

Decision No. 44687

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Application of )  
FRESNO CITY LINES, INC. for authority )  
to revise the Clinton Terrace Route )  
beginning at the intersection of )  
Fulton Avenue and Divisadero Street )  
extending northerly along Fulton )  
Avenue to Olive Avenue, then westerly )  
along Olive Avenue to the junction )  
with the existing route at North H )  
Street. )

Application No. 31632

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O P I N I O N

Applicant, Fresno City Lines, Inc., presently rendering a passenger stage service within and between Fresno, Pinedale, Fig Gardens and intermediate points, requests authority to reroute a portion of its Clinton Terrace route and the further authority to reduce the present zone fare within the Clinton Terrace area. The authority to operate between Fresno and Clinton Terrace was granted by Decision No. 43530, dated November 15, 1949, in Application No. 30704.

In justification for the authority to reroute the Clinton Terrace route applicant alleges that there is a constant and growing demand for transportation to the well developed "Tower" business district, which is located on Olive Avenue between Vagodes Avenue and Fulton Avenue; that the proposed rerouting via this business district would result in a twenty minute saving to applicant's patrons who wish to shop; and that the revised route would afford a link to a cross town route for patrons who live or shop within the adjacent area; that the results of a passenger check in that portion of the route to be abandoned along H Street indicate little if any use of the service; that due to traffic conditions and the narrow street along H Street between Divisadero Street and Belmont Avenue, applicant has been unable to obtain loading zones.

At present the Clinton Terrace Route is divided into two zones; the zone division on the present route is at the intersection of Weber Avenue and West Avenue. The present fare requires payment of regular one zone fare within the zone from the downtown district to the intersection of Weber Avenue and West Avenue, a one zone fare within the zone beyond this intersection, and a one zone fare plus an additional five cents fare for adults riding between the two zones.

Applicant proposes to abolish the zone line at Weber Avenue and West Avenue and include the entire Clinton Terrace Route within one zone and apply zone 1 city fares.

In justification for this authority applicant alleges that zone system would place an unfair and frequent burden upon patrons riding between the Clinton Terrace area and the "Tower" business district, a distance of only three miles.

According to applicant there is no other common carrier handling local passengers in the area proposed to be served. Applicant further alleges that in the event it is authorized to eliminate the present zone system it will file a revised tariff with the Commission deleting the present extra zone charge on this route.

After full consideration of the facts, it is the opinion of the Commission that public convenience and necessity require the establishment and operation of the proposed service and the application will be granted. This is not a matter requiring a public hearing.

O R D E R

An application having been filed, the Commission being fully informed, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That the route description as set forth in the service regulations contained in Decision No. 43530 in Application No. 30704 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Commencing at Fresno and Fulton Streets, thence along Fulton Street, Olive Avenue, Weber Avenue, West Avenue, Clinton Avenue, Thorne Avenue, Shields Avenue, Warren Avenue, West Fountain Way, West Avenue, Shields Avenue, Fruit Avenue, to Clinton Avenue."

(2) That applicant is hereby authorized to change the Clinton Terrace Route from a two zone to a one zone route within which the zone 1 city fares shall apply.

The effective date of this order shall be the 1st day of September, 1950.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 1950.

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Justus J. Casper  
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Harold P. Hule  
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Commissioners