

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 43795

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
JOSEPH B. SPENCE for authority to )  
discontinue and abandon operation )  
of an automotive service as a common )  
carrier of passenger service dis- )  
continuing the service to what is )  
known as Alta Hill District and Oaks )  
Subdivision, both outside the city )  
limits of Grass Valley, and south )  
to the city limits on South Auburn )  
Street. )

Application No. 30743

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Joseph B. Spence, doing business as Nevada City-Grass Valley Bus Line, requests authority to discontinue passenger stage service between Grass Valley and the Alta Hill District and Oaks Subdivision, which was certificated by Decision No. 39326, in Application No. 27494. All other passenger stage service provided by applicant, which is between Nevada City and Grass Valley, would be continued.

As justification for the authority sought, applicant states that the expenses of the operation have been substantially in excess of the revenues therefrom since the inception of the service on August 19, 1946. According to Exhibit "A", attached to the application, the financial results of that operation are as follows:

	<u>Gross Operating Revenue</u>	<u>Gross Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Net Operating Loss</u>
1946 (8/16/46 to 12/31/46)	\$ 2,063.90	\$ 3,314.00	\$ (1,250.10)*
1947	6,664.95	8,191.61	(1,526.66)
1948	6,010.03	8,270.87	(2,260.84)
1949 (1st 9 mos.)	4,172.24	6,098.10	(1,925.76)
 TOTAL	 \$18,911.12	 \$25,874.58	 \$ (7,963.36)

\* ( ) - Red Figure

That exhibit shows that the total net operating loss for the approximately four years of operation amounted to nearly \$8,000. According to the annual report of applicant on file with the Commission, the net operating revenue from applicant's entire operations for the calendar years 1947 and 1948 amounted to \$2,154.40 and \$3,029.99, respectively.

The city attorney of Grass Valley has informed the Commission that the City Council does not desire to interpose any objections to applicant's proposal to discontinue the Alta Hill District and Oaks Subdivision operation. The Chamber of Commerce of the City of Grass Valley likewise informed the Commission that it does not desire to protest applicant's proposal.

After full consideration of the evidence ~~of record~~ in this proceeding, the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require operations by applicant between Grass Valley, the Alta Hill District and Oaks Subdivision and that applicant should be authorized to discontinue that service. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

J2.2.m. An application therefor having been filed, the Commission being fully informed therein and basing this order upon the evidence of ~~record~~ and the conclusions and findings expressed in the foregoing opinion,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Joseph B. Spence is hereby authorized to discontinue passenger stage service between Grass Valley, Alta Hill District and Oaks Subdivision and intermediate points and the operative right therefor, created by Decision No. 39326, in Application No. 27494, is hereby revoked and annulled.

(2) That at least ten (10) days prior to discontinuance of the service as authorized in paragraph (1) of this order, notice thereof to the public shall be posted for ten (10) consecutive days prior thereto in vehicles operating between Grass Valley, Alta Hill District, and Oaks Subdivision.

(3) That within sixty (60) days after the effective date hereof and on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public, applicant shall file appropriate tariffs and time tables reflecting the authority herein granted.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day  
of February, 1950.

R. Z. [Signature]  
Julius F. [Signature]  
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Harold F. [Signature]  
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COMMISSIONERS