

Decision No. 39177

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
P. C. CROSS, doing business as HEMET
BUS LINE, for a certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity to operate
bus service as a common carrier of
passengers, baggage and express between
Hemet and Idyllwild, in California)

ORIGINAL

Application No. 27497

O P I N I O N

Applicant requests authority to establish and operate a passenger stage service, transporting passengers, baggage and express, between Hemet and Idyllwild, serving intermediate points, along State Highway No. 74 to Mountain Center, thence along an unnamed road to Idyllwild.

Applicant is now operating as a "passenger stage corporation", transporting passengers, baggage and express, between Riverside and Hemet (Decision No. 32461).

Applicant proposes to operate an 8-passenger station-wagon or limousine, or a bus, if traffic warrants.

As justification for the granting of a certificate of public convenience and necessity applicant states that he has received many requests for a bus service between Hemet and Idyllwild; that Idyllwild is a rapidly growing mountain resort area with a summer and winter population of approximately 1,000 and 300, respectively; that the application is supported by local civic organizations.

No other passenger stage is operated between the two communities.

Intermediate points proposed to be served are Valle Vista, Cranston Ranger Station, Strawberry Creek and Mountain Center. The proposed route covers a distance of approximately 23 miles through mountainous and sparsely settled country. Two round trips daily (except Sundays and holidays) will be operated during the summer season, between approximately May 30 and September 10, and one round trip daily the balance of the year and on Sundays and holidays.

Proposed fares are at the rate of approximately $4\frac{1}{2}$ cents per mile, with round-trip fares varying from 175 per cent to 200 per cent of one-way fares. ⁽¹⁾ Express shipments will be limited to shipments not exceeding 100 pounds, the rates to be governed by rules and regulations similar to applicant's present Local Express Tariff C.R.C. No. 2.

(1) Fares named in cents - upper figures are one-way fares, lower figures are round-trip fares

BETWEEN						
Miles	AND	Hemet				
0.0	Hemet	-	Valle			
		20	<u>Vista</u>			
4.5	Valle Vista	40				
7.8	Cranston Ranger Station	35	15	Cranston		
		60	30	Ranger		
				<u>Station</u>		
12.8	Strawberry Creek	50	30	20	Strawberry	
		90	55	40	<u>Creek</u>	
18.6	Mountain Center	75	55	45	25	Mountain
		130	100	80	50	<u>Center</u>
23.0	Idyllwild	100	80	70	50	25
		175	140	125	90	50

This matter having been fully considered, we are of the opinion and find that public convenience and necessity require the establishment and operation of the service as proposed. 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 P. C. Cross, authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a "passenger stage corporation", as defined by Section 2½ of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of persons, baggage and express, between Hemet and Idyllwild, and intermediate points, as an extension and enlargement of his present operative right, subject to the following condition:

(a) The transportation of baggage and express shall be incidental to the transportation of passengers and shall be limited to a weight of one hundred (100) pounds per each shipment.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, P. C. Cross shall comply with the following service 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, P. C. Cross shall conduct said passenger stage operation over and along the following described streets, highways or routes:

Beginning at applicant's terminus in the City of Hemet, thence along State Highway No. 74 to Mountain Center, thence along an unnamed road to Idyllwild.

Applicant is authorized to turn his 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 9th day of July, 1946.

David Anderson
Justin F. Craven
Francis Cowie
Samuel L. Luce
Harold A. Hull
 COMMISSIONERS