

Decision No. 36590

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
CHARLES M. SNODE, D/B/A SAN RAMON )  
VALLEY BUS LINE for authority to dis- )  
continue and abandon operation of an )  
automotive service as a common )  
carrier of passengers, baggage and )  
express between Walnut Creek, )  
California and Diablo and/or Mt. )  
Diablo, California. )

**ORIGINAL**

Application No. 25737

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

On May 27, 1941, the Commission rendered its Decision No. 34264 authorizing Charles M. Snode to acquire from Pacific Greyhound Lines a passenger stage operative right between Walnut Creek and Diablo via Danville, and to extend such operation from Walnut Creek to Mt. Diablo Summit.

In the above entitled proceeding applicant Snode requests the Commission to authorize him to abandon this operation and to revoke the operative right therefor. In support of this request applicant asserts that since July 1, 1941, the receipts from the service provided have been insufficient to defray the cost of conducting the operation. It is further stated that this deficit has been met from revenue received from the operation of a service station heretofore owned by applicant at Walnut Creek. It is stated that due to World war conditions he has been forced to discontinue this service station business. Exhibit "B" attached to the application shows that for the six month period ending June 30, 1934, applicant's operating revenue was \$548.35 and operating expenses amounted to \$600.02, leaving a net deficit for the full period of

\$51.67. The profit and loss account indicates a deficit of \$1228.03 for the entire period of operation since the establishment of the service on July 1, 1941.

It is further alleged in Exhibit "E," attached to the application, that the total number of passengers transported during the first six months of the calendar year 1943 amounted to 3333 or an average of about 555 passengers monthly. This exhibit indicates a constant decrease of the number of passengers carried during this period. In January 1943, 664 passengers were transported while each of the following months show a gradual decline, that for June being 483.

After careful consideration of this application it is our judgment that the expense of operation indicates that public convenience and necessity no longer justify the continued operation of this service. Its abandonment will therefore be authorized.

#### ORDER

An application therefor having been filed, and it being found that it is in the public interest,

IT IS ORDERED that Charles M. Snode is hereby authorized to abandon the transportation of passengers, baggage and express between Walnut Creek, Diablo and Mt. Diablo, and intermediate points, and the operative right therefor, heretofore created by Decision No. 34264, rendered May 27, 1941, is hereby revoked and annulled provided that at least ten (10) days prior to the abandonment of said

service applicant shall post public notices of such abandonment at his terminals and in the equipment used in this operation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within sixty (60) days from the date hereof Charles M. Snode shall cancel all tariffs and time schedules on file with the Commission in his name, and in effect, on not less than ten (10) days notice to the Commission and the public.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7<sup>th</sup>  
day of September, 1943.

Frank Havenor  
W. H. Baker  
Matthew J. Calverley  
Richard Roche  
Spencer O'Leary  
COMMISSIONERS