

Decision No. 40585

ORIGINAL

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 ROSCOE D. RICE and CLARENCE W. MURRY,)
 doing business as THE RICE AND MURRY)
 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM for an exten-)
 sion of motor bus service to include) Application No. 28569
 service to Castle Field, California,)
 and from Atwater, California, to)
 Castle Field, California.)

O P I N I O N

Roscoe D. Rice and Clarence W. Murry are co-partners, doing business as Rice and Murry Transportation System, and engaged in the operation of a passenger bus service in Merced and vicinity. The application seeks a certificate to extend service from Merced to Castle Field and from Castle Field to Atwater, returning over U. S. Highway No. 99 to Merced.

Castle Field is a recently re-opened military installation 8.2 miles northwesterly of Merced and is reached via Snelling Road and Santa Fe Drive. Atwater is 3.9 miles southwesterly from Castle Field, on U. S. Highway No. 99. The service will be daily and is designed to afford transportation to the personnel at Castle Field whose homes are either at Merced or Atwater. Proposed fares of 20 cents between Merced and Castle Field and 10 cents between Castle Field and Atwater are submitted with the application. Applicant has available two 27-passenger Ford buses and proposes to operate an hourly service between the points herein involved.

The granting of the application is urged by the government base transportation official at Castle Field, who states in a letter to the Commission, under date of June 18, 1947, that he considers

the service essential to the efficient operation of the installation, and that present transportation facilities are inadequate.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company, the Santa Fe Transportation Company, and Southern Pacific Company have advised the Commission that they do not desire to oppose the granting of the application providing applicant does not transport local passengers on U. S. Highway No. 99 between Atwater and Merced.

It appears that the service as proposed in this application is in the public interest and for that reason the application will be granted. There is no necessity for a public hearing.

O R D E R

Application as above entitled having been filed and the Commission being duly advised and finding that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to R. D. Rice and Clarence W. Murry authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 24 of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers between Merced and Castle Field and between Castle Field and Atwater, as an extension and enlargement of the operative rights created by Decisions Nos. 39341 and 39590, subject to the following restriction:

Applicants may operate their buses between Atwater and Merced over U. S. Highway No. 99 as an alternate route, provided no passengers may be transported locally on said highway between Atwater and Merced in either direction.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, applicants shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

- a. Applicants 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, applicants 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, applicants shall conduct operations pursuant to the certificate herein granted over and along the following route:

Between Merced and Castle Field via Snelling Road and Santa Fe Drive; between Castle Field and Atwater via Buhach Road, Bellvue Road and First Street, and between Atwater and Merced via U. S. Highway No. 99.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 5th day of August, 1947.

Harold P. Kula
Justin J. Calver
W. H. Lancell
Herewith Potter
 COMMISSIONERS