

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 41290

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) Application No. 29066
 necessity to operate passenger service)
 as a common carrier within the County)
 of Los Angeles (PACIFIC AVENUE -)
 MANHATTAN BEACH EXTENSION).)

O P I N I O N

Applicant now operates a "passenger stage" service between Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Los Angeles Municipal Airport, Hawthorne, Inglewood, and residential communities adjacent thereto, under authority granted by this Commission. By this application it seeks authority to extend its operations in the City of Manhattan Beach by extending one of its present lines from the intersection of Manhattan Beach Boulevard (Center Street) & Highland Avenue, thence easterly along Manhattan Beach Boulevard to Pacific Avenue, thence northerly along Pacific Avenue to its intersection with Rosecrans Avenue, a distance of approximately one and a half miles. This extension will become a part of a new line to be operated in conjunction with a portion of its present certificated route between Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Manhattan Beach, the total route distance being approximately four and two-thirds miles.

Three 7-cent fare zones are proposed with fare breaks at the intersection of Manhattan Beach Boulevard & Pacific Avenue and the intersection of 1st Street & Manhattan Avenue. Two-zone fare

will be 10 cents and three-zone fare 15 cents.

Schedules will be operated hourly northbound, between 6:35 a.m. and 5:35 p.m., and southbound, between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Applicant will use its present equipment.

As justification for establishing the proposed service applicant states that "the portion of the City of Manhattan Beach proposed to be served by the route hereinabove indicated is adjacent to one of the principal business sections of the city, and also to both of the elementary schools of the Manhattan Beach City School District; that said territory is thickly populated, and that there are also large numbers of school children who attend the elementary schools above mentioned and whose parents reside along or near said proposed service, and that there is not now any transportation service available to said persons. That applicant has received requests in writing from, to-wit: 354 persons residing along and adjacent to said proposed route for the furnishing of the transportation service herein described."

No bus service is now available along Pacific Avenue. Pacific Greyhound Lines now operates along that portion of the proposed extension along Manhattan Beach Boulevard between Highland and Pacific Avenues, a distance of approximately a third of a mile. The latter carrier does not oppose this application. City and school authorities, as well as labor and civic groups, favor the establishment of the proposed service.

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 "passenger stage" 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 24 of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of persons, between the intersection of Manhattan Beach Boulevard (Center Street) & Highland Avenue and the intersection of Pacific Avenue & Rosecrans Avenue, and intermediate points, as an extension and enlargement of, and to be consolidated with, applicant's 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 Manhattan Beach Boulevard (Center Street) & Highland Avenue, thence easterly along Manhattan Beach Boulevard to Pacific Avenue, thence northerly along Pacific Avenue to its intersection with Rosecrans Avenue.

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 9th day of March, 1948.

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COMMISSIONERS