 one (1) day's notice to the Commission and the public.
- 3. Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify them at any time by further order, applicant

shall conduct said passenger stage operations over and along the following routes:

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Route A. Beginning at the intersection of Lincoln Blvd. (Alt. U. S. Highway 101) and Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica; thence along said Alt. U. S. Highway 101, Anaheim Street, Gaffey Street, Wilmington - San Pcdro Road to Knoll Drive, thence along Wilmington - San Pedro Road, "B" Street, Fries Avenue, to its intersection with Madora Street.

<u>Route B</u>. Beginning at the intersection of Anaheim Street and Gaffey Street, thence via Anaheim Street, Figueroa Street to its intersection with "B" Street, Wilmington.

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

Duted at Sen Francisco __, Californía, this __ 5+3 day of <u>January</u> <u>_, 194_3_</u>. alle m COMMISSIONERS