

Decision No. 38960**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of S. P. CARR and CHARLES P. REINARD,)
doing business as The Laguna Beach-)
Santa Ana Stage Line for certificate) Application No. 27318
of public convenience and necessity)
to operate a stage line service as a)
common carrier, between Santa Ana)
and Laguna Beach.)

O P I N I O N

S. P. Carr and C. P. Rhinard, doing business as Laguna Beach-Santa Ana Stage Line, are engaged in the operation of a passenger stage service between Santa Ana and Laguna Beach by way of Newport Beach and Balboa (Decisions Nos. 27121 and 37346).

Applicant requests authority to operate along an alternate route between Santa Ana and Laguna over a now highway known as MacArthur Boulevard. Said highway begins at the junction of Main Street and Newport Boulevard (State Highway 55), approximately four miles south of Santa Ana, and continues southerly as an extension of Main Street, a distance of approximately six miles where it joins with the Coast Highway (U. S. Highway 101) near Corona del Mar.

Applicant states that passengers now traveling between Santa Ana and Laguna are required to ride a distance of 25 miles and expend one hour and five minutes en route. The proposed alternate route will be 17 miles in length and the

traveling time forty minutes. There are no communities along said MacArthur Boulevard between Newport Boulevard and Coast Highway except the Orange County Airport which is adjacent to the Santa Ana Airport on Newport Boulevard. The airports will be served at the airport fare now on file.

Applicant states that service would be improved as follows:

" . . . there would be added service of four round trips daily between the Newport Harbour area and Laguna Beach resulting from the connection between the present schedule and four round trips of the additional schedule at Corona Del Mar, where Alternate U. S. Highway 101 and MacArthur Boulevard meet. In other words the proposal involves the present services, plus eleven direct trips on the fast schedule between Santa Ana and Laguna Beach and four additional round trips on the Newport Harbour-Laguna Beach run."

At least two Flexible or Dodge Coach type buses, of approximately 33-passenger capacity, will be operated in the proposed new service. The proposed fares are identical with those now on file covering service between Santa Ana and Laguna Beach.

There are no competing carriers via the proposed alternate route and the application has not been protested.

Full consideration having been given this matter, we are of the opinion that the alternate route is justified and in the public interest. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

Application having been made in the above-entitled matter, and the Commission being fully advised and finding that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to S. P. Carr and C. P. Rhinard, partners, doing business as Laguna Beach-Santa Ana Stage Line, authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a "passenger stage corporation", as defined by Section 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Public Utilities Act, between the junction of Main Street, Newport Boulevard (State Highway 55), and MacArthur Boulevard and the intersection of MacArthur Boulevard and U. S. Highway 101, and intermediate points, as an extension and enlargement of their present operative right.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, S. P. Carr and C. P. Rhinard shall comply with and observe the following regulations:

- (a) 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.
- (b) Applicant shall, within sixty (60) days from the effective date hereof and upon not less than one (1) day's notice to the Commission and the public, establish the service herein authorized and 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 schedules satisfactory to the Commission.

- (c) Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify such at any time, S. P. Carr and C. P. Rhinard shall conduct said passenger stage operation over and along the following described route:

Beginning at the junction of Main Street, Newport Boulevard (State Highway 55) and MacArthur Boulevard, thence southerly along MacArthur Boulevard to its intersection with U. S. Highway 101.

Applicants are authorized to turn their motor vehicles at termini and intermediate points, in either direction, at intersections of streets or by operating around a block contiguous to such intersection, or in accordance with local traffic rules.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of May, 1946.

David Ruden

Justus F. Colver

James F. Powell

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