

Decision No. 41511

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 ARVIN LINE for a certificate)
 authorizing a passenger stage service) Application No. 29100
 as an extension of applicant's present)
 rights.)

O P I N I O N

Arvin Line presently conducts a passenger stage service, including the transportation of express shipments of 100 pounds or less on passenger vehicles, between Bakersfield, Arvin, Mojave and intermediate points. By this application authority is sought to extend its line from Mojave to Barstow, a distance of approximately 68 miles, serving also the intermediate points of Amargo and Kramer.

One round trip daily will be made, leaving Bakersfield at 10:30 a.m. and arriving at Barstow at 2:50 p.m. The return trip will leave Barstow at 3:30 p.m. and arrive at Bakersfield at 7:30 p.m. One-way and round trip fares of \$1.75 and \$3.15, respectively, are proposed between Mojave and Barstow, with correspondingly lower fares between intermediate points. These fares will be added to and become a part of applicant's present tariff naming rates, rules and regulations between Bakersfield and Mojave.

A financial statement submitted with the application, summarized, shows the following data as of November 30, 1947:

Total Assets (Depreciated)		\$50,845.74
Total Current Liabilities		\$11,168.98
Capital Stock	\$21,810.00	
Surplus	13,050.82	
Gain 4/1/47 to 11/30/47	<u>4,815.94</u>	\$39,676.76
Total Liabilities		\$50,845.74

A profit and loss statement, summarized, indicates the following operating results for an eight-month period ending November 30, 1947:

Net Revenue	\$65,995.47
Total Operating Expense	<u>35,965.75</u>
Gross Profit	30,029.72
Administration and other expenses	<u>24,961.66</u>
Net Gain from Operations	5,068.06
(Loss on sale of Chevrolet Truck)	<u>(252.12)</u>
Net Gain	\$ 4,815.94

Applicant has two 1946 buses of 29- and 24-passenger capacity, and one 1947 vehicle of 29-passenger capacity.

As justification for the extended operation applicant states that the communities now served and to be served along U. S. Highway 466 have increased in population, and that there is considerable traffic between Mojave and Barstow. Bakersfield and Barstow are large centers of population in strategic areas, it is alleged, and are junction points for traffic moving in all directions from those places. Many requests for service between Mojave and Barstow have been received, it is stated, from individuals and groups in Bakersfield and other communities, including Mojave and Barstow.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company, which serves both Mojave and Barstow, was furnished with a copy of the application, but has not indicated any objection to the grant of the requested certificate. No one else has entered a protest.

Upon full consideration of the application we conclude that public convenience and necessity require the extension of passenger stage service here sought. A public hearing is not necessary.

In a recently issued decision we granted Arvin Line a certificate to transport express shipments weighing 100 pounds or less, on passenger carrying vehicles only, on applicant's authorized routes between Bakersfield, Arvin, Mojave and intermediate points. (Dec. 41456, April 13, 1948, App. 29139.) The certificate inadvertently described applicant as a "highway common carrier" as defined by Section 2-3/4 of the Public Utilities Act. The order to follow will correct the language of Decision No. 41456 in this respect, so as properly to characterize applicant's operations as those of a "passenger stage corporation", as defined by Section 2 1/2 of the Public Utilities Act.

O R D E R

Application therefor having been filed and considered, it having been found that public convenience and necessity so require, and the Commission now being fully advised,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Arvin Line, a corporation, be and it is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined by Section 2 1/2 of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers and their baggage, and for the transportation of express in shipments of 100 pounds or less, on passenger carrying vehicles only, between Mojave, Barstow and intermediate points, as an extension of and to be consolidated with applicant's existing operations.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate

herein granted, applicant 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 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, applicant 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, applicant shall conduct operations pursuant to the certificate herein granted over and along the following route:

Commencing at Mojave, thence via U. S. Highway No. 466 to its intersection with U. S. Highway No. 66 approximately three-quarters of a mile north and easterly of Barstow, thence via U. S. Highway No. 66 to Barstow, and return via the same route.

(3) That the order in Decision No. 41456, issued April 13, 1948, in Application No. 29139, granting to Arvin Line a certificate to transport express in shipments of 100 pounds or less, on passenger carrying vehicles only, between Bakersfield, Arvin, Mojave and intermediate points, be and it is hereby amended in part to read

"as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Public Utilities Act..."

instead of

"as a highway common carrier, as defined in Section 2-3/4 of the Public Utilities Act..."

(4) That paragraph 2 of the service regulations contained in said Decision No. 41456 be and it is hereby amended in part to read

"General Order No. 79"

instead of

"General Order No. 80".

(5) That in all other respects said Decision No. 41456 shall be and remain in full force and effect.

The effective date of this order shall be 20 days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of April, 1948.

R. J. Anderson
James F. Casper
Irving S. Howell
Harold P. Kula
Kenneth Pottler
COMMISSIONERS