

Decision No. 46502**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 INGLEWOOD CITY LINES, a corporation, for)
 authority to reroute and regroup certain)
 of its operations in and in the vicinity)
 of the City of Inglewood, California,) Application No. 32613
 and for certificates of public conven-)
 ience and necessity over portions of)
 Freeman Avenue and Century Boulevard in)
 the City of Los Angeles, State of Cali-)
 fornia.)

In the Matter of the Application of)
 INGLEWOOD CITY LINES, a corporation, for)
 authority (a) to abandon operations and)
 service over and along certain public)
 streets in the Westchester District, City) Application No. 32615
 of Los Angeles, and (b) for a certifi-)
 cate of public convenience and necessity)
 to operate applicant's "Line 2" over and)
 along certain public streets in said)
 Westchester District, City of Los Angeles)

In the Matter of the joint application of)
 the INGLEWOOD CITY LINES, a corporation,)
 and SUNSET STAGES, INCORPORATED, a cor-)
 poration, for (a) permission to INGLEWOOD)
 CITY LINES, a corporation, to sell and)
 assign certain operative rights to)
 SUNSET STAGES, INCORPORATED, a corpora-)
 tion; (b) for authority to INGLEWOOD CITY)
 LINES, a corporation, to withdraw from)
 rendering service on Prairie Avenue be-) Application No. 32737
 tween Imperial Highway and Broadway,)
 Hawthorne Boulevard between Broadway and)
 El Segundo Boulevard, Broadway between)
 Prairie Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard,)
 and El Segundo Boulevard between Prairie)
 Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard, all in)
 the City of Hawthorne, California; and)
 (c) for a certificate of public conven-)
 ience and necessity to SUNSET STAGES,)
 INCORPORATED, to conduct a motor coach)
 passenger service on certain streets in)
 the City of Hawthorne, California.)

In the Matter of the Application of)
 INGLEWOOD CITY LINES, a California)
 corporation, for consolidation of opera-) Application No. 32799
 ting rights and for an "In Lieu" certifi-)
 cate of public convenience and necessity.)

Vernon P. Spencer for applicant Inglewood City Lines and applicant Sunset Stages, Incorporated. Fred T. Burt for Westchester High School, and Samuel M. Greene for Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, interested parties.

O P I N I O N

The above-entitled and numbered applications apply to the same general area and were heard together, and, consequently, all will be disposed of by this one decision. For convenience the applicants will usually be referred to in this opinion by the following short titles: Inglewood City Lines will be called City Lines, and Sunset Stages, Incorporated, will be called Stages. Application No. 32737 requests authority on the part of City Lines to sell, and of Stages to purchase, a portion of the former's present operation. Applications Nos. 32613 and 32615 seek authority to effect minor modifications in routes, and the latter application also requests permission to abandon portions of City Lines' operations. Application No. 32799 requests the issuance of an in lieu certificate to restate all the operative rights of City Lines, including the modifications above requested. The different matters will be discussed herein in the above sequence.

Public hearing was held before Examiner Rowe in Inglewood on November 5, 1951, at which time evidence both oral and documentary was adduced and the matter was duly submitted for decision.

Notice of the hearing and of the requested relief was duly posted in all the equipment of City Lines on October 25, 1951, and remained posted until the day of hearing. Like notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Inglewood area of Los Angeles County on October 31, 1951. The City Council of the City of Hawthorne, at an adjourned meeting on October 29, 1951, approved Application No. 32737.

Stages operates as a passenger stage corporation between the City of Redondo Beach, California, and the City of Inglewood and intermediate points, under authority issued by this Commission ⁽¹⁾. City Lines likewise operates within the City of Inglewood and in adjacent territory. Subject to Commission approval, Stages has agreed to purchase from City Lines its operative rights along 135th Street between Prairie Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard, along Ariel Street between 135th Street and 132d Street, along Prairie Avenue between 135th Street and El Segundo Boulevard, and along Broadway between Hawthorne Boulevard and Prairie Avenue for a total consideration of \$1,200, payable \$100 per month for twelve consecutive months commencing at the time of Commission approval.

(1) Decision No. 39448, dated October 13, 1946, in Applications Nos. 27812 and 27813; Decision No. 40072, dated March 17, 1947, in Application No. 28081; Decision No. 40646, dated August 26, 1947, in Application No. 28626; Decision No. 41590, dated May 18, 1948, in Application No. 28626; and Decision No. 44341, dated June 20, 1950, in Application No. 31305.

Stages presently operates motor coach passenger service under authority from this Commission along Hawthorne Boulevard, along Prairie Avenue south of 137th Street, and along Crenshaw Boulevard, each of which operations runs generally in a northerly and southerly direction. This applicant proposes to institute a new service between the intersection of Broadway and Hawthorne Boulevard and the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and 135th Street over Broadway, Prairie Avenue and 135th Street. This will require the approval by this Commission of the transfer of operating rights and the issuance to Stages of a new certificate of public convenience and necessity over Prairie Avenue between Broadway and El Segundo Boulevard.

In this connection, City Lines requests authority to abandon service along Prairie Avenue between Imperial Highway and Broadway, along Hawthorne Boulevard between Broadway and El Segundo Boulevard, and along El Segundo Boulevard between Hawthorne Boulevard and Prairie Avenue. These abandonments will be permitted for the reason that Stages presently serves the public along Hawthorne Boulevard, and the evidence of record shows that there is insufficient public need for service along El Segundo Boulevard between Hawthorne Boulevard and Prairie Avenue, and along Prairie Avenue between Imperial Highway and Broadway. The proposed abandonment along these three streets just described was not opposed. The transfer will be approved because it is hereby found that the public interest will not be adversely affected by such transfer.

No increase in rates will result to the traveling public by the transfer and the operations by Stages as above described. The Commission's approval, however, shall not be construed to be a finding of the value of the rights which are hereby authorized to be transferred.

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Application No. 32613 will be considered next. This application seeks authority to operate along Freeman Boulevard between Arbor Vitae Street and Century Boulevard, and along Century Boulevard between Inglewood-Redondo Road and Freeman Boulevard. This will permit a much needed service during rush periods to a rapidly developing factory district situated easterly of the Los Angeles Municipal Airport and along and westerly of Freeman Avenue. This application will be granted, as it is found that public convenience and necessity require this service along Century Boulevard and Freeman Avenue. No abandonment of service is requested by this application.

By Application No. 32615, City Lines proposes to modify the route presently operated by its 77th Street-McConnell Avenue leg of the No. 2 line by proceeding easterly to Sepulveda Boulevard and using that highway to 77th Street instead of turning north on Airport Boulevard and following the present circuitous route. This leg of the operation now is as follows:

Between the intersection of Manchester Boulevard and Airport Boulevard and the intersection of McConnell Avenue and 77th Street over and along Airport Boulevard, 78th Street, Truxton Avenue, 79th Street, 80th Street, Emerson Avenue, and 77th Street. Applicant City Lines proposes to reoute this operation by using Manchester Avenue west to Sepulveda Boulevard and then proceeding north on Sepulveda Boulevard and west on 77th Street to McConnell Avenue.

Very few people have been using this service along the portions sought to be abandoned. The proposed change will result in better service for the entire area. It will extend service to the recently developed residential area north of 79th and 80th Streets between Truxton Avenue and Emerson Avenue. A direct service will be afforded to the Westchester business district located in the vicinity of Sepulveda Boulevard and Manchester Avenue. It appears that more people will be benefited than the number which will be inconvenienced. Except for the portion of the present route lying between Croydon Avenue and 78th Street and La Tijera Boulevard and Airport Boulevard, the proposed route will be within one-quarter mile of the present route. The Pacific Electric Railway Company operates its Redondo Beach-Los Angeles service along La Tijera Boulevard. This modification will be granted. It must be considered more in the nature of a route change to reach more persons than as an abandonment. No one will be required to walk more than a reasonable distance. None of the changes heretofore discussed will require additional equipment or involve any changes in fares.

There was no opposition expressed to Application No. 32799, which is a request for a restatement of the City Lines' operating rights by the issuance of a new certificate of public convenience and necessity in lieu of all its previously issued rights. The restatement of all of City Lines' operative rights with the modifications approved in the preceding portion of this opinion is found to be required by

public convenience and necessity, and will be accomplished by the issuance to said applicant of a new certificate of public convenience and necessity embodying also the changes requested by Applications Nos. 32613, 32615 and 32737. Coincident with the issuance of such new certificate the certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the following decisions will be cancelled and annulled, so far as they apply to operative rights to be retained by City Lines:

<u>Decision No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Application No.</u>
36351	May 11, 1943	25483
36862	Feb. 8, 1944	25483 1st Sup.
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41063	Dec. 22, 1947	28801
42334	Dec. 21, 1948	29654
42694	Apr. 5, 1949	30004

O R D E R

Public hearing having been held in the above-entitled proceedings, the matters having been submitted and the Commission having found that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Inglewood City Lines, a California corporation, after the effective date hereof and on or before January 2, 1952, may sell and transfer to Sunset Stages, Incorporated, a California corporation, the operative rights over and along 135th Street, between Prairie Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard, over and along Ariel Street between 135th Street and 132d Street, over and along Prairie Avenue between 135th Street and El Segundo Boulevard, and over and along Broadway between Hawthorne Boulevard and Prairie Avenue, all in or in the vicinity of Hawthorne, California.

(2) That Sunset Stages Incorporated, may acquire and thereafter operate said operative rights as an extension and enlargement of, and to be consolidated with, its other operative rights now existing or hereby granted.

(3) That, within thirty (30) days after the consummation of the transfer herein authorized, Sunset Stages, Incorporated, shall notify the Commission in writing of that fact, and shall within said period file with the Commission a true copy of any bill of sale or other instrument of transfer which may have been executed to effect said transfer.

(4) That Sunset Stages, Incorporated, shall comply with the provisions of General Orders Nos. 79 and 98 by filing in triplicate and concurrently making effective appropriate tariffs and time schedules within sixty (60) days after the effective date hereof, and on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public.

(5) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to Sunset Stages, Incorporated, a California corporation, authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as that term is defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation of persons over and along Prairie Avenue between its intersections with Broadway and with El Segundo Boulevard, as an extension and enlargement of, and to be consolidated with, said applicant's other rights now existing and those authorized to be acquired by ordering paragraph (1) herein.

(6) That, in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, Sunset Stages, Incorporated, shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

- (a) Within thirty (30) days after the effective date hereof, applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted to it.

- (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 tables.
- (c) Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify the service or routes by further order, applicant shall conduct operations pursuant to the certificate herein granted to it, over and along Prairie Avenue.

Sunset Stages, Incorporated, is authorized to turn its motor vehicles at termini and intermediate points, in either direction, at intersections of streets, or by operating around a block contiguous to such intersections, or in accordance with local traffic rules.

(7) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to Inglewood City Lines, a California corporation, authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as that term is defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation of persons within and between the City of Inglewood and points in Los Angeles, El Segundo, Lennox, Hawthorne, and in the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County and intermediate points, to be operated as a merged, unified and consolidated system.

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

(a) Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify the service or routes by further order, applicant shall conduct operations pursuant to the certificate herein granted, over and along the following streets and highways.

1. Between the intersection of Manchester Avenue and La Brea Avenue in Inglewood and the intersection of Fairview Boulevard and La Brea Avenue, over La Brea Avenue, Regent Street, Florence Avenue, Hyde Park Boulevard, Venice Way, Acacia Street, Inglewood Avenue, Ellis Avenue, Beach Street and Fairview Boulevard.

Also over La Brea Avenue between Fairview Boulevard and Ellis Avenue, and over Ellis Avenue between La Brea Avenue and Inglewood Avenue.

2. Between the intersection of La Brea Avenue and Regent Street and the Los Angeles International Airport, over and along Regent Street, Market Street, Manchester Avenue, Oak Street, Arbor Vitae Street, Inglewood-Redondo Road, Century Boulevard and Avion Drive.

Also along Century Boulevard between Inglewood-Redondo Road and Freeman Boulevard, and along Freeman Boulevard between Century Boulevard and Arbor Vitae Street.

3. Between the intersections of Manchester Avenue and Oak Street and the intersection of McConnell Avenue and 77th Street in Los Angeles, over and along Manchester Avenue, Sepulveda Boulevard and 77th Street.

4. Between the intersection of Lincoln Boulevard and 83d Street, and the intersection of Sepulveda Boulevard and Manchester Avenue, over and along Sepulveda Boulevard, 88th Street, Emerson Avenue and 83d Street.

Also between the intersection of Lincoln Boulevard and 83d Street and the intersection of Fordham Road and 83d Street, over and along Lincoln Boulevard, Manchester Avenue and Fordham Road.

5. Between the Douglas Aircraft, Inc. plant in El Segundo and the intersection of Manchester Avenue and Eucalyptus Avenue in Inglewood, over and along Douglas Street, Imperial Highway, Inglewood Avenue, Arbor Vitae Street and Eucalyptus Avenue.

Also between the intersection of Imperial Highway and Aviation Boulevard and the intersection of Felton Avenue and Imperial Highway over Aviation Boulevard, 119th Street, and Felton Avenue.

6. Between the intersection of Market Street and Manchester Avenue in Inglewood, and the intersection of 108th Street and Wilton Place in Los Angeles Territory, over and along Manchester Avenue, Fifth Avenue, Century Boulevard and Wilton Place.

7. Between the intersection of Manchester Avenue and Prairie Avenue and the intersection of Imperial Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard, over and along Prairie Avenue and Imperial Highway.

Also between the intersection of Prairie Avenue and 110th Street and the intersection of Imperial Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard over 110th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard.

(b) Within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this order and upon 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, tariffs and time schedules satisfactory to the Commission.

(9) That a separate certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to Inglewood City Lines, a California corporation, not as an addition to, nor as an enlargement of, its existing rights, but commensurate therewith, authorizing it to operate as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation of school children to and from

classes or school functions at public, parochial, or other private schools of high school or elementary grades, between the City of Inglewood and points in the vicinity of said city and intermediate points, subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

- (a) The operative rights in this paragraph numbered 8 authorized are limited to the transportation of school children, and are granted and are to be considered as an addition to applicant's present other certificated rights, but not as an extension or enlargement thereof, nor shall they be consolidated, merged or unified therewith.
- (b) Applicant shall provide transportation for school children either on buses used in the operation of the service herein authorized, or on buses used in the operation of any other authorized passenger stage service.

(10) That, in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted by paragraph (8), applicant shall comply with the following service regulation:

- (a) Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify the service or routes by further order, applicant shall conduct operations pursuant to the certificate granted in ordering paragraph numbered (9) over and along the following streets and highways:

1. Between the intersection of Arbor Vitae Street and Inglewood Avenue and the intersection of 119th Street and Cherry Avenue, over and along Inglewood Avenue, 111th Street, Prairie Avenue, Imperial Avenue and Cherry Avenue.

Also between the intersection of Imperial Highway and Yukon Avenue and the intersection of Cherry Avenue and 119th Street, over and along Yukon Avenue and 119th Street.

2. Between the intersection of Imperial Highway and Prairie Avenue and the intersection of Aviation Boulevard and 118th Street, over and along Imperial Highway Acacia Avenue, 118th Street, Felton Avenue, 121st Street, Anza Avenue and 118th Street.

Also along Acacia Avenue between 118th Street and 119th Street.

3. Between the intersection of Century Boulevard and Doty Avenue and the intersection of 96th Street and Van Ness Avenue, over and along Doty Avenue, 113th Street, Lemoli Avenue, 108th Street, Crenshaw Boulevard, Century Boulevard and Van Ness Avenue.

(11) That, within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days after the effective date hereof, Inglewood City Lines shall file a written acceptance of both the certificates of public convenience and necessity granted to it.

(12) That Inglewood City Lines be, and it hereby is, authorized to abandon and discontinue its passenger stage service over and along the following-named streets and highways between the following-named points:

- (a) Along Prairie Avenue between its intersections with Imperial Highway and Broadway.
- (b) Between the intersection of Broadway and Hawthorne Boulevard and the intersection of El Segundo Boulevard and Prairie Avenue over and along Hawthorne Boulevard and El Segundo Boulevard.
- (c) Between the intersection of Airport Boulevard and Manchester Avenue and the intersection of 77th Street and Emerson Avenue over and along Airport Boulevard, 78th Street, Truxton Avenue, 79th Street, 80th Street and Emerson Avenue.

(13) That said Inglewood City Lines be, and it hereby is, authorized to cancel all fares, rules, regulations, and schedules applying to said service herein authorized to be abandoned.

(14) That all of the passenger stage operative rights superseded by the two certificates granted to Inglewood City Lines, which were granted or modified by the decisions listed below, are hereby cancelled, revoked and annulled, provided, however, that the operating rights herein authorized to be transferred to Sunset Stages, Incorporated, shall remain in full force and effect, and shall not be affected by this paragraph of this order. The decisions just referred to are:

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(15) That, at least ten (10) days prior to the changes and abandonments of service herein authorized, Inglewood City Lines and Sunset Stages, Incorporated, shall advise the public of their respective service changes by posting at their terminals

and in all their buses over each of the lines affected, a plainly visible explanatory notice describing the abandonment or change of routes affecting such line.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4th day of December, 1951.

R. T. Anderson
PRESIDENT
Justice F. Coe
Harold A. Hill
Samuel H. Pitts
John L. Mitchell
COMMISSIONERS