

Decision No. 44814

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
P. C. CROSS, doing business as HEMET)
BUS LINE, for permission to abandon)
bus service as a common carrier of) Application No. 31594
passengers, baggage and express be-)
tween Hemet and Idyllwild, in)
California.)

P. C. Cross, in propria persona

O P I N I O N

Applicant requests authority to discontinue and abandon his operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 2-1/4 of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers, baggage, and express, between Hemet and Idyllwild and intermediate points. The route has been operated under authority of a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by this Commission on July 9, 1946, by Decision No. 39177, on Application No. 27497. This operation has been consolidated with applicant's certificated service between Hemet and Riverside⁽¹⁾.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Rowe at Hemet, California, on September 6, 1950, at which time oral

(1) Decision No. 32461, dated October 17, 1939, on Application No. 23028.

and documentary evidence was adduced, and the matter was submitted for decision.

Notices of hearing and of the proposed abandonment were, according to the affidavit of applicant, duly posted in the equipment operating over the line to be abandoned, and at the Hemet and Idyllwild terminals, from August 30, 1950, through September 6, 1950. No one protested the granting of the application for abandonment herein.

According to the testimony of applicant, for a period of about one year following institution of the service in July, 1946, the revenues were almost sufficient to meet operating expenses. However, since that time the revenues have steadily declined, and at the present time the revenues are only approximately one-third of the cost of operation. Even during the summer, which has constituted the period of greatest public travel, operating losses this year have approached or exceeded one hundred dollars per month. Such losses have continued in spite of applicant's efforts to reduce operating expenses.

Upon full consideration of the record in this proceeding it is found as a fact that applicant's motor bus operation between Hemet and Idyllwild has not been, and cannot be made, profitable. Accordingly, the application will be granted.

O R D E R

Application as above entitled having been filed, a public hearing having been held, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and the matter being under submission,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That P. C. Cross, doing business as Hemet Bus Line, be, and he hereby is, authorized to abandon and discontinue his passenger stage service between Hemet and Idyllwild, California, and intermediate points, for the transportation of passengers, baggage, and express.

(2) That the applicant be, and he hereby is, authorized to cancel all fares, rules, regulations, and schedules, applying to said service between Hemet and Idyllwild and intermediate points.

(3) That the operating rights conferred under authority of the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted to P. C. Cross in the order in Decision No. 39177, dated July 9, 1946, on Application No. 27497, over the route along California State Highway No. 74, be, and the same hereby are, revoked and rescinded.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of September, 1950.

R. Z. [Signature]
Justus F. [Signature]
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COMMISSIONERS