

Decision No. 42867

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Application of)
TANNER MOTOR TOURS, LTD., a corpora-)
tion, for a certificate of public)
convenience and necessity to operate)
as a passenger stage corporation in)
the transportation of persons in a)
circle-tour operation between Long)
Beach and Knott's Berry Farm.)

Application No. 30239

O P I N I O N

By virtue of authority granted by this Commission, applicant is, and for many years has been, engaged in the business of furnishing and operating buses, limousines, and other automotive equipment, throughout Southern California, in the transportation of passengers, for hire, in sightseeing service, ground transportation for airline passengers, and transportation between various Southern California cities and the Inglewood and Santa Anita race tracks.

Authority is sought herein to establish a passenger stage corporation service for the transportation of passengers in round-trip or circle-tour service only, between Long Beach, on the one hand, and Knott's Berry Farm (south of Buena Park on California State Highway 39), on the other hand, passing points of interest between said points.

Applicant states that Knott's Berry Farm is the location of a sightseeing attraction and restaurant, known throughout the United States, which tourists presently using its sightseeing service generally consider they must visit while in California.

It is further asserted that the Knott's Berry Farm management has requested the institution of this service in order to satisfy the public demand for transportation to the Farm, from Long Beach.

Applicant proposes to make available for public use a circle sight-seeing tour commencing at Long Beach and extending along the Pacific Ocean coast line to Newport Beach; thence via Santa Ana and Anaheim to Knott's Berry Farm where a sufficient stop will be made to enable the patrons to enjoy the attractions at the Farm, including meals at the Farm restaurant; thence returning to Long Beach, passing Signal Hill oil field area.

There is alleged to be no common carrier transportation service of the type proposed by applicant presently rendered or available between the points proposed to be served. The proposed fare for the approximately fifty-mile round-trip tour, requiring four hours including the stop at the Farm, is \$2.75, plus tax.

After full consideration of this matter, we find as a fact that public convenience and necessity require the proposed operation. Accordingly, the application will be granted. 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 it having been 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 Tanner Motor Tours, Ltd.,

authorizing the establishment and operation of a round-trip, or circle-tour service only, as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 2 1/4 of the Public Utilities Act for the transportation of passengers between Long Beach, California, on the one hand, and Knott's Berry Farm (south of Buena Park on California State Highway 39), on the other hand.

(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 after the effective date hereof.
- (b) Applicant shall, within sixty (60) days after 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, Tanner Motor Tours, Ltd., shall conduct said passenger stage service over and along the following described route:

From Long Beach, California, along Ocean Boulevard, U. S. Highway 101 Alternate, California State Highway 55 (Newport Avenue), California State Highway 184, U. S. Highway 101, U. S. Highway 101 By-Pass, Lincoln Avenue, California State Highway 39 to Knott's Berry Farm, California State Highway 39, California State Highway 18, California State Highway 15 (Atlantic Avenue) to Long Beach. In picking up and discharging passengers at hotels in Long Beach, applicant may operate over and along the most appropriate streets, roads, and highways.

Applicant may turn its motor vehicles at termini or intermediate points, either in the intersection of the streets or highways, or by operating around a block, in either direction, contiguous to such intersection in accordance with traffic regulations.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of May, 1949.

R. Z. Johnson

James J. Cramer

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