Decision No 40444

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY TRANSIT COMPANY, a corporation, for authority to execute Conditional Sale Contract on purchase of new equipment.

Application No. 28510

OPINION AND ORDER

San Bernardino Valley Transit Company is a corporation engaged in the business of transporting passengers in San Bernardino and vicinity. It reports that in conducting such business it owns and operates 38 buses, that some of such buses should be replaced by modern equipment and that approximately 3 of the buses are out of service each day for servicing and repairs. In order to be in a position to give better service, applicant proposes to purchase from General Motors Corporation 9 TDH 3206, transit type diesel hydraulic buses with accessories and equipment at a total cost of \$123,482.88. The cost of the equipment is shown in the invoice on file in this application as Exhibit TAT.

Applicant proposes to pay the purchase price by cash in the amount of \$33,482.88 and the balance of \$90,000 in accordance with the terms of a conditional sale contract, a copy of which is on file in this application as Exhibit "B". Applicant asks permission to execute said conditional sale contract. The \$90,000 is payable in 60 consecutive monthly installments of \$1,500 each, together with interest at the rate of 5% per annum on the deferred balances, payable monthly.

An affidavit filed by applicant shows that 8 of the new coaches will be used to replace 9 Ford transit, 27-passenger coaches on the San Bernardino-Colton line. Applicant estimates by the use of the new coaches on that line it can effect an annual saving in operating expenses of \$6,513.28.

The Commission has considered applicant's request and is of the opinion that this is not a matter on which a hearing is necessary, that the money, property or labor to be procured or paid for by the execution of the conditional sale contract herein authorized is reasonably required by applicant for the purpose herein stated, which purpose is not, in whole or in part, reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or to income, and that this application should be granted, subject to the provisions of this opinion and order, therefore,

IT IS HEREEY ORDERED as follows:

- 1. San Bernardino Valley Transit Company may, after the effective date hereof and on or before December 31, 1947, execute a conditional sale contract in form similar to the contract on file in this application as Exhibit "B", for the purpose of acquiring the nine (9) motor coaches to which reference is made in this application.
- 2. The authority herein granted will become effective when San Bernardino Valley Transit Company has paid the fee prescribed by Section 57 of the Public Utilities Act, which fee is Ninety (\$90.00) Dollars.
- 3. Within thirty (30) days after the execution of said conditional sale contract, San Bernardino Valley Transit Company

shall file with the Commission a true and correct copy of such contract, and a statement showing the cost of said nine (9) motor coaches.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24 th day

of June, 1947.

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