

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 41758

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 THEBURN S. HAWORTH, RUTH HEALY HAWORTH,)
 BRYAN W. HAWORTH, MARGARET HAWORTH and) Application No. 29410
 EMILIE HAWORTH (ORANGE BELT STAGES) to)
 reroute service between Hanford and)
 King City.)

OPINION AND ORDER

Orange Belt Stages, a copartnership, has requested authority to reroute a 21-mile segment of its passenger stage service between Hanford and King City. ⁽¹⁾ The present route between Hanford and Coalinga is along State Highway No. 198 via Armona, Lemoore, the intersection of Huron Road and Shell Camp. It is proposed to abandon the portion between the intersection of Huron Road and State Highway No. 198 and Coalinga via Shell Camp because of lack of local traffic and to substitute therefor a route passing through Huron, thence via the East-West Highway to Coalinga.

Applicant states that a recent increase in the population of Huron has created an additional local demand for service between that point and Hanford and intermediate points. No local passengers, it is stated, have ever offered themselves for transportation along the portion of the route proposed to be abandoned. Passengers now desiring to travel to or from Huron are compelled to walk along Huron Road, a distance of approximately three and one-half miles, or else attempt to find some means of transportation. There is no present service by motor bus to or from Huron.

(1) Decision No. 27442, October 15, 1934, Application No. 19518;
 Decision No. 31210, August 15, 1938, Application No. 21537

Applicant alleges that the operations of no other common carriers would be affected by the proposed rerouting. No protest has been received to applicant's request.

It appears that the projected rerouting of service is desirable and that it would meet a public need. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary. Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that Decision No. 27442 in Application No. 19518, granting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to C. C. Haworth, applicants' predecessor, to conduct an automotive service for the transportation of passengers, baggage and express between Hanford and Coalinga and intermediate points be and it is hereby amended, with respect to the description of the route contained on Page 5 of said decision, to read as follows:

"Between Hanford and Coalinga and intermediate points via State Highway No. 198 between Hanford and the intersection of said highway and Huron Road, thence via Huron Road to the intersection of the East-West Highway, thence via East-West Highway to Coalinga."

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of June, 1948.

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