

Decision No.

39695**ORIGINAL**

## BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of GUY H. BENTON, doing business )  
under the name of BENTON BUS LINES, ) Application No. 27935  
for an extension of existing certifi- )  
cate of public convenience and neces- )  
sity to operate passenger bus service.)

O P I N I O N

Applicant requests authority to extend his present motor coach lines from (1) Rivera to Downey, (2) Hawaiian Gardens to Los Alamitos, and (3) along Carson Street between Bellflower and Lakewood Boulevards.

The proposed route between Rivera and Downey is along Lakewood Boulevard, Gallatin Road and Downey Avenue a distance of approximately three miles. The proposed one-way fare is 10 cents. There is no public transportation between the two localities. The proposed extension will provide transportation for a new subdivision of 1,500 homes located near the intersection of Gallatin Road and Anaheim-Telegraph Road, and will connect with the Holbrook Transit Co. service at Downey, enabling applicant's patrons to reach the industrial district near Maywood. Direct transportation between Whittier and Downey will also become available.

The proposed extension from Hawaiian Gardens to Los Alamitos and the U. S. Naval Air Base, situated a half mile east of Los Alamitos, will provide transportation to another area

which is not now being served. This is an extension of approximately two and a half miles and the proposed one-way fare between said points is 10 cents. Los Alamitos has a population in excess of 1,000, not including the personnel at the air base.

The proposed extension along Carson Street between Bellflower and Lakewood Boulevards, a distance of approximately eight-tenths of a mile, will enable applicant's passengers to make connection with the Long Beach Motor Bus Company line to Long Beach. No local passengers will be carried along Carson Street west of Bellflower Boulevard as this area is now served by another carrier.

Applicant proposes to retain his present fares and current schedules will not be materially changed. Applicant states that he has sufficient equipment to conduct the proposed additional services.

Other carriers operating in the vicinity of the proposed routes do not oppose the granting of the application.

Applicant has received many requests for the establishment of the proposed service and civic organizations have endorsed applicant's proposals.

Having fully considered this matter we find the proposed extensions of service to be in the public interest and that public convenience and necessity require their establishment. 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 duly advised in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to Guy H. Benton, an individual, authorizing him to establish and operate 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 (a) Rivera and Downey, (b) Hawaiian Gardens and Los Alamitos, and (c) along Carson Street between Bellflower and Lakewood Boulevards, as an extension and enlargement of, and to be consolidated with, the operative rights heretofore granted to him in Decisions Nos. 34341, 35302, 38517, and 39250, subject to the following condition:

No passengers shall be transported locally on Carson Street between Bellflower and Lakewood Boulevards.

(2) That, in the operation of said passenger stage service Guy H. Benton 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, Guy H. Benton shall conduct said passenger stage operation over and along the following described routes:

Rivera-Downey Route

Beginning at the intersection of Beguette Street and Slauson Avenue in Rivera, thence along Slauson Avenue, Lakewood Boulevard, Gallatin Road, Downey Avenue to its intersection with Second (2nd) Street in Downey.

Hawaiian Gardens-Los Alamitos Route

Beginning at the intersection of Carson Street and Norwalk Boulevard in Hawaiian Gardens, thence along Norwalk Boulevard, Howard Street, Lexington Road, Green Street to its intersection with Norwalk Boulevard in Los Alamitos.

Carson Street Extension

Along Carson Street between Bellflower Boulevard and Lakewood Boulevard.

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1946.

Harold P. Hule

Justus F. Craven

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