

Decision No. 44657

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
COLEBERG TRANSPORTATION CO., a corpor-) Application No. 31598
ation, to reduce passenger service)
from year round to seasonal operation.)

O P I N I O N

Colberg Transportation Co., herein requests authority to render service only during the school year commencing on or about September 11 and terminating on or about June 30, of each year.

Applicant is presently engaged in the transportation of passengers between Stockton and Venice Island Ferry and intermediate points and between Stockton and Bacon Island Ferry, and intermediate points, pursuant to the provisions of Decision No. 42167, dated October 26, 1948, in Application No. 29009.

Applicant alleges that the use of farm laborers in the Delta Region has diminished because of labor strikes and the more effective and widespread use of mechanical farming equipment; that farm laborers and other residents of the Delta Region do not rely on its service for transportation to and from Stockton because of the availability of automobiles; that it no longer possesses a contract to carry the United States Mail, that for the year last past substantially all of its passengers are school children of the Delta Region; that such children have no need for its service during school vacation extending from June 30 to September 11 of each year, that its gross income of \$11 to \$14 per day derived between June 30 to September 11 is inadequate to meet the cost of operation.

Under the circumstances alleged, we are of the opinion that this application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

An application having been filed, and the Commission being of the opinion that the authority requested should be granted,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That ordering paragraph (1) of Decision No. 42167, dated October 26, 1948, in Application No. 29009 is amended to read as follows:

"(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Colberg Transportation Co., authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 24 of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers and baggage between Stockton and Venice Island Ferry, and intermediate points, and between Stockton and Bacon Island Ferry, and intermediate points, from September 1 to June 30, of each year, both dates inclusive, as an auxiliary and supplementary bus route and enlargement of applicant's existing vessel service and consolidated therewith, subject to the following restrictions:

"(a) No local service shall be given by applicant on the Lower Sacramento - Thornton Road between Stockton, on the one hand, and the junction of King Island Road and Thornton Road, on the other hand.

"(b) No local service shall be given by applicant between Stockton and Holt, including Holt, and between Holt and the junction of California State Highway No. 4 and Bacon Island Road, a distance of approximately one-half mile on such road.

"(c) No passengers, baggage or express shall be transported by applicant under any operating authority which the Commission may grant in

this application between Stockton and Terminous via a coordinated vessel-bus service, and such traffic between such points shall be handled by applicant exclusively by vessel."

(2) That notice of the reduction of the service herein authorized shall be posted in applicant's passenger stage vehicles for ten (10) consecutive days prior to August 31, 1950.

(3) That within sixty (60) days from 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 15th day of August, 1950.

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