

Decision No. 36570

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
SANTA MONICA TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, a)
California corporation, for an order)
abandoning the operation of its services) Application No. 25338
as a common carrier between the City of)
Santa Monica and Malibu, and between the)
City of Santa Monica and Topanga Canyon.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

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O P I N I O N

Santa Monica Transportation Company filed an application on October 22, 1942, requesting a suspension for the duration of the war of certain operative rights heretofore granted applicant by the Commission in Decision No. 34284, issued June 3, 1941, on Application No. 24162. Said decision authorized applicant to establish a transportation service for passengers and their baggage between Santa Monica, Topanga Mineral Springs and Malibu, serving all intermediate points, including Sylvia Park Country Club which is an off-route point; between Santa Monica and Hollywood Park Race Track in Inglewood, without the right to serve intermediate points; between Santa Monica and Santa Anita Race Track in Arcadia, with no intermediate service; and to operate an automotive sight-seeing transportation service "on call" between Santa Monica and (1) Palos Verdes, San Pedro and Long Beach; (2) Topanga Canyon and Hollywood; (3) Griffith Park Planetarium and Olvera Street and (4) movie homes and Bernheimer Gardens. Subsequent thereto, on June 28, 1943, an amended application was filed requesting that said operative rights be abandoned.

In support of the request contained in the amended application for abandonment, applicant alleges that at no time since the

service was inaugurated was there sufficient business to provide a profitable operation; that since the war the area in which said service is performed has been designated a restricted war zone; and since said designation the business has continually decreased to the point where it has become necessary to abandon said service. In the month of August, 1942, applicant sustained a loss of \$80.10, and that losses have increased monthly since that time.

It appears that the request for abandonment contained in the amended application should be granted and that a public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

The Commission, being fully advised in the above entitled proceeding,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the operative rights granted by Decision No. 34284, on Application No. 24162, issued on June 3, 1941, to the Santa Monica Transportation Co. are hereby cancelled and annulled and applicant is hereby authorized to abandon said service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all tariffs and time tables filed with the Commission in the name of Santa Monica Transportation Co., and in effect, are hereby cancelled.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, August 24, 1943.

Francis J. Havenue

J. J. Baker

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Richard K. Kishner

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