

Decision No. 47270**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 DAVID C. HALL, for authority to dis-)
 continue and abandon operation of) Application No. 33251
 an automotive service as a common)
 carrier of persons between Marysville)
 and La Porte, California.)

William H. Clyne, for applicant.

O P I N I O N

Applicant has been engaged in the business of carrying passengers as a passenger stage corporation between Marysville and La Porte, California under authority of this Commission. By the (1) above-entitled application he seeks to abandon this service.

A public hearing was held in Marysville on May 20, 1952, before Examiner Rowe, at which time evidence was adduced and the matter was duly submitted for decision.

Notice of the hearing and of the proposed abandonment was posted in a conspicuous place in the transportation vehicle and at the terminal of David C. Hall, the applicant, doing business as Marysville La Porte Stage Company, on May 15, 1952 and published in a newspaper of general circulation in the area on May 12, 1952. However, no one other than applicant appeared at the hearing and no one protested the granting of the requested relief.

Applicant testified that since the lifting of restrictions on the use of gasoline following World War II his passenger stage

(1) Decision No. 29339 dated December 7, 1936 in Application No. 20875 and Decision No. 31659 dated January 16, 1939 in Application No. 22418.

operation has been unremunerative. The total revenue for the year 1951 aggregated \$82.70. He stated that except during periods of heavy snowfall when private automobiles could not move into or out of La Porte the public did not use his service. At such times applicant has had as many as three persons purchase transportation at a round-trip fare of \$2.00 each, or a total revenue of \$6.00. In order to perform this service at such times applicant has been forced to employ a caterpillar and sled over the last 15 miles to La Porte. Such a trip requires 40 gallons of gasoline or a cost of \$10.00 for gasoline alone. During the Spring, Summer and Fall months he testified that on the average he has carried only one passenger per week.

Upon full consideration of the record in this proceeding, it is found as a fact that applicant's passenger stage operation between Marysville and La Porte has not been and cannot be made profitable and that the public interest will not be adversely affected by authorizing the abandonment of this operation. Accordingly the application will be granted.

O R D E R

Application as above-entitled having been filed, a public hearing having been held, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and the matter being under submission,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That David C. Hall doing business as Marysville La Porte Stage Company, be and he hereby is authorized to abandon and discontinue his passenger stage service between Marysville and La Porte, California and intermediate points.

(2) That all fares, rules, regulations, and schedules applying to his passenger stage operation are hereby canceled and annulled.

(3) That the passenger stage operating rights conferred under authority of the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by Decision No. 29339 dated December 7, 1936 in Application No. 20875, be and they hereby are revoked and rescinded.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of June, 1952.

A. E. [Signature]
President
James J. [Signature]
Harold P. [Signature]
Kenneth [Signature]
W. E. [Signature]
Commissioners