

Decision No. 46246**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of MOUNTAIN STAGE LINE, INC. for)
certificate of public convenience) Application No. 32635
and necessity to operate passenger)
service between Mount Laguna and)
San Diego.)

E. V. Danforth for applicant. R. E. Thomas for
Pacific Greyhound Lines, B. A. Dyland for United States Air
Force, Clay Stuart for Mt. Laguna Lodge, Nicholas Sutherland
for Blue Jay Lodge, and Florence L. Gehring for Mt. Laguna
Service Station, interested parties.

O P I N I O N

Mountain Stage Line, Inc. is presently engaged in
the transportation of passengers and express as a passenger
stage corporation between Julian and San Diego and intermediate
points along State Highway No. 78, under authority of this
Commission^{1/}. Applicant seeks additional authority to operate
as such passenger stage corporation between Mount Laguna and
San Diego over County Road No. J-31 and U. S. Highway No. 80.
Applicant, however, proposes no local service between San
Diego along U. S. Highway No. 80 and a point one mile north of
U. S. Highway No. 80 on said county road.

^{1/} Decision No. 45717, dated May 15, 1951, on Application
No. 30946 First Supplemental.

Public hearing was held at Mount Laguna before Examiner Rowe on September 21, 1951, at which time oral and documentary evidence was adduced and the matter was duly submitted.

The president of applicant testified that it proposed to use a fifteen-passenger Buick vehicle known as a Factory Stretch Out. A driver was to be employed and the service rendered on demand of not less than twelve passengers. This witness further stated that he was informed that the cost of insurance, as will be required by this Commission, would amount to \$631.00 per year.

The representative of the Air Force stated that a maximum of 240 officers and men would soon be stationed nearby, and that the Army was not furnishing transportation for them into San Diego. A share-the-ride program or commercial transportation would be encouraged, and the practice of hitchhiking would be discouraged, according to this witness.

Other residents, firefighters, and vacationists would require transportation especially to carry them to U. S. Highway No. 80, eleven miles to the south, over which Pacific Greyhound Lines maintains transportation service to the Imperial Valley and into San Diego. It appears that there is some public convenience and necessity to be served, especially for transportation between Mount Laguna and U. S. Highway No. 80. However, it does not appear that the service proposed, covering the entire distance between Mt. Laguna and San Diego, would be remunerative.

The Commission finds that public convenience and necessity do not require the granting of the requested authority to this applicant. Its financial statement shows assets of \$3,150.00, and liabilities of \$7,862.96, or a deficit of \$4,712.96. According to the testimony of applicant's president, its operations for last year resulted in a net loss of \$49.00. With the added cost of insurance which will now be required, it is questionable whether this operation can be made profitable. Consequently, no new obligations should be undertaken by applicant until its earnings improve and its financial position is more favorable. The application will be denied.

O R D E R

Application as above entitled having been filed, public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and hereby finding that public convenience and necessity do not require the granting of this application,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Application No. 32635 be,
and it hereby is, denied.

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

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

P. J. Dunnington
President
Justice J. G. ...
Harold Kula
Robert L. ...
Commissioners