Decision No. 44243



BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )
M. R. WOODS, doing business as )
ARCADIA STAGE LINE, for a certificate)
to extend passenger stage service )
between Cotati and Petaluma.

Application No. 31083

## OPINION

The Commission is herein requested to authorize appli(1)
cant to extend his passenger stage service from Cotati to Petaluma,
via U. S. Highway No. 101.

Applicant alleges that there are not proper facilities at Cotati for the convenience and comfort of passengers; that in Cotati southbound passengers are required to cross U. S. Highway No. 101 to purchase tickets at the Pacific Greyhound Lines depot and then must recross the highway in order to board the bus; that there are no pedestrian lanes or traffic signals on this portion of the highway and a 35 mile per hour speed limit is maintained thereon; that the volume and speed of opposing traffic make it difficult to perform a turn on the highway; that the streets adjoining and adjacent to the highway are so angled as not to afford a satisfactory means for making right turns therefrom.

Applicant proposes to operate two round trips daily and one round trip on Sundays and holidays, utilizing equipment presently owned and operated by him. One-way adult fares between Petaluma

<sup>(1)</sup> Authorization to render passenger stage service between Sebastopol and Cotati and intermediate points was granted applicant by Decision No. 42633, dated March 22, 1949, in Application No. 30105 and Decision No. 43608, dated December 13, 1949, in Application No. 30776.

and Sebastopol will be 45 cents. Fares between other points will be constructed approximately on the same basis. Round trip fares will be double those charged for one-way trips. Children between the ages of five and twelve years of age will be transported at half fare. Local service will not be furnished between the points herein involved.

Pacific Greyhound Lines has advised the Commission in writing that it will not protest the granting of this application provided that applicant is not authorized to render local service between Cotati and Petaluma.

The Commission is of the opinion, upon consideration of the facts and circumstances herein, and it hereby finds, that public convenience and necessity require the application be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

## ORDER

An application having been filed, the Commission being advised, now therefore,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That M. R. Woods is hereby authorized to establish and operate a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 2% of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers, baggage, newspapers and shipments of express not exceeding 100 pounds in weight on passenger carrying vehicles only, between Cotati and Petaluma, as an extension and enlargement of and consolidated with the operating rights heretofore granted him, and a certificate of public convenience and necessity therefor is hereby granted subject, however, to the following restriction:

- a. No local service may be rendered for the transportation of passengers, baggage or express, between Cotati and Petaluma, both points inclusive, nor between Cotati and Petaluma, on the one hand, and intermediate points between Cotati and Petaluma, on the other hand.
- (2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, 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 thirty (30) days after the effective date hereof.
  - b. 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 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 it by further order, applicant shall conduct operations pursuant to the certificate herein granted over and along the following route:

Beginning at Cotati, thence over U. S. Highway 101 to Petaluma.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26 -

of <u>May</u>, 1950.

COMMISSIONERS