

Decision No. 42126

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
SANTA FE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY for a)
certificate of public convenience and) Application No. 28096
necessity to operate a passenger stage)
service between Tulare and Visalia.)

William F. Brooks, for applicant

Applicant requests a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing non-intermediate passenger stage service on an alternate route between Tulare and Visalia in connection with its system operations in California and elsewhere.⁽¹⁾

The application was submitted at a public hearing held at Fresno on October 4, 1948, before Examiner Gregory. No one appeared in opposition, although Pacific Greyhound Lines and Orange Belt Stages had previously filed protests and were duly notified of the hearing.

The evidence establishes that the proposed route will provide direct service on two schedules per day each way⁽²⁾ between Visalia, Tulare and points on U. S. Highway 99, by eliminating the

(1) Applicant operates generally between San Francisco, Los Angeles and intermediate points via the San Joaquin Valley, and between Hanford, Porterville and intermediate points (connecting with main line trains at Hanford) under authority of Decision No. 30790, as amended, in Application No. 20170. Interstate authority for the proposed route was granted to Santa Fe Trail Transportation Company (now Transcontinental Bus Lines, Inc.) on March 12, 1948. (ICC Docket No. MC 30600, Sub. No. 57)

(2) Applicant now operates 14 schedules in each direction daily, designed to make connections at Oakland and Los Angeles for points north and east. If the application is granted two of these schedules will be eliminated. Both interstate and intrastate passengers are carried on the same vehicles.

present circuitous route via Plaza (intersection of U. S. Highway 99 and State Highway 198) which involves an uneconomic 5-mile back-haul between Visalia and Plaza. Passengers traveling between Visalia and Tulare or points south thereof are now required to transfer at Plaza to or from buses operated by applicant between Hanford and Porterville in connection with main line train service at Hanford. That procedure is both inconvenient and time consuming. The highway between Tulare and Visalia is suitable for bus travel; in fact, it is now being used by other passenger carriers.

We find from the evidence that the present and future public convenience and necessity require the proposed operation and that the certificate to be granted herein should be consolidated with applicant's existing rights.

O R D E R

Public hearing having been had upon the above entitled and numbered application, evidence having been received, the matter having been submitted, the Commission now being fully advised and basing its order upon the findings and conclusions contained in the foregoing opinion,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Santa Fe Transportation Company 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 that term is defined in Section 24 of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers and their baggage, and of newspapers in the same vehicle with passengers, between Tulare and Visalia, California, as an alternate

route for operating convenience only, with no service at any intermediate points, said certificate to be consolidated with applicant's existing operative rights.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, Santa Fe Transportation Company 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 Orders Nos. 79 and 80 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, Santa Fe Transportation Company shall conduct said passenger stage operation over and along the following described routes:

Between Tulare and Visalia via unnumbered county highway 1.9 miles east of Tulare, thence 8 miles north over unnumbered highway to Visalia.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th day of October, 1948.

R. J. [Signature]
Justice S. [Signature]
Harold P. [Signature]
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COMMISSIONERS