Decision No. 47025

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of MOUNTAIN STAGE LINE, a California corporation, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to extend an existing passenger stage service including incidental baggage and express (on call) between Whispering Fines and Banner Queen Ranch and between Mt. Laguna Resorts (Burnt Rancheria) and Fine Valley.

Application No. 33224

<u>O P I N I O N</u>

Mountain Stage Line, Inc., a California corporation, presently operates a passenger stage service between San Diego and Julian, and between Julian, on the one hand, and, on the other, Whispering Pines, Burnt Rancheria, Cuyamaca and Pine Hills Lodge, over designated routes. Authority is sought herein to extend its motor coach service from Whispering Pines to Banner Queen Ranch via unnumbered highway to junction with State Highway 78, thence via State Highway 78 ✓ to Banner Queen Ranch, and from Mt. Laguna Resorts, and Burnt Rancheria, via unnumbered highway to Pine Valley. The service proposed is an on-call service.

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Decision No. 44212, dated May 23, 1950, on Application No. 30946, as amended; Decision No. 44297, dated June 13, 1950, on Application No. 30946, as amended; Decision No. 45717, dated May 15, 1951, on Application No. 30946, as amended; Decision No. 45599, dated April 17, 1951, on Application No. 31917, as amended; and Decision No. 45644, dated May 1, 1951, on Application No. 31917.



It is alleged that the proposed extension to Banner Queen Ranch will provide service to a large recreation area in the Laguna Mountains, as well as a sightseeing service to various points of interest, and to a dude ranch.

Applicant proposes to provide service in this area for both regular transportation and sightseeing on the same vehicles and schedules. It is further alleged that the proposed service to Pine Valley will provide a short route between Ramona, Julian, and intermediate points, on the one hand, and, on the other, points along U. S. Highway 80 east of Pine Valley, in lieu of a present circuitous route via San Diego.

There are no existing carriers in the area who can provide the service proposed. Pacific Greyhound Lines, which operates along U. S. Highway 80, has advised that it has no objections to the application, providing the following restriction be incorporated:

> No passengers, baggage or express shall be transported locally between Pine Valley and a point one mile north of Laguna Junction (intersection of U. S. Highway 80 and Laguna Mountain Road) on Laguna Mountain Road.

After consideration of this matter, we find the proposal to be in the public interest and, accordingly, the application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary. A schedule of the proposed rates to be charged has been filed with the application, and the equipment to be used will be the present equipment now being operated by applicant.

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Application as above entitled having been filed, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and hereby finding 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 Mountain Stage Line, Inc., a California corporation, authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation of persons, baggage and express, limited to shipments of 100 pounds or less, between Whispering Pines and the Banner Queen Ranch and intermediate points, and between the Mt. Laguna Resorts and Burnt Rancheria, on the one hand, and Pine Valley on the other hand, and intermediate points, as an extension and enlargement of and to be consclidated with applicant's existing rights in said territory, subject to the following restriction:

> No passengers, baggage or express shall be transported locally between Pine Valley and a point one mile north of Laguna Junction (intersection of U. S. Highway 80 and Laguna Mountain Road) on Laguna Mountain Road.

(2) That, in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, there shall be compliance with 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.

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- (b) Within sixty (60) days after the effective date hereof, and upon not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public, applicant shall establish the service herein authorized and file in triplicate and concurrently make effective tariffs and time schedules satisfactory to the Commission.
- (c) Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify such at any time, Mountain Stage Line, Inc. shall conduct said passenger stage operation over and along the following-described routes:

Commencing at Whispering Pines, thence via unnumbered highway to its junction with State Highway 78, and thence via State Highway 78 to Banner Queen Ranch, and return via the same route.

Commencing at Mt. Laguna Resorts and Burnt Rancheria, thence via unnumbered highway to Pine Valley.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20)

days after the date hereof. Dated at Sauthallance California, this 22nd Paril 1952. day of resident Commissioners