

ORIGINALDecision No. 47067

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 FRANK J. BARKO, doing business as)
 FONTANA BUS LINES, for the extension)
 of his line and issuance of Certificate) Application No. 33039
 of Public Convenience and Necessity,)
 authorizing service along the route)
 abandoned by Riverside Transit Lines.)

Murphy and Olio by Mildred Murphy, for applicant.
Albert Ford, City Attorney, for City of Riverside.
Bert T. McKissack, for Transit Securities Co.; and
R. A. Hardeman, for Committee on Bus Transportation,
 City of Riverside, interested parties.

O P I N I O N

Frank J. Barko, doing business as Fontana Bus Lines, applicant, now operates a passenger stage service in Fontana and vicinity, including a service between Fontana, Ontario, Colton and Riverside and several other smaller communities. By this application it is proposed to extend said service from downtown Riverside to the Canyon Crest Housing Project, March Air Force Base, and the Blaine Street Housing Project, over and along the same routes formerly traversed by the Riverside Transit Lines, a public utility passenger stage corporation.

A public hearing was held in Riverside before Examiner Chiesa. Oral and documentary evidence having been adduced, the matter was submitted for decision.

The evidence shows that service between Riverside and the said air base and housing projects was established several years ago pursuant to certificates of public convenience and necessity granted by this Commission to Riverside Transit Lines (Decisions Nos. 45234 and 45637), and that said passenger service was discontinued by said Riverside Transit Lines, due to financial difficulties, in or about October, 1951.

After Riverside Transit Lines lost its operating equipment, it arranged with Barko to continue the service with the latter's equipment.

It appears from the testimony of record that the former operator is defunct and not financially able to re-establish the service.

Upon the evidence of record we find that a public need exists for the continuation of a passenger stage service between Riverside, on the one hand, and Canyon Crest Housing Project, March Air Force Base, and the Blaine Street Housing Project, on the other hand, and the applicant is able and willing to perform said service.

Applicant proposes to consolidate the passenger service with his present operations. The present Corona-Riverside service will be consolidated with the present Blaine Street service, thereby releasing the flexible-type buses exclusively for the March Field service, which requires a different type of equipment due to the terrain traversed. Corona-Riverside and Blaine Street patrons will benefit by a longer ride, with no increase in fare, due to the consolidation of the lines heretofore operated by different carriers. Applicant proposes to make such schedule revisions and equipment purchases as might become necessary to meet the needs of the public.

The application was not opposed. A notice of this hearing was forwarded by mail to Riverside Transit Lines at its last known address. No one appeared at the hearing in behalf of Riverside Transit Lines.

Having fully considered the matter, and it appearing that public convenience and necessity require that the passenger stage service as proposed herein be established, the application will be granted.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and having found that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and the same hereby is, granted to Frank J. Barko, an individual, 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 between the City of Riverside, on the one hand, and the Canyon Crest Drive Housing Project, March Air Force Base, and the intersection of Loma Vista Street and Dwight Street, on the other hand, and intermediate points, as an extension and enlargement of and to be consolidated with his present operating rights.

(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.
- (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, Frank J. Barko shall conduct said passenger stage operations over and along the following described routes:

Beginning at the intersection of Market Street and Eighth Street in the City of Riverside, thence along Market Street, Third Street, Blaine Street, an unnamed street to Kansas Avenue, Kansas Avenue, Linden Street, Dwight Street, Loma Vista Street, Kansas Street to its intersection with Linden Street.

Also beginning at the intersection of Market Street and Eighth Street, thence along Eighth Street, U. S. Highway 395, to March Air Force Base.

Also along Canyon Crest Drive between U. S. Highway 395 and Linden Street.

Applicant 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of April, 1952.

A. J. Johnson
President

Harold P. Hull

Annette Patten

John E. ...

Commissioners

Commissioner Justus F. Craemer, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.