

Decision No. 41354

## 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. 29109  
 necessity to operate passenger service )  
 as a common carrier within the County )  
 of Los Angeles (SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD-- )  
 MANHATTAN BEACH EXTENSION). )

O P I N I O N

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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) & Pacific Avenue, thence easterly along Manhattan Beach Boulevard to Sepulveda Boulevard, thence northerly along Sepulveda Boulevard 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 five and a quarter 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 7:05 a.m. and 5:05 p.m., and southbound, between 7:35 a.m. and 5:35 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 passes through another and very rapidly developing business section of the city and also to one of the elementary schools of the Manhattan Beach School District; that said territory is thickly populated and that by reason of the operations of certain subdividers, other portions of the city adjacent to said route are increasing rapidly in population; that there are also large numbers of school children who attend said elementary school and whose parents reside along or near said proposed service and that there is not now any adequate local transportation service available to said persons; that applicant has received requests in writing from, to wit, 651 persons residing along and adjacent to said proposed route for the furnishing of the transportation service herein described."

Pacific Greyhound Lines and Pacific Electric Railway Company now operate along portions of the proposed route but do 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) & Pacific Avenue and the intersection of Sepulveda Boulevard & 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 60 days from the effective date hereof and upon not less than 5 days' 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) and Pacific Avenue, thence easterly along Manhattan Beach Boulevard to Sepulveda Boulevard, thence northerly along Sepulveda Boulevard 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 20 days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 1948.

A. F. Anderson  
Justice L. Casner  
Frank Powell  
Harold Hills  
Herbert Potter  
 COMMISSIONERS