

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 40646

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 SUNSET STAGES, a corporation, to alter )  
 and extend existing service and for )  
 certificate of public convenience and )  
 necessity to operate passenger service )  
 as a common carrier within the County )  
 of Los Angeles (Prairie Avenue Exten- )  
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Application No. 28626

C O P I N I C N

Applicant now operates a "passenger stage" service between Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Los Angeles Municipal Airport, Hawthorne, and Inglewood. It seeks to enlarge its present service by extending one of its routes between the intersection of Hawthorne Avenue & 138th Street, in the City of Hawthorne, and the intersection of Prairie Avenue & Redondo Beach Boulevard, in County territory, a distance of approximately two and a half miles.

Three 7-cent fare zones are proposed, between the City of Inglewood and Redondo Beach Boulevard, with fare breaks at Hawthorne Avenue & Broadway, and at Prairie Avenue & 147th Street. Interzone fares will be 10 cents for two zones and 15 cents for three zones.

It is proposed to establish hourly schedules, southbound from the City of Inglewood, from 7:47 a.m. to 6:47 p.m., and northbound from Redondo Beach Boulevard (at Prairie Avenue) from 7:20 a.m. to 6:20 p.m.

Applicant will use its present equipment.

The City of Hawthorne and the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce favor the proposed extension which will not be competitive with that of any other carrier. The application is not opposed.

As justification for the establishment of the proposed service, applicant states:

"That there is now a thickly populated area between Hawthorne Boulevard and Prairie Avenue, extending substantially from Redondo Beach Boulevard to 138th Street, and that the present service provided by applicant in relation thereto is located upon Hawthorne Boulevard, which is 5/10ths mile west of Prairie Avenue; that there are also certain housing projects located along the easterly side of Prairie Avenue between Redondo Beach Boulevard and 138th Street, which communities are at the present time without transportation service; that El Camino Junior College is being established at the intersection of Redondo Beach Boulevard and Crenshaw Boulevard, service to which institution will be provided by applicant along Redondo Beach Boulevard pursuant to Decision No. 40072 hereinabove mentioned; that there are a large number of students residing along and adjacent to Prairie Avenue between Redondo Beach Boulevard and 138th Street, who will require but who do not now have transportation to said El Camino Junior College.

"That applicant has received from over 400 persons residing along and adjacent to Prairie Avenue, between Redondo Beach Boulevard and 138th Street, and along and adjacent to 138th Street between Prairie Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard, written requests that it provide the extended service hereinabove requested."

Full consideration having been given the matter, we are of the opinion and find that public convenience and necessity require the establishment and operation of a service as proposed 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 and having found 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 Sunset Stages, a corporation, authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a "passenger stage corporation", as defined in Section 2½ of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of persons, between the intersection of Hawthorne Avenue & 138th Street and the intersection of Prairie Avenue & Redondo Beach Boulevard and intermediate points, as an extension and enlargement of, and to be consolidated with, its present operative rights.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, the following service regulations shall be complied with:

- (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, Sunset Stages shall conduct said passenger stage operation over and along the following described route:

Beginning at the intersection of Hawthorne Avenue & 138th Street in the City of Hawthorne, thence along 138th Street, Prairie Avenue to its intersection with Redondo Beach Boulevard.

Applicant is authorized to turn its 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1947.

Harold P. Kuhl  
Justin J. Calver  
Walter K. Kell  
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COMMISSIONERS