

ORIGINALDecision No. 46351

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 SPYROS SKLIRIS, an individual doing)
 business under the name of "Skliris)
 Transit Lines", formerly "Hayward)
 Bus Lines", for Amendment to the)
 Certificate of Public Convenience)
 and Necessity under Section 50-1/4)
 Public Utilities Act, contained in)
 Decision No. 44616, pursuant to)
 Application No. 31015, dated)
 August 1, 1950.)

Application No. 32482

Stacy H. Dobrzensky, for applicant.
George E. Thomas, for Key System Transit
 Lines, protestant.

O P I N I O N

Applicant, Spyros Skliris, doing business as Skliris Transit Lines, presently rendering a passenger stage service between Hayward and Castro Valley and within the residential tract known as San Lorenzo Village, seeks an extension of his existing authority to transport passengers between a newly developed portion of San Lorenzo Village, known as Washington Manor and Castro Valley.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Daly on October 4, 1951. An appearance in protest to the authority sought was made by Key System Transit Lines.

Applicant was authorized in Decision No. 44616, dated August 1, 1950, in Application No. 31015, to operate between Hayward and Castro Valley and within San Lorenzo Village. The proposed extension, a distance of approximately three miles, would cover a newly developed portion of San Lorenzo Village and connect with the Hayward and Castro Valley route via Lewelling Boulevard and Castro Valley Boulevard.

Applicant proposes to operate 30-minute schedules daily from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. He proposes to charge a fare of 15 cents for adults and eight cents for children between the ages of five and 10 years.

According to applicant, he presently owns four busses. At the present time, he testified, he is using two busses on the Hayward-Castro Valley operation and one bus on the San Lorenzo Valley route. The latter route, according to applicant, is operated only three days a week--on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays--due to the poor patronage. The Hayward-Castro Valley route, he claimed, is now patronized by approximately 400 passengers a day. Applicant believes that the proposed extension would meet a need for those 9,000 new residents of Washington Manor, who are presently without convenient public transportation, in addition to improving his San Lorenzo Village route both from an operating and financial point of view.

Applicant failed to introduce any evidence of his financial ability, claiming that his accountant was presently out of the state and unavailable. However, he assured the Commission that an appropriate financial statement would be furnished the Commission upon his accountant's return.

One public witness was called in support of the application. The witness, a resident of Washington Manor, as well as the second vice-president of the Home-Owners Association, testified that the greatest need for public transportation was between Washington Manor and Oakland, particularly during the peak hours. He stated that there also existed a need for public transportation between San Lorenzo Village and Hayward. To avail themselves of public transportation to Oakland and Hayward, he testified, residents of Washington Manor are required to walk 11 blocks to the existing Key System route.

The Key System did not introduce any evidence in support of its protest. Counsel for Key System stated for the record that his client did not feel that it would be in the public interest to grant the requested authority to applicant due to his limited experience in the transportation business.

After full consideration of the evidence, the Commission is of the opinion that public convenience and necessity require the granting of the authority sought.

O R D E R

An application having been filed, a public hearing having been held thereon and the matter submitted,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to Spyros Skliris authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation of passengers between Washington Manor and Castro Valley and intermediate points.

(2) That, in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, applicant shall comply with the following service regulations:

- (a) Applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted, within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days after the effective date hereof.
- (b) Within sixty (60) days after the effective date hereof, and on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public, applicant shall establish the service herein authorized and comply with the provisions of General Order No. 79 and Part 19 of General Order No. 98 by filing, in triplicate, and concurrently making effective, appropriate tariffs and time schedules.

- (c) Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify it by further order, applicant shall conduct the operations authorized in paragraph 1 of this order over the following route:

"Commencing at the intersection of Grant Avenue and Via Alamitos, thence along Grant Avenue, Lorenzo Avenue, West Avenue 152, Norton Street, Lewelling Boulevard, Dover Street, West Avenue 153, Farnsworth Street, Corvallis Street, Drake Avenue, Bethany Street, Post Avenue, Purdue Street, Zelma Street, West Avenue 150, Kesterson Street, Beatrice Street, Lorenzo Avenue, Lewelling Boulevard, East 14th Street, Mattox Road, Castro Valley Boulevard to its intersection with Stanton Avenue."

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of October, 1951.

A. J. [Signature]
President

Justus J. [Signature]

Harold P. [Signature]

Francis P. [Signature]

John E. [Signature]
Commissioners