

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 46989

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
ORANGE BELT STAGES, a copartnership,)
for authority to operate bus service)
between Visalia and Farmersville via)
Linnell Farm Labor Center.)

Application No. 33231

O P I N I O N

Orange Belt Stages, a partnership, operates as a passenger stage corporation between Exeter and Hanford serving Farmersville, Visalia, Visalia Airport and Goshen Junction and intermediate points under authority of this Commission. (1) By this application, applicant requests authority for an additional route between Visalia and Farmersville via Linnell Farm Labor Center along County Roads 20N and 37E. As justification for this request, the application alleges that at present residents of Linnell Farm Labor Center are required to walk one mile in order to board applicant's bus on State Highway 198 or on County Road 21N.

A copy of a letter addressed to applicant by Ferris R. Sherman, Executive Director of Housing Authority of Tulare County, is attached to the application. This letter states that Linnell Farm Labor Center is located one mile north and one mile west of Farmersville, California. It consists of 299 metal cabins, 30 apartments and 49 garden homes, with a population high of 1,141 in October and a low of 658 in July with an average during 1951 of 950 persons. Many tenants, Mr. Sherman states, have no means of transportation except by riding with their neighbors. He gives his opinion that if it is possible to route the stages past the project, it will prove profitable to the stage company and a convenience to the tenants of the Center.

The application alleges that no new or different fares or

(1) Decision No. 37125 dated June 13, 1944 in Application No. 25848; Decision No. 26662 dated December 18, 1933 in Application No. 19233; and Decision No. 27480 dated October 29, 1934 in Application No. 19233.

rates are involved and that the current tariffs of applicant and its rules and regulations will apply to and govern the fares, rates and charges with respect to this transportation of passengers, baggage and express. Applicant proposes to operate three of the seven present schedules in each direction over the new route and four schedules in each direction over the presently authorized route along State Highway 198 and County Road 21N.

No changes in distances of operation will be involved. Consequently, no new equipment will be required and operating expense will not be materially affected. There are at present an adequate number of vacant seats on the buses operated locally between Visalia and Farmersville to accommodate the anticipated increase in traffic due to the proposed change in operation. There are no common carriers operating in the area to be affected by this change.

The authority sought appears to be required by public convenience and necessity and will be granted. A public hearing is unnecessary.

O R D E R

An application therefor having been filed, the Commission being fully informed therein and it being hereby found that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to Thoburn S. Haworth, Ruth Healy Haworth, Bryan W. Haworth, Margaret Haworth and Emelie Haworth, copartners doing business as Orange Belt Stages, authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code,

