

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 45958

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY TRANSIT COMPANY,)	
a corporation, for authority to)	Application No. 32387
abandon the portion of Line No. 7)	
South of Pioneer Street.)	

John B. Lonergan for applicant. Henry Smith Simmons
for residents in the area, protestants.

O P I N I O N

San Bernardino Valley Transit Company, a California corporation, requests authority to discontinue and abandon service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers over its Line No. 7 between the intersection of Pioneer Street and Waterman Avenue, and the intersection of U. S. Highway No. 99 and Gardena Street.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Rowe at San Bernardino on July 2, 1951, at which time oral and documentary evidence was adduced and the matter was duly submitted for decision.

Notice of hearing and of the proposed abandonment was published in a newspaper of general circulation in San Bernardino on June 22, 26, and 29, 1951, and was duly posted in the equipment operated over Line No. 7 and over the portion

to be abandoned, commencing June 22, 1951, to and including July 2, 1951, the day of hearing.

Approximately one year ago this applicant requested authority to abandon all of Line No. 7. At the hearing on said application evidence was introduced to the effect that, by the abandonment of said line, a saving of \$2,555.40 per year would be effected. The Commission denied this application by Decision No. 44987, dated November 8, 1950, on Application No. 31654.

All of Line No. 7 has continued to operate at a substantial loss. The revenue per mile for the twelve months ending May 31, 1951, was 21.52¢ per mile, which amounts to an out-of-pocket loss of \$3,105.63 for the 48,299 miles operated. This is about \$550.00 more than applicant's estimated loss, and the results include a fare increase commencing October 1, 1950.

On June 11, 12, and 13, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday respectively, a traffic check was taken of passengers on Route No. 7 having origin or destination south of the bridge across the Santa Ana River at Waterman Avenue. The type of fare paid was also included in the count. The count revealed that, on June 11, 44 passengers were carried with such origin or destination. Thirty-eight passengers were carried on June 12, and 32 passengers were carried on June 13. This is an average of 36 passengers per day. They produced an average revenue per day of \$4.10.

Thirteen trips per day are operated over Line No. 7, resulting in 36.4 miles per day being operated over the portion proposed to be abandoned. Thus, for the 36.4 miles of operation,

there is produced a revenue per mile of 11.3%. Applicant estimates its annual operating loss over the portion requested to be abandoned of \$1,804.26. According to the testimony of applicant's president, the time saved by this abandonment will make possible a safer and more economical operation over other portions of its system.

Four residents living on Caroline Street in the 700 block, in the so-called Tri-city area, appeared and testified. These witnesses indicated a personal need for the service south of the Santa Ana River. However, the testimony of these witnesses created no real conflict with the evidence of applicant. The average use by these witnesses of applicant's service was approximately three round-trips per week into San Bernardino.

Upon full consideration of the record in this proceeding, it is found as a fact that the portion of Line No. 7 of this applicant does not serve a substantial portion of the traveling public, and that this portion of applicant's motor bus operation has not been, and cannot be made, profitable. Accordingly, the application will be granted.

O R D E R

Application as above entitled having been filed, a public hearing having been held, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and the matter being under submission,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That San Bernardino Valley Transit Company be, and it hereby is, authorized to abandon and discontinue passenger stage service over its Line No. 7 between the intersection of

Pioneer Street and Waterman Avenue and the intersection of U. S. Highway No. 99 and Gardena Street, all in the County of San Bernardino, a one-way distance of approximately 1.4 miles.

(2) That applicant be, and it hereby is, authorized to cancel all fares, rules, regulations and schedules applying to said service herein authorized to be abandoned by ordering paragraph numbered (1).

(3) That, at least five (5) days prior to the abandonment of service hereinbefore authorized, applicant shall post notice thereof in all its buses.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of July, 1951.

A. J. [Signature]
Justus F. Coe
Harold A. Kula
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COMMISSIONERS