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Decision No. 4534S

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
M. R. Woods, dba Arcadia Stage Lines) Application No. 31741
to abandon passenger stage service)
between Monte Rio and Villa Grande.)

In the Matter of the Application of)
M. R. Woods, dba Arcadia Stage)
Lines to abandon Stage and express) Application No. 31773
service between Cazadero and)
Petaluma and intermediate points)

M. R. Woods in propria persona;
Frank W. Finn, City Attorney of Sebastopol,
interested party.

O P I N I O N

Applicant M. R. Woods, doing business as Arcadia Stage Lines, requests authority to abandon passenger stage operations between Monte Rio and Villa Grande (Application No. 31741) and between Cazadero and Petaluma and intermediate points (Application No. 31773). The proposed abandonment includes the entire service provided by applicant.

A public hearing in these proceedings was held before Examiner Paul at Sebastopol on December 22, 1950 and the matters were submitted. The only appearance at the hearing, aside from the applicant, was the city attorney of Sebastopol, who stated that the City Council of Sebastopol had considered applicant's request and concluded that it had no objection thereto.

As justification for the authority sought applicant contends that because of the small use made of his service the revenues derived therefrom have been insufficient to meet the operating costs. The record shows the following results from applicant's operations during an approximately 19 months' period from April 15, 1949 to and

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including November 25, 1950:

Gross operating income	\$ 3,259.64
Cost of gas, oil, tires, equipment repairs, license fees and taxes	\$ 2,699.79
Drivers' wages	1,020.00
Depreciation of equipment	850.00
Total expenses	<u>\$ 4,569.79</u>
Net operating loss	\$ 1,310.15

The expenses did not include allowances for advertising, cost of tickets, or office supplies. Prior to June, 1950, applicant did his own driving, but because of insufficient revenue from the operation he was compelled to seek other employment and engaged a driver, beginning in June, to whom he paid wages amounting to \$1,020 covering the period of June to November, 1950, inclusive. According to applicant the coach used in this operation is in need of complete overhauling including a full set of new tires, and he is without the funds to meet this expense.

Evidence of record shows that applicant transported 5,530 passengers during the period January 1, 1950 to and including November 25, 1950. The best months were July and August when 1,063 and 806 passengers respectively were served. In November but 106 passengers used the service and applicant stated that he ceased operation on November 25, 1950 as he lacked the finances to continue.

After full consideration of the evidence of record in these proceedings, the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require passenger stage service by applicant between Monte Rio, Villa Grande, Cazadero and Petaluma. The request to discontinue the operation will be authorized.

ORDER

Applications therefor having been filed, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matters having been submitted and good

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cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That M. R. Woods is hereby authorized to discontinue passenger stage service between Monte Rio and Villa Grande, and between Cazadero and Petaluma and intermediate points, and the operative rights therefor as created by Decision No. 42633, Application No. 30105; Decision No. 43019, Application No. 30630; Decision No. 43217, Application No. 30478; Decision No. 43608, Application No. 30776; and Decision No. 44243, Application No. 31083, are hereby revoked and annulled.

(2) That all effective tariffs and timetables on file with the Commission in the name of M. R. Woods are hereby canceled.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of February, 1951.

R. J. Anderson
James F. Carlsen
Harold P. Kille
Berneth Patten
Peter E. Mitchell
Commissioners