

Decision No. 39470

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of DON E. COCHRANE, dba REDLANDS)
BUS LINES, for certificate of)
public convenience and necessity)
to operate an automobile passenger)
stage service and bus line within)
the City of Redlands, California,)
and as a common carrier between)
Mentone and the City of Redlands,)
California.)

Application No. 27454

O P I N I O N

Don E. Cochrane, an individual doing business as Redlands Bus Lines, requests authority to establish service as a common carrier for the transportation of persons in the City of Redlands and vicinity.

Applicant has operated a motor bus service within the City of Redlands for approximately three years and he now proposes to extend service into county territory to the community of Mentone, situated approximately three-quarters of a mile easterly of the city limits of Redlands.

The proposed operation is desired by the City Council of Redlands and local civic organizations and is not competitive with any service of existing carriers. Industrial firms of Mentone also favor the granting of the application because of their employees' need for transportation.

Two routes are proposed and will herein be referred to as the Mentone Route and the Redlands Route. The Mentone

Route, a round-trip distance of approximately nine miles, will require about 40 minutes' running time, and schedules on this route will be operated hourly during the morning and evening peak periods and on a two-hour headway between 8:50 a.m. and 3:50 p.m., with the exception of one three-hour headway at midday. Two 10-cent fare zones are proposed with a fare-break point at the intersection of Mentone Avenue and Wabash Street, the city limits. An additional charge of five cents will be made for a two-zone trip.

The Redlands Route is approximately five miles round trip and a one-way fare of 10 cents is proposed. Schedules on this line will be similar to the Mentone Line, except that two additional midday runs are proposed.

The proposed extension to Mentone will not materially affect existing schedules and it will not be necessary to operate additional equipment, although applicant states that he has purchased a new International, K-5 Model, 28-passenger bus.

A balance sheet and profit and loss statement filed with this application show that applicant is financially responsible and that his present transportation business is being operated profitably.

The City of Redlands has a population of approximately 15,000 and has no other local public transportation facilities. Mentone, located approximately five miles north-easterly from the Redlands business district is a rapidly growing community having one large pottery plant employing

approximately 400 persons, several smaller business establishments, and numerous residences.

The proposed service is required by employees, housewives, and others desiring transportation between Redlands and Montone.

Having fully considered this matter, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the proposed service is necessary and in the public interest. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

Don E. Cochran is hereby placed upon notice that operative rights, as such, do not constitute a class of property which may be capitalized or used as an element of value in rate-fixing for any amount of money in excess of that originally paid to the State as the consideration for the grant of such rights. Aside from their purely permissive aspect, they extend to the holder a full or partial monopoly of a class of business over a particular route. This monopoly feature may be changed or destroyed at any time by the State, which is not in any respect limited to the number of rights which may be given.

O R D E R

Application having been made in the above-entitled matter, and the Commission having found 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 Don E. Cochrane, authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 24 of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of persons between Redlands and Mentone, and intermediate points.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, the following service regulations shall be complied with:

- (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 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, Don E. Cochrane shall conduct said passenger stage operation over and along the following described streets, highways, or routes, or any combination thereof:

Mentone Route

Beginning at applicant's terminus near the intersection of West State and Orange Streets in the City of Redlands, thence along Orange Street, Colton Avenue, Wabash Street, Mentone Avenue, Agate Avenue, Capri Avenue, Opal Way to its intersection with Mentone Avenue; also along Mentone Avenue between Agate Avenue and Ruby Avenue (Crafton); also along Opal Way between Capri Avenue and the pottery plant immediately north of San Bernardino

Avenue; also beginning at the intersection of Mentone Avenue and Wabash Street, thence along Mentone Avenue, Lugonia Avenue, Texas Street, West State Street to its intersection with Orange Street; also beginning at the intersection of Lugonia Avenue and Orange Street, thence along Orange Street, Dreka Street, Washington Street, San Bernardino Avenue to its intersection with Orange Street.

Redlands Route

Beginning at applicant's terminus near the intersection of West State and Orange Streets, thence along Orange Street, Cajon Street, Cypress Avenue, Center Street, Highland Avenue, Cedar Avenue, San Jacinto Street, Crescent Avenue, Center Street, Highland Avenue, Cajon Street, to its intersection with Cypress Avenue.

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 Los Angeles, California this 1st day of October, 1946.

Harold P. Kulo
Justus F. Casner
Fernando Barrera
A. J. Anderson
COMMISSIONERS