

Decision No. 42694

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 INGLEWOOD CITY LINES, a California)
 corporation, for authority to extend)
 the operation of applicant's Line 4)
 (North Inglewood), and to abandon) Application No. 30004
 certain portions thereof for general)
 passenger purposes only, saving and)
 reserving its rights to operate over)
 the portions abandoned for the trans-)
 portation of school pupils.)

Vernon P. Spencer for applicant

Inglewood City Lines requests authority to (1) discontinue service along a portion of its No. 4 Line, (2) extend said line westerly to Beach Street, and (3) continue to operate a service for school children along its present and proposed portions of No. 4 Line.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Chiesa at Los Angeles on March 17, 1949, at which time evidence was adduced and the matter was submitted for decision.

The evidence is convincing that applicant's proposal is in the public interest. Applicant's president testified that the operating revenues and expenses for its No. 4 Line, for the years 1947 and 1948 were as follows:

Revenue	\$10,761.74	:	\$10,796.63
Expense	14,248.24	:	14,461.63
Deficit	* 3,486.50	:	* 3,665.00
Miles operated	44,318	:	42,003
Cost per bus mile	32.15 cents	:	34.43 cents

*(red figure)

The loss was attributed to the light patronage along that portion of the route along Fairview Boulevard, Long Street, and Florence Avenue, easterly of La Brea Avenue, and was due to the competitive service of the Los Angeles Transit Lines bus route No. 52 which also serves the same general area. The evidence also shows that the curtailment of applicant's service along Fairview Boulevard and Long Street will not materially inconvenience its patrons as the Los Angeles Transit Lines' service will be available to them by using bus route No. 52 or street rail line No. 5. The latter company will provide a free transfer which will require a one-block walk-over along La Brea, between Hillsdale Street and Centinela Avenue, so that certain patrons desiring to travel to Inglewood may choose the more direct or convenient route.

Several persons living along and near Fairview Boulevard, between Buckner Avenue and Gay Street, objected to applicant's proposal to discontinue its service easterly of La Brea Avenue but they offered no evidence that would justify a denial of this application. If present losses are continued, the public, as a whole, may be adversely affected through additional increased fares. Adequate transportation is available over the lines of a competing carrier.

Although notified, the City of Inglewood and the principal civic organizations entered no appearance in this proceeding, and there is nothing in the record indicating they oppose the application.

A short extension westerly along Fairview Boulevard between La Brea Avenue and Beach Street is also proposed in order to serve a new community. This extension is approximately a

quarter mile. The new No. 4 Line will be operated on a two-way basis instead of a large one-way loop operation as at present.

The continuance of service along the present route for the transportation of school children appears justified.

Upon full consideration of the evidence of record in this proceeding, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity require that applicant's request be granted.

O R D E R

Application therefor having been filed, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and having found 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 Inglewood City Lines, a corporation, authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of persons, along the streets hereinafter described, as an extension and enlargement of, and to be consolidated with, applicant's present operative rights.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, there shall be compliance with 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, Inglewood City Lines shall conduct said passenger stage operation over and along the following described streets:

Along Ellis Avenue between Beach Street and La Brea Avenue;
Along Fairview Boulevard between Beach Street and Inglewood Avenue;
Along Beach Street between Ellis Avenue and Fairview Boulevard;
Along La Brea Avenue between Ellis Avenue and Fairview Boulevard.

- (3) That Inglewood City Lines be, and it hereby is, authorized to discontinue and abandon its regular passenger stage service over and along the following streets:

Along Fairview Boulevard between La Brea Avenue and Long Street;
Along Long Street between Fairview Boulevard and Florence Avenue;
Along Florence Avenue between Long Street and Locust Street;
Along Locust Street between Florence Avenue and Regent Street.

- (4) That Inglewood City Lines shall continue to conduct passenger stage operations for the transportation of school children to or from school or school functions at public, parochial, or other private schools of high school or elementary grades, over and along the present Line No. 4 route and the additional routes hereinabove authorized.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5th
day of April, 1949.

R. Z. Dinderman
Justice F. Cassien
Frank L. Lacey
Harold P. Kula

COMMISSIONERS