

Decision No. 42056

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
CHARLES A. RISHER for increase of)
fares and modification of routes)
under his existing certificate of)
public convenience and necessity to)
operate automotive passenger service)
in and about the vicinity of Chico,)
California.)

Application No. 29585

JEAN MORONY, for applicant.

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled matter, Charles A. Risher, doing business as Risher Lines, makes application for an increase in fares and for a modification of routes. The Risher Lines operates as a passenger stage corporation in and about Chico, California.

On September 13, 1948, a hearing was held in Chico before Examiner R. K. Hunter on the modification of routing only. The request for authority to increase fares will be held open for further consideration.

A profit and loss statement covering the Risher Lines' operation showed an operating loss of \$5,231.74 for the seven months ended July 31, 1948.

The present routes total 25.3 miles and require three buses to provide a headway of 40 minutes on Routes 1 and 2, and one hour on Routes 3, 4 and 5. The total mileage per day is 343 and requires 30 man-hours.

The proposed Routes 1 and 2, which will substitute for the existing five routes, will total 9.6 miles and require two

buses to give a headway of 20 minutes from 7:10 a.m. to 9:10 a.m., and from 3:50 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and a headway of 40 minutes from 9:10 a.m. to 3:50 p.m. The total mileage per day would be 235 requiring 16 man-hours per day.

Surveys made of representative periods showed that each of the five present routes were operating at a loss. The applicant is of the opinion, after having surveyed the entire situation and having interviewed many of his patrons, that the proposed modification of the routing will give a more frequent service at the times needed, will prove more attractive and more satisfactory to the users, and will not require patrons to walk any great distance to reach the buses.

The modification of these routes will substantially reduce the applicant's costs and may increase his operating revenue.

There was no opposition to the proposed new routing.

It is found that public convenience and necessity require that the proposed modified routing be authorized.

It is considered desirable to issue a new certificate embodying the modified routing and to revoke and annul the existing certificate.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled proceeding, and based upon the evidence received and the finding set forth in the preceding opinion.

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity, in lieu of the certificate granted by Decision No. 40794, in Application No. 28549, be and it is hereby granted to Charles A. Risher authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 2¹/₂ of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers between Chico and points immediately adjacent thereto and intermediate points.

(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.
- c. Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify them by further order, applicant shall conduct operations pursuant to the certificate herein granted over and along the following routes:

Route #1 - "A" Line - Commencing at the intersection of Main and Fourth Streets, north on Main Street to Esplanade Avenue, north on Esplanade Avenue to Fourth Avenue, west on Fourth Avenue to Citrus Avenue, south on Citrus Avenue to Second Avenue, west on Second Avenue to Warner Avenue, north on Warner Avenue to Fourth Avenue, east on Fourth Avenue to Esplanade Avenue, north on Esplanade Avenue to Eighth Avenue, east on Eighth Avenue to Palm Avenue, south on Palm Avenue to Seventh Avenue, east on Seventh Avenue to Arbutus Avenue, south on Arbutus Avenue to Third Avenue, west on Third Avenue to Esplanade Avenue, south on Esplanade Avenue to Main Street, and south on Main Street to the point of commencement at Fourth Street.

Route #2 - "B" Line - Commencing at the intersection of Main and Fourth Streets, south on Main Street to Park Avenue, south on Park Avenue to Eleventh Street,

west on Eleventh Street to Chestnut Street, south on Chestnut Street to Sixteenth Street, east on Sixteenth Street to Broadway Street, south on Broadway Street to Twentieth Street, east on Twentieth Street crossing Park Avenue to Mulberry Street, north on Mulberry Street to Fifteenth Street, east on Fifteenth Street to Boucher Avenue, northeast on Boucher Avenue to Virginia Street, east on Virginia Street to Bruce Street, north on Bruce Street to Humboldt Avenue, across Humboldt Avenue to Bartlett Street, north on Bartlett Street to Eighth Street, west on Eighth Street to Main Street, and north on Main Street to the point of commencement at Fourth Street.

(3) That the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted to Charles A. Risher by Decision No. 40794 in Application No. 28549 be and it is hereby revoked and annulled.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of September, 1948.

R. E. Anderson
Justice D. Cameron
Grant Lawrence
Harold P. Kula
Lawrence D. Potter
 COMMISSIONERS