

Decision No. 43217

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
M. R. WOODS, an individual, for a)
certificate to operate a passenger) Application No. 30478
stage service between Monte Rio to)
Cazadero.)

M. R. Woods, in propria persona, applicant.

O P I N I O N

In this application, M. R. Woods, doing business as Arcadia Stage Line, requests a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 21 of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers, baggage ✓ and express between Monte Rio, Cazadero, and intermediate points, all in Sonoma County, in conjunction with and as an extension of his presently certificated service between Sebastopol-Monte Rio, and Villa Grande.

A public hearing was held in Cazadero on August 4, 1949, before Examiner R. K. Hunter, and the matter was submitted. No one protested the granting of the application.

Initially under applicant's modified proposal two daily round trips would be operated on week days and one round trip on Sundays and holidays between approximately May 30 and September 15 of each year. During the remainder of the year he plans to operate one round trip on each of two week days each week. In his opinion this proposed service would meet the public needs.

Applicant would make additional trips on an "on call" basis subject to a minimum of three adult round trip fares or six one-way fares to meet the requirements of special groups desiring such transportation.

The record shows there is no common carrier transportation presently available between Monte Rio and Cazadero. Several public witnesses testified that the proposed service is needed and that they would patronize it if authorized and established. Several witnesses stated that they frequently have to make special trips into Monte Rio in private automobiles to pick up or to deliver passengers arriving from or departing on Pacific Greyhound Lines stages at that point. The area generally in addition to the permanent residents consists of summer homes and summer resorts. Substantial real estate developments are under way.

The applicant proposes to charge an adult fare of 40 cents between Monte Rio and Cazadero with half fare for children over five and under twelve years of age. The proposed fare to, from or between points intermediate to Monte Rio and Cazadero would be the rate of 4 cents per mile with a minimum charge of 10 cents. Children under five would be transported free when accompanied by a parent or a guardian.

The proposed rules and regulations covering baggage provide for free carriage of 100 pounds on an adult fare and 50 pounds on a half fare, with a charge of 25 cents per 100 pounds on excess baggage, with a minimum charge of 25 cents. Express rates would be at the level of those charged by Pacific Greyhound Lines in the area.

Applicant has a 33-passenger General Motors bus and a 9-passenger station wagon which will be used on the run as required if

the operation is authorized. It appears from the record that his financial condition is satisfactory. While the securing of a sufficient volume of passengers to insure a successful operation is not certain, the applicant realizes that this is a pioneering venture and is willing to risk his capital with the view of developing the patronage ultimately to a satisfactory basis.

After a full consideration of the record it appears, and we so find, that public convenience and necessity require the granting of the requested certificate and the order will so provide.

O R D E R

An application therefor having been filed, a public hearing held thereon and based upon the evidence adduced and the conclusions and findings set forth in the foregoing opinion,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That M. R. Woods is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing operation as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 24 of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers and shipments of express weighing 100 pounds or less on passenger carrying vehicles only, between Monte Rio, Cazadero and intermediate points. This certificate shall be an enlargement of and consolidated with the certificate granted by Decision No. 42633 in Application No. 30105.

(2) In providing service pursuant to the foregoing certificate, 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 and Part IV of General Order

No. 93-A, by filing in triplicate and concurrently making effective, appropriate tariffs and time tables.

- 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:

Over and along State Highway No. 12 and county roads between Monte Rio and Cazadero.

This order shall become effective 20 days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of August, 1949.

R. Z. Murray

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Commissioners