

Decision No. 39366

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of)
JOSEPH N. CACCAMO and EMILE J.)
POUQUETTE for authority to discontinue)
and abandon operation of an automotive)
service as a common carrier of passen-)
gers between Redwood City, Canyon)
Sanitarium and Emerald Lake.)

Application No. 27296

HAROLD F. ANDERSON, for applicants.

O P I N I O N

Joseph N. Caccamo and Emile J. Pouquette are presently conducting a passenger stage service between Redwood City, Canyon Sanitarium, Hassler Health Farm, Emerald Lake and intermediate points, as heretofore authorized by the Commission. In the above entitled proceeding, applicants request authority to discontinue such operation. A public hearing thereon was held before Examiner Paul at Redwood City on August 15, 1946, and the matter having been submitted is now ready for decision.

The record shows that during the calendar year 1945 and the first seven months of the year 1946, the gross operating revenues, approximate gross operating expenses, not including depreciation, and net operating loss were \$1689, \$3175 and \$2486, respectively. The monthly loss for the period averaged about \$131. During this time, applicants operated approximately 4584 one-way trips and transported 6742 pay passengers which was an average of less than 1½ passengers for each one-way trip. At the inception of this service, applicants used a medium capacity passenger stage and provided 10 round trips daily except Sundays and holidays. Because of insufficient use of the service, they substituted a

taxicab for the bus in order to effect economies in the operation and reduced the service to five round trips each day except Sundays and holidays. The territory served is a rather sparsely settled, hilly, suburban area situated northwesterly of Redwood City. The evidence indicated that most of the residents use their own cars for transportation or engage in group riding. The Hassler Health Farm, situated in the area served, provides a station wagon for the use of most of its personnel. The alignment of the route is circuitous and the roads are in a poor state of repair, operation over which is costly. One of the applicants testified that despite all efforts they have been unable to attract sufficient traffic to justify continuation of the service.

After full consideration of the evidence adduced in this proceeding, it is our judgment that applicants should be permitted to discontinue their service because of the lack of sufficient public use to warrant its continuation. Such will be the order.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in this proceeding and it being hereby found that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

(1) That Joseph N. Caccamo and Emile J. Pouquette are hereby authorized to discontinue passenger stage operations between Redwood City, Canyon Sanitarium, Emerald Lake and intermediate points and the operative rights therefor heretofore acquired by Joseph N. Caccamo and Emile J. Pouquette under the authority of the Commission's Decision No. 34370, dated July 1, 1941, are hereby

revoked, and annulled and all effective tariffs and time tables on file with the Commission in the name of said applicants are hereby cancelled.

(2) That public notice of discontinuance of service shall be posted in the vehicles operating between the points involved at least 5 days' prior to the discontinuance authorized.

The effective date of this order shall be 10 days from the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 27th day of August, 1946.

Harold P. Kule
Justus F. Casper
Wm. C. Brown
W. M. Powell
A. J. Anderson
 COMMISSIONERS