

Decision No. 40262

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of)
The Lassen National Park Company for)
a certificate of public convenience)
and necessity authorizing the trans-)
portation of passengers and their)
baggage and express for compensation)
between Mineral California and the)
Southwest Entrance of Lassen Volcanic)
National Park on the one hand and)
between Burney Falls State Park and)
the Northwest Entrance of Lassen)
Volcanic National Park and inter-)
mediate points on State Highway)
number 89.)

Application No. 28283

O P I N I O N A N D O R D E R

In this application, as amended, a certificate of public convenience and necessity is sought to conduct a passenger stage operation, on an on-call seasonal basis during approximately June 15th to September 15th of each year, for the transportation of passengers, their baggage and express limited to 100 pounds, between:

- 1 Mineral and the southwest entrance to Lassen Volcanic National Park, a distance of eight miles, via State Highway 89; and
- 2 The northwest entrance of the Lassen Volcanic National Park and Burney Falls State Park, a distance of thirty-six miles, via State Highway 89. Service over this route is to be limited to a minimum of four passengers a trip.

Applicant now conducts a passenger stage operation between the northwest entrance of the Lassen Volcanic National Park and Redding, via State Highway No. 44, pursuant to authority granted in the Commission's order in its Decision No. 28607, as amended by Decisions Nos. 30983 and 31441, in Application No. 20062.

It is alleged in the application that:

"Applicant is authorized by franchise from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior,

United States Government to transport passengers and express for compensation on all roads within the boundaries of Lassen Volcanic Nat'l Park including the Lassen Peak Loop Highway which is an integral link under Federal jurisdiction between State Highway 44 and United States Highway No. 89 at the northern entrance to the Park and State Highway No. 36 at the Southern entrance to the Park."

It is applicant's plan to conduct a common carrier tourist service through the operation of an eleven-passenger sedan and a seven-passenger station wagon and such other equipment as traffic needs require. The service is in the nature of sight-seeing tours with regular stops at points of interest along the route. Guides will be furnished as an added attraction to the service.

Applicant's proposed fare structure is set forth in Exhibit "C", attached to the application as later amended. The one-way fares are based on a rate of 8 cents a mile with round trip fares of 180 percent of the one-way fare. There is a further reduction of 20 percent where tickets are purchased for two or more adult passengers.

There is no certificated passenger stage operation along the route between the northwest entrance of Lassen National Park and Burney Falls State Park. There is, however, a certificate held by the Mount Lassen Motor Transit, Inc. between Mineral and the southwest entrance of Lassen Volcanic National Park. Attached to the application is a Waiver of Objection from the Mount Lassen Motor Transit Inc. to the granting of the instant application wherein it is stated that the Mount Lassen Motor Transit Inc. does not desire to initiate service over this route but does favor a connection between applicant's route and that of the Mount Lassen Transit, Inc., at Mineral.

It appears that this application should be granted and that there is no necessity for a public hearing in the matter.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED as follows:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to the Lassen National Park Company authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ of Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers, their baggage and express limited to 100 pounds, between:

- 1 Mineral and the southwest entrance of Lassen Volcanic National Park, all in Tehama County, and
- 2 The northwest entrance to Lassen Volcanic National Park and Burney Falls State Park, all in Shasta County.

(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 30 days from the effective date hereof.
- b. Within 60 days from the effective date hereof and on not less than 5 days' notice to the Commission and the public, applicant shall 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, appropriate tariffs and time tables.
- c. Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify it by further order, applicant shall conduct operations pursuant to the certificate herein granted over and along the following routes:

Mineral--Lassen Volcanic National Park route
via State Highway 89,

Lassen Volcanic National Park--Burney Falls
State Park via State Highway 89.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, July 13, 1947.

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