

Decision No. 39431**ORIGINAL**

## BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
 PETER J. van LOBEN SELS, an individual  
 doing business as EL MONTE TRANSIT LINES,  
 for a certificate of public convenience  
 and necessity authorizing the operation  
 of a passenger stage business between  
 El Monte, California, on the one hand,  
 and points in the vicinity thereof, on  
 the other, serving all intermediate  
 points over and along specified route.

Application No. 27765

O P I N I O N

By Decision No. 39007, dated May 28, 1946, applicant Peter J. van Loben Sels was authorized to establish and operate a "passenger stage" service between the City of El Monte and adjacent area within the County of Los Angeles and intermediate points. The area now being served is generally easterly and northeasterly of the City of El Monte.

Applicant now seeks authority to establish a similar service in an area southerly of said city. There are no competing carriers along the proposed route except for a short segment along Pomona Boulevard between Maxson Road and the intersection of Pomona Boulevard and Garvey Avenue, a distance of approximately 750 feet, along which the Pacific Electric Company operates. The latter carrier does not oppose the granting of this application.

The service applicant proposes to conduct is essentially local and meets the transportation needs of persons

residing in the vicinity of El Monte in a territory comprising the trade area of said city.

Applicant proposes nine morning and ten afternoon schedules between the hours of approximately 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight. A 10-cent fare will be charged between any two points along the proposed route. Zone transfer privileges will be provided. Applicant will file tariffs and time schedules satisfactory to this Commission.

Applicant proposes to render the aforesaid transportation service with one bus having a capacity of approximately 27 passengers. He presently owns three busses, two of which are new equipment and one is reconditioned. Applicant states that the proposed service will not require the acquisition of additional equipment as the requirements of his present operation are such that one of said busses would be available at all times for the service now proposed.

As justification for the granting of a certificate of public convenience and necessity applicant states that the area proposed to be served has an estimated population of approximately 25,000 persons; that no other public carrier service is now available; that a recent survey, conducted by an El Monte civic organization, reveals a definite need for bus service over the routes and within the territory proposed to be served; that the proposed service will act as a feeder service to the existing service of Pacific Electric Railway Company, will afford the commuting public a more complete and adequate system of transportation and will relieve traffic congestion during

business hours in the El Monte district; that the application was filed in response to requests from numerous individuals and from civic organizations in the area proposed to be served.

Full consideration having been given this matter, we are of the opinion and find that there is a public need for the proposed service and, therefore, 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, the Commission being fully advised in the premises, and finding that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to Peter J. van Loben Sels, authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a "passenger stage corporation", as defined in Section 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of persons between the City of El Monte and an area adjacent to said city, within the County of Los Angeles, and intermediate points.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, applicant shall comply with and observe 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, Peter J. van Lebon Sels shall conduct said passenger stage operation over and along the following described route:

Beginning at the intersection of Columbia Street and Hoyt Avenue, thence along Hoyt Avenue, Fern Street, Merced Avenue, Rush Street, Central Avenue, Weaver Street, Tyler Avenue, Thionos Avenue, Durfee Avenue, Broadmoad Street, Burkett Road, Slaughter Road, Durfee Avenue, Elliott Avenue, Maxson Road, Pomona Boulevard, Garvey Avenue, Mountain View Road, Schmidt Road, Tyler Avenue to its intersection with Columbia Street.

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 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1946.

Harold P. Hills  
Justice F. Cramer

W. H. Lowell

A. J. Johnson  
 COMMISSIONERS