

Decision No. 45216

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 REDDING-EUREKA FREIGHT LINES and
 HUMBOLDT MOTOR STAGES, INC., for
 authority to discontinue service as
 a passenger stage corporation between
 Mad River, Weaverville, Lewiston
 Junction and Minersville, and inter-
 mediate points, and to abandon and cancel
 operative right covering such service.

Application No. 31907

J. Richard Townsend for applicants.
Hal F. Wiggins for Field Division
 Public Utilities Commission of the
 State of California.

O P I N I O N

By the application on file in this proceeding, Redding-Eureka Freight Lines and Humboldt Motor Stages, Inc., seek authority to abandon operations as a passenger stage corporation for the transportation of passengers, baggage and express packages between Mad River, Weaverville, Lewiston Junction and Minersville, including intermediate points via Hay Fork, Peanut and Douglas City.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Bradshaw at Redding.

The operations here under consideration are conducted by Redding-Eureka Freight Lines by virtue of a lease arrangement with Humboldt Motor Stages, Inc., authorized by Decision No. 41536, dated April 27, 1948, in Application No. 29230. According to the evidence, the lessee commenced operations on May 20, 1948, and a substantial proportion of the revenue was derived from the transportation of mail under a contract with the United States Government. The contract,

the lessee's president testified, terminated on July 1, 1950, with the result that the revenues received from operations during July and August, 1950, amounted to only \$102.45, as contrasted with operating expenses of \$160.00.

It was also testified that after September 1, 1950, operations were placed on an "on-call" basis and that no requests for service have been received since that time. Applicants assert that express shipments are presently transported as a part of their highway common carrier operations and that passenger stage operations cannot be conducted at a profit without the revenue formerly derived from the transportation of mail. The number of passengers carried during July and August, 1950, were 69 and 44, respectively.

No protests against the granting of the application have been received.

Upon the facts of record, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the continuance of operations by applicants as a passenger stage corporation between the points embraced in the application in this proceeding is not justified. The application will, therefore, be granted.

O R D E R

Public hearing having been had in the above-entitled proceeding, evidence having been received and duly considered, the Commission now being fully advised and basing its order upon the findings and conclusions set forth in the preceding opinion,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Redding-Eureka Freight Lines and Humboldt Motor Stages, Inc. be and they are hereby authorized to discontinue operations as a passenger stage corporation between Mad River,

Weaverville, Lewiston Junction and Minersville via Hay Fork,
Peanut and Douglas City.

(2) That the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by Decision No. 41137, dated January 19, 1948, in Application No. 28870, be and it is hereby revoked and annulled to the extent that it authorizes operations as a passenger stage corporation between the points set forth in the preceding paragraph of this order.

(3) That in exercising the authority herein granted, applicants shall, on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public, cancel existing tariffs and time schedules pertaining to the operations embraced in this order.

This order shall become effective twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd
day of January, 1951.

R. Z. [Signature]
Harold Hule
Rosevelt Potter

COMMISSIONERS