

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 45725

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
AL SILVA for certificate of public)	
convenience and necessity to operate)	Application No. 32275
bus service between Blythe and Palo)	
Verde.)	

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W. E. Thompson, for applicant.

O P I N I O N

By the application herein, Al Silva requests that he be granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing him to perform a service as a passenger stage corporation between Blythe, Ripley and Palo Verde, a distance of about thirty miles.

A public hearing on the application was held before Examiner Rogers in Blythe on May 9, 1951, evidence was presented and the matter was submitted. It is now ready for decision.

There was no opposition to the application; neither was there any evidence in support thereof, other than the testimony of the applicant. There is no competing carrier.

Applicant has had a taxi business in Blythe for four years, and employs from eight to twelve drivers who drive the four taxis he presently has in service. He frequently transports persons by taxicab between Blythe and Ripley, and between

Blythe and Palo Verde. The taxi fare between Blythe and Ripley is about \$3.00, and between Blythe and Palo Verde is about \$6.00. He proposes to operate a passenger stage between Blythe, Ripley and Palo Verde, for a one-way fare of 60 cents between Blythe and Ripley, and a one-way fare of \$1.00 between Blythe and Palo Verde, and to pick up and discharge passengers at any point along the route, the fares for the short hauls to be 10 cents for one mile and 8 cents per mile for each additional mile, but not to exceed the through fares between Blythe, Ripley and Palo Verde. Applicant proposes to make two round trips per day, and additional service on call.

Applicant does not now have a passenger stage, but proposes to purchase one if he is granted a certificate. He has located several twenty-five passenger buses, each of which would cost from \$500 to \$1,500. Applicant's financial statement, attached to the application as Exhibit E, shows no cash assets whatsoever, but does show tangible assets worth approximately \$7,500, of which sum \$3,600 is the estimated value of his taxicabs.

In support of the claimed public need for the proposed services, applicant testified that the town of Palo Verde has a population of about 500 persons, the town of Ripley has a population of about 500 persons, and the town of Blythe has a population of about 4,200 persons. There is, he stated, no public transportation for persons between Blythe, Ripley, and Palo Verde. He stated that several hundred ranch hands, living in Blythe, work in the vicinity of Ripley, but he had made no

survey to determine how they now get to work or whether all or any of them would use his proposed services. Likewise, he had made no survey to determine how many persons living in the vicinity of Palo Verde wanted or needed public transportation to points between Palo Verde and Blythe. He did state that he talked to the manager of the California Produce Company, located at Ripley. The applicant testified that the manager told him that the Ripley plant has about 300 employees, and that he, the manager, wanted the proposed passenger bus service for his employees. Again, there was no intimation of the number of employees who would use, or might use, the proposed service.

From the foregoing evidence the Commission is of the opinion, and finds, that the applicant has not made a sufficient showing that public necessity require that he be granted the requested authority, and, further, that applicant has failed to show that the public convenience will be met if he is granted the requested authority. The application, therefore, will be denied.

O R D E R

Application having been filed, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and having found that the applicant failed to show that public convenience and necessity require that he be granted the authority requested,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the application of Al Silva for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the operation of a service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 2-1/4 of the Public Utilities Act, be, and the same hereby is, denied.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of May, 1951.

R. J. [Signature]
Justice J. [Signature]
Harold F. [Signature]
John E. [Signature]
COMMISSIONERS