

Decision No. 36176

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT COMPANY for)
certificate of public convenience)
and necessity to operate bus and/or)
stage service, as a common carrier,)
between Lancaster, California and)
United States Army Air Base, Muroc,)
California.)

Application No. 25487

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled application P. G. Ashton and Esther Ashton request authority to establish and operate an automotive service as a common carrier of passengers, baggage and express between Lancaster and Muroc and intermediate points.

As justification for the authority sought, it is alleged in substance that an airplane bombing school and practice grounds has been established by the United States Government at Muroc; that there is a substantial military personnel now stationed at that school; that civilian defense workers are employed thereat and that the population in and about the community center of Roosevelt and other intermediate points amounts to approximately 500 people. It is further stated that there are no common carrier facilities available between the points or over the routes proposed to be served.

Applicants propose to establish four daily round-trip schedules, the first of which would leave Lancaster at 6:40 a.m. and the last at 12:00 midnight. The approximate running time between Lancaster and the Muroc army base would be one hour. The

essential equipment would consist of stages seating 30 passengers each.

One-way and round-trip fares would be established as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to the application.

Applicant's proposal appears to be in the public interest and one not requiring a public hearing. It will be granted.

ORDER

It being hereby found that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to P. G. Ashton and Esther Ashton authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in section 27 of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers, baggage and shipments of express, weighing not in excess of 100 pounds, on passenger vehicles only, between Lancaster and Muroc and intermediate points via Roosevelt, subject to the following condition:

P. G. Ashton and Esther Ashton, their 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 it in securing said operative authority.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in providing service pursuant to the foregoing certificate applicants shall observe and comply with the following service regulations:

1. Applicants 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. Applicants shall comply with the provisions of 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. Subject to the authority of the Commission to change or modify it at any time by further order, applicants shall conduct said operation over and along the following route:

Via the main county highway between Lancaster and Muroc via Roosevelt.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of February, 1943.

Francis R. Havener
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 COMMISSIONERS