

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 36962

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 SANTA MARIA BUS LINE, a corporation,)
 for certificate of public convenience)
 and necessity to operate passenger)
 service between Santa Maria Air Base) Application No. 25882
 and Camp Cooke and to consolidate the)
 same with applicant's operation from)
 Santa Maria to Santa Maria Air Base.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Santa Maria Bus Line, a corporation, requests the Commission to grant to it a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the transportation of passengers between Santa Maria Air Base and Camp Cooke and intermediate points as an extension and enlargement of its present operation between Santa Maria and Santa Maria Air Base. The extension is sought for the duration of the present war and six months thereafter.

The proposed one way fare between Santa Maria and Camp Cooke is forty-five cents. The equipment which would be used in the proposed extended service would be that presently used by applicant in its operation between Santa Maria and Santa Maria Air Base. This equipment consists of fourteen pieces varying in seating capacity from 25 to 33 passengers.

In support of the authority sought applicant asserts that there is a considerable civilian personnel employed at Camp Cooke, a great many of whom reside at Santa Maria, who are in need of public transportation between Santa Maria and the Camp. In addition there is a substantial military personnel established at the Camp many of whom would avail themselves of this service if provided.

Pacific Greyhound Lines, the only other common carrier serving these points, has informed the Commission that it does not desire to offer any protest to the granting of this application.

It is apparent from the application that presently there is an urgent public need for the extended service proposed by applicant. The duration of such service, however, is not now determinable in that the permanency of the camp is obviously subject to military requirements. In view of this circumstance, it would appear that no time limitation should be placed upon the certificate herein granted. Instead, the matter should be reconsidered upon the presentation by applicant or by any competing carrier of a supplemental petition raising the question of the need for continuance of the service after the war emergency has ended.

This is not a matter requiring a public hearing and it appearing that public convenience and necessity require the proposed service, the application will be granted.

ORDER

It having been found that public convenience and necessity so require, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to Santa Maria Bus Line, a corporation, authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in section 24, Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers between Santa Maria Air Base and Camp Cooke and intermediate points as an extension and enlargement of the operative right heretofore granted by the Commission's Decision No. 36182, in Application No. 25484.

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 provisions of General Order No. 79 and Part IV of General Order No. 93-A by filing, in triplicate, and concurrently making effective, tariffs and time tables 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 this Commission to change or modify it by further order, applicant shall conduct said passenger stage operations over and along the following route:

Over State Highway No. 1, San Antonio Creek Road and County Casmalia Road.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of March, 1944.

Richard Lachre
Justus D. Craven
Francis D. Havens
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 COMMISSIONERS