

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 45471

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
GIBSON LINES, a corporation, for an)	
order authorizing seasonal suspension))	Application No. 31768
of service between Sacramento and)	
Yuba City via the Garden Highway.)	

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding, as amended, Gibson Lines requests authority to reduce its present year-round passenger stage service between Sacramento and Yuba City over the Garden Highway via Nicolaus and Tudor to a seasonal operation between the approximate dates of May 15 and October 1 of each year.

The authority requested is based upon the following alleged conditions:

(a) The Garden Highway between Sacramento and Yuba City via Elk Horn Ferry, Verona, Nicolaus, Tudor and Oswald traverses a very sparsely settled territory consisting of large orchards and ranches. During the spring, summer and early fall months these orchards and ranches employ a considerable number of migrant workers who utilize applicant's service from and to points along that route.

(b) Because of the absence of these agricultural workers, during the late fall and winter months the load factor of applicant's schedules along that route is not sufficient to pay the out-of-pocket expenses of the operation. Exhibit "B" of the application indicates that for the calendar year of 1950, applicant operated 13,620 miles, transported 4,243 passengers, and received a total revenue of \$2,681, an average of 14.3 cents per mile. The total cost and out-of-

pocket cost of the operation amounted to \$5,982 and \$2,811, respectively. The out-of-pocket expenses exceeded the revenue by \$130 for the year 1950.

(c) If service were suspended from about the first of October to about May 15 of each season, applicant would be able to save approximately 11,572 miles of operations and \$1,775 out-of-pocket costs. The expected revenue would exceed the out-of-pocket expenses by about \$340 for the proposed shorter seasonal operation.

(d) Approximately 25 per cent of the passengers transported over the Garden Highway route constitute terminal to terminal passengers traveling between Sacramento and Yuba City who could be adequately served by applicant's existing service between Sacramento and Yuba City over U. S. Highway 99E.

After full consideration, it is the Commission's conclusion that applicant's request is not adverse to the public interest and should be authorized. It does not appear that a public hearing in this matter is necessary.

O R D E R

An application therefor having been filed and based upon the conclusions contained in the foregoing opinion,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Gibson Lines may reduce its passenger stage service between Sacramento and Yuba City over the Garden Highway via Elk Horn Ferry, Verona, Nicolaus, Tudor and Oswald to a seasonal service to be operated between the approximate dates of May 15 and October 1 of each year.

(2) That there shall be compliance with Rule No. 19.43 of General Order No. 98.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th day of March, 1951.

R. Z. [Signature]
Justice F. Coe
[Signature]
John L. McNeill

COMMISSIONERS