

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 41857

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the First Supplemental )  
 Application of CHARLES H. METZGER for )  
 modification of, or amendment to, certifi- )  
 cate of public convenience and necessity ) Application No. 28380  
 to operate a sightseeing service as a ) First Supplemental  
 common carrier in the City of Santa Monica, )  
 California. )

O P I N I O N

Charles H. Metzger, an individual doing business as the Santa Monica Sightseeing Service, is presently conducting four tours originating and terminating in the City of Santa Monica, under authority of Decision No. 40536, dated July 22, 1947, on Application No. 28380. Authority is herein requested to establish a fifth tour originating in Santa Monica, California, and traversing a specified route to Beverly Hills and the Hollywood area. The proposed tour is essentially the same as Tour No. 2, as described in Decision No. 40536, with some slight variations as to the route to be traversed.

The reasons set out for establishing the proposed tour are to provide a shorter trip to the Hollywood and Beverly Hills area by eliminating the visit to the Planetarium in Griffith Park, as is presently contemplated in the existing Tour No. 2. It is alleged that sightseeing travelers do not desire to visit the Planetarium during misty, rainy weather, nor during periods of fog. Also, the specific route of Tour No. 5 will vary somewhat from

existing Tour No. 2 in order to take the passengers through an area of movie stars' homes, and to pass by a section of Santa Monica canyon.

Applicant alleges that he has had many requests from sightseeing passengers for such a tour as is proposed herein. No additional equipment will be necessary.

The existing stage lines and sightseeing companies in the vicinity all have been served with notices of this application and each one has indicated, by letter to this Commission, that there are no objections to the proposed application. Likewise, the Department of Public Utilities and Transportation of the City of Los Angeles has addressed a letter to this Commission indicating that there is no opposition to this proposal provided the applicant will not pick up nor discharge passengers within the City of Los Angeles.

Upon this record we are of the opinion that the proposed application is in the public interest and, accordingly, the application will be granted with the restriction against picking up or discharging passengers within the City of Los Angeles. 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 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 Charles H. Metzger, authorizing

the establishment and operation of an automotive sightseeing service for the transportation of passengers, as a passenger stage corporation, as such is defined in Section 2½ of the Public Utilities Act, to commence and terminate in the City of Santa Monica, and consisting of one tour to be designated as Tour No. 5, as an enlargement and extension of, and to be consolidated with, applicant's existing rights, and subject to the following restriction:

Applicant shall not pick up nor discharge passengers within the City of Los Angeles. This restriction shall not prevent stopovers for the purpose of permitting sightseeing passengers to visit various points of interest along the route.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, Charles H. Metzger 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 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, Charles H. Metzger shall conduct said passenger stage operation over and along the following described route:

Tour No. 5

Commencing at the Carmel Hotel at Broadway and Second Street in Santa Monica, thence via Broadway, Roosevelt Boulevard, along Ocean Front, Chataqua Boulevard, Sunset Boulevard, Rockingham Avenue,

Ashford Street, Bristol Avenue, Sunset Boulevard, Vine Street, Yucca Street, Cahuenga Boulevard, Cahuenga Pass Bridge, Highland Avenue, Hollywood Boulevard, La Brea Avenue, Santa Monica Boulevard, Rodeo Drive, Wilshire Boulevard, Third Street, Broadway to point of beginning. Service is authorized to all intermediate points and the off-route point of the Hollywood Bowl.

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

Dated at San Francisco California, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1948.

R. T. [Signature]  
Justus J. [Signature]  
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Harold P. [Signature]

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