

Decision No. 41518**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 GUY H. BENTON, doing business under)
 the name of BENTON BUS LINES, for)
 authority to extend and reroute a)
 portion of passenger bus service in) Application No. 28883
 the vicinity of Lakewood, Artesia,)
 Hawaiian Gardens, Los Alamitos, and)
 East Long Beach; also abandon a cer-)
 tain portion in connection therewith.)

O P I N I O N

Guy H. Benton, an individual, doing business as Benton Bus Lines, conducts a passenger stage operation between Whittier, Los Nietos, Norwalk, Bellflower, Artesia, and certain other specified points⁽¹⁾.

Authority is requested herein to establish and operate, as an extension of applicant's present rights, a passenger stage service commencing at Howard Street and Norwalk Boulevard, south on Norwalk Boulevard to Garden Grove Boulevard, west on Garden Grove Boulevard to Pacific Coast Highway, returning via the same route; commencing at Pioneer Boulevard and 14th Street, east on 14th Street to Norwalk Boulevard, returning via the same route.

In connection with the proposed extension, applicant also requests authority to discontinue parts of his present route as follows:

- (a) from Pioneer Boulevard east on 16th Street to Norwalk Boulevard;
- (b) from Pioneer Boulevard west on Carson Street to Lakewood Boulevard.

(1) See Decision No. 40562, dated July 29, 1947, on Application No. 28490.

It is alleged that the extension proposed will connect with Long Beach the Los Alamitos Air Base and the Los Alamitos area which now has a new housing project under construction. In connection with this extension via Norwalk Boulevard, it is proposed to discontinue the present route along Carson Street between Pioneer Boulevard and Lakewood Boulevard. This present route is one which, allegedly, should be discontinued because of lack of patronage.

The proposed rerouting over 14th Street between Pioneer Boulevard and Norwalk Boulevard, and the discontinuance of the present route over 16th Street between these two boulevards, has for its purpose the providing of service to a new housing project of over 200 homes.

There is no existing service which is directly competitive with the proposed routes and the Pacific Electric Railway Company, and the Long Beach Motor Bus Company, have filed written statements to the effect that they do not object thereto. Also, the City of Long Beach has endorsed these changes.

Upon full consideration of the matter we are of the opinion and find that the establishment and operation of a passenger stage service, as requested herein, is in the public interest. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

Application as above entitled having been filed, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and hereby finding 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 Guy H. Benton, an individual,

authorizing him to establish and operate a service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of persons, in a part of the County of Los Angeles, between the points and along the routes hereinafter specified, as an extension and enlargement of his existing operative rights, and to be consolidated therewith.

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

- (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 five (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, Guy H. Benton shall conduct said passenger stage operation over and along the following described route:

Commencing at the intersection of Pioneer Boulevard & 14th Street, thence via 14th Street to its intersection with Norwalk Boulevard, returning via the same route.

Commencing at the intersection of Norwalk Boulevard & Howard Street, thence via Norwalk Boulevard and Garden Grove Boulevard to its intersection with Pacific Coast Highway, returning via the same route.

Applicant is authorized to turn his motor vehicles at terminal 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.

(3) IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant be, and he hereby is, authorized to discontinue his passenger stage service on 16th Street between Pioneer Boulevard and Norwalk Boulevard, and along Carson Street between Pioneer Boulevard and Lakewood Boulevard.

The effective date of this Order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

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

R. J. Dutton

Justus F. Green

Dept. of Public Works

Harold P. Hull

Samuel P. Latta
COMMISSIONERS