

Decision No. 40562**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES 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, for an ) Application No. 28490  
 extension of existing certificate )  
 of public convenience and necessity )  
 to operate passenger bus service. )

O P I N I O N

Guy H. Benton, an individual, doing business as Benton Bus Lines, conducts a passenger stage operation between Whittier, Los Nietos, Norwalk, Bellflower, Artesia, and certain other specified points. (1)

Authority is requested to establish and operate, as an extension of applicant's present rights, a passenger stage service as set forth in application "commencing at Washington Boulevard and Gretna Avenue, north on Gretna Avenue to Rose Hedge Drive, west on Rose Hedge Drive to Broadway, south on Broadway to Washington Boulevard, returning the same route."

There is no passenger transportation service operating over the proposed route. The other carrier in the general area has been contacted and has expressed no opposition to applicant's proposal.

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(1) This service is conducted under Decisions Nos. 34341, dated June 24, 1941; 34423, dated July 15, 1941; 35302, dated April 22, 1942; 38517, dated December 14, 1945; 39250, dated July 30, 1946 and 39695, dated December 10, 1946.

That the proposed service is necessary to the public is supported by evidence of an increasing number of homes now built and being built in the area. Applicant has received numerous requests for the establishment of the proposed service.

Applicant is willing and able to conduct the proposed operation. He is an established operator and states that he now has sufficient equipment to perform these additional services. Existing schedules and fares will not be changed. The proposed fares for the new service appear reasonable.

Upon full consideration of the matter, we are of the opinion and find that public convenience and necessity require the establishment of the passenger service requested herein. 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 hereby 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 Guy E. Benton, an individual, authorizing him to establish and operate a service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 2½ of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of persons, in a part of the County of Los Angeles near Whittier, between the points and along the routes hereinafter specified, as an extension and enlargement

of his existing operative rights, and to be consolidated therewith.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, 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 route:

Commencing at Washington Boulevard and Gretna Avenue, north on Gretna Avenue to Rose Hedge Drive, west on Rose Hedge Drive to Broadway, south on Broadway to Washington Boulevard, returning via the same route.

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 twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this

29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1947.

Harold J. Kuhl  
Justus J. Collins  
Frank H. Wallace

COMMISSIONERS