

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 45290

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 MT. LASSEN MOTOR TRANSIT, INC., for)
 authority to discontinue all service)
 between Susanville and the California-)
 Nevada State Line near Purdy and in-) Application No. 32004
 termediate points and Sierra Ordnance)
 Depot, and to discontinue from Novem-)
 ber 1st to April 30th all service)
 between Westwood, Keddie and Quincy)
 and intermediate points.)

O P I N I O N

Applicant, Mt. Lassen Motor Transit, Inc., presently rendering a passenger stage service between Red Bluff and the California-Nevada State Line near Purdy and between Westwood, Keddie and Quincy, among other points, requests authority to discontinue service between Susanville, Sierra Ordnance Depot and the California-Nevada State Line near Purdy entirely and to discontinue service between Westwood, Keddie and Quincy from November 1st of each year until April 30th of the next succeeding year.

The authority to operate between the points that would be affected was granted in Decision No. 24922, dated June 27, 1932, in Application No. 18085, and in Decision No. 35410, dated May 26, 1942, in Application No. 24905.

In justification for the authority sought, applicant alleges that the service between Susanville and the California-Nevada State Line is chiefly interstate in character, in that the main source of revenue is derived from passengers traveling between Susanville and Reno, Nevada; that applicant has now on file with the Interstate Commerce Commission a petition requesting

authority to discontinue all interstate service between Susanville and Reno and intermediate points; that applicant's business has decreased materially between Susanville and Reno since Pacific Greyhound Lines acquired authority to operate between said points in February, 1948; that applicant had previously interchanged with Pacific Greyhound Lines passengers whose origin and destination were between said points; that the distance between Susanville and Reno is 87 miles; that the area along the 87 mile route is practically uninhabited; that its operating loss in 1948 amounted to \$10,256.59, in 1949 it amounted to \$7,684.19 and in the first nine months of 1950 the operating loss amounted to \$7,113.60.

According to applicant the Army would operate its own passenger buses to and from Sierra Ordnance Depot, which is located approximately nine miles from U. S. Highway 395. Applicant further alleges that the operations between Westwood, Keddie and Quincy are seasonal in nature; that the area traversed by this route is largely a summer resort area and such resorts are closed during the winter months; that the highway between these points is frequently closed by snow during the winter months; that during the first nine months of 1950 the average number of passengers handled in this service has been less than eight passengers per month and the passenger revenue has averaged only \$34 per month.

After full consideration of the facts, the Commission is of the opinion that public convenience and necessity no longer require a continued passenger stage service by applicant between Susanville and the California-Nevada State Line on U. S. Highway 395 near Purdy and intermediate points, and between a point on U. S. Highway 395 approximately one mile north of Doyle and Sierra Ordnance Depot; nor service between Westwood, Keddie and

Quincy and intermediate points from November 1st of each year until April 30th of the next succeeding year. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Mt. Lassen Motor Transit, Inc., is hereby authorized to discontinue and abandon operations between Susanville and the California-Nevada State Line on U. S. Highway 395 near Purdy and intermediate points, and between a point on U. S. Highway 395 approximately one mile north of Doyle and Sierra Ordnance Depot.

(2) That Mt. Lassen Motor Transit, Inc., is hereby authorized to discontinue operations between Westwood, Keddie and Quincy and intermediate points from November 1st of each year until April 30th of the next succeeding year.

(3) That the authority to operate between Susanville, Sierra Ordnance Depot and the California-Nevada State Line near Purdy as granted in Decisions Nos. 24922 and 35410 is hereby revoked and annulled. In all other respects Decision No. 24922 shall remain in full force and effect.

(4) That applicant shall file in triplicate appropriate supplements to its tariffs and time tables within sixty (60) days after the effective date hereof and on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public showing the discontinuance of service as heretofore authorized.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23rd day of January, 1951.

R. Z. Johnson
Justus F. Coe
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Kenneth D. Potter

COMMISSIONERS