

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 45328

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of VALLEY MOTOR LINES, INC., for authority to operate over alternate routes between Woodland Y on Highway 40 on the one hand and Yuba City on the other hand, and also over Highway 99E at its junction with State Highway 36 to Red Bluff, California.)	} } } } } }	Application No. 31934
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O P I N I O N

Valley Motor Lines, Inc., in this proceeding, requests authority to conduct highway common carrier operations over two alternate routes, one between the intersections of U. S. Highways 40 and 99W and Yuba City, over and along U. S. Highway 99W from its intersection with U. S. Highway 40 to Woodland, thence along California State Highway No. 24 to Yuba City. The distance over this route is stated to be 52 miles. The second route would be along U. S. Highway 99E between the city of Red Bluff and the intersection of U. S. Highway 99E and California State Highway No. 36, a distance of approximately five miles.

Applicant states that by Decisions Nos. 35972 and 38760 it was authorized to operate via U. S. Highway 40 as an alternate route between San Francisco Bay cities and Sacramento to serve Sacramento and points beyond. It is asserted that traffic moving between San Francisco Bay cities and points north of Sacramento served by applicant must now be routed over U. S. Highway 99E.

Applicant alleges that the following circumstances justify the granting of the authority sought:

1. That applicant has constructed its own terminal at Chico to handle traffic north of Marysville, including Marysville, but finds it impossible to consistently perform an overnight service to the points north of Marysville over the present authorized routes.

2. That there would be an additional saving of approximately 30 minutes by eliminating the necessity of passing through the congested traffic areas on U. S. Highways 40 and 99E through the cities of Sacramento and North Sacramento, which route is presently authorized.

3. That the distance between Woodland Y and Yuba City via the route over which applicant proposes to operate is 52 miles. The distance via the present route is 67 miles. The rerouting, therefore, would result in a saving of 15 miles. These savings, applicant contends will make it possible to render an overnight service to Marysville and points north thereof.

4. That under Decision No. 44933, in Application No. 31396, applicant was authorized to acquire the operative rights and properties of Sacramento-Corning Freight Lines, Ltd. Those operations and rights have been consolidated with that of applicant. It is proposed to handle all traffic formerly handled by Sacramento-Corning Freight Lines, Ltd. for applicant's Chico terminal. This operation will result in an estimated saving of approximately \$150 per day, and will allow for an overnight service to all of the points that were formerly served by Sacramento-Corning Freight Lines, Ltd.

5. That the alternate routes over U. S. Highway 99E beginning at its intersection with State Highway 36 to Red Bluff, a distance of approximately five miles is sought in order to reduce the miles that were formerly travelled when serving points located on

U. S. Highway 99W, on the one hand, to points located on U. S. Highway 99E, on the other hand. That the distance over the presently authorized route from Red Bluff over U. S. Highway 99W to Orland, thence over State Highway 32 to Chico, thence northerly on U. S. Highway 99E to its junction with State Highway 36 is 92 miles. Therefore a saving of 87 miles would be made in serving the points located on State Highway 36 from Red Bluff over the route herein sought. That the distance between Red Bluff and Chico via the presently authorized route over U. S. Highway 99W to Orland, thence State Highway 32 to Chico is 55 miles. The distance from Red Bluff over U. S. Highway 99E to Chico is 42 miles. Therefore a saving of 13 miles will be made through the use of U. S. Highway 99E between Red Bluff and Chico and all points south thereof located on such highway.

Southern Pacific Company, Railway Express Agency, Inc., Merchants Express Corporation, G & H Motor Express, Oregon Nevada California Fast Freight and Johnson Truck Lines, common carriers of property in the area involved, have advised the Commission in writing that they do not oppose the granting of the application.

After full consideration of applicant's request, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity require the proposed operation. The matter does not require a public hearing.

#### O R D E R

Application having been made as above entitled, the Commission having considered the matter, and it having been found that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it hereby is granted to Valley Motor Lines, Inc. authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a highway common carrier, as defined in Section 2-3/4 of the Public Utilities Act, (a) between the intersection of U. S. Highways Nos. 40 and 99W at Woodland Y and Yuba City over and along U. S. Highway 99W between Woodland Y and Woodland, thence along California State Highway 24 to Yuba City; (b) along U. S. Highway No. 99E between its intersection with California State Highway No. 36 and its intersection with U. S. Highway 99W at Red Bluff, as alternate routes to those now used by applicant between said points via Sacramento. Said certificate is granted subject to the following limitation:

No service may be performed from or to any point on either of the alternate routes intermediate to the termini of each of said alternate routes.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted there shall be compliance with the following service regulations:

- a. Applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed 30 days after the effective date hereof.
- b. Within 60 days after the effective date hereof and on not less than 5 days' notice to the Commission and the public, applicant shall establish the service herein authorized and comply with the provisions of General Order No. 80 and Part IV of General Order No. 93-A, by filing in triplicate and concurrently making effective, appropriate tariffs and time tables.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1951.

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JUSTICE J. C. SULLIVAN  
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Commissioners