

Decision No. 42606**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 W. M. WOOD, doing business as REDDING-)
 LAKEVIEW STAGES, a corporation, for) Application No. 30093
 authority to suspend for a period of)
 one year its service between Montgomery)
 Creek and Big Bend.)

O P I N I O N

W. M. Wood, doing business as Redding-Lakeview Stages is conducting a passenger stage service between Redding and California-Oregon State line north of Alturas via Montgomery Creek. In connection with this operation applicant provides a service to and from Big Bend diverting from his main route at Montgomery Creek. The operation to and from Big Bend is to provide service for passengers and express to and from the Damsite of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company at Big Bend. Applicant requests authority to suspend service between Montgomery Creek and Big Bend for a period of one year.

As justification for the authority sought, it is stated that the Pacific Gas and Electric Company has been paying a subsidy to applicant to provide this service which is being withdrawn effective March 1, 1949, as activity at the Damsite has virtually ceased. It is further stated that the Pacific Gas and Electric Company has completed a survey of the entire area in the vicinity of Big Bend and at some future date plans to begin the development of a new project to be known as the Pitt No. 4 Powerhouse. If and when this project is started applicant desires to resume operations between Montgomery Creek and such project. The application shows that for the period June 5, 1948, to and including December 21, 1948, revenues derived from the operation between Montgomery Creek and

Big Bend amounted to a total of \$2,040.96 of which \$1,472 represented the subsidy paid to applicant by Pacific Gas and Electric Company on a basis of \$48 per week. Applicant asserts that the cost of the operation amounted to \$0.3048 per mile while the revenue from the operation and the loss therefrom on a mileage basis amounted to \$0.2191 and \$0.0857, respectively. The total out-of-pocket loss from the operation for the period is said to be \$788.44. During this period, consisting of 184 days of operation, applicant operated 9,200 miles, transported 243 passengers, from which applicant derived revenue of \$195.16.

After full consideration of the evidence in this proceeding we find that the request of applicant for a temporary suspension of the service for one year is not adverse to the public interest. The authority sought will be granted. No public hearing is necessary.

O R D E R

An application therefor having been filed and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

- (1) That W. M. Wood is hereby authorized to suspend operations between Montgomery Creek and Big Bend until April 1, 1950, upon not less than 5 days' notice to the Commission and the public.
- (2) That at least 5 days prior to the suspension of the service as herein authorized applicant shall post notices thereof in all equipment operating between Montgomery Creek and Big Bend.
- (3) That applicant shall comply with the provisions of General Orders Nos. 79, 80 and 93-A by filing in triplicate appropriate tariffs and time tables on not less than 5 days' notice to the Commission and the public.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of March, 1949.

R. J. [unclear]
Justice F. [unclear]
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COMMISSIONERS