

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 47332

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
F. B. ARCHER and F. B. ARCHER, JR.,)	
for authority to abandon service)	Application No. 33241
between Redwood City and Pescadero)	
and between La Honda and San Gregorio.))	

F. B. Archer for applicants.
Calvin A. Geppert for Cresta La Honda Guild, Inc., as
 interested party.
Albert H. Gammo, Jr., for residents of La Honda, protestants.

O P I N I O N

F. B. Archer and F. B. Archer, Jr., have been performing service as a passenger stage corporation under authority of this Commission ⁽¹⁾ since early in 1949. This application requests authority to abandon all authorized service between Redwood City and Pescadero and between La Honda and San Gregorio. As justification for the requested relief it is alleged that insurance costs for this operation have increased from \$246 last year to \$640 this year and that due to the lack of traffic, applicant is not able to pay the increased cost of insurance.

Public hearings were held before Examiner Rowe in Pescadero on May 12, and May 26, 1952. Oral and documentary evidence was adduced and the matter was submitted for decision.

Notice of the request to abandon and of the hearings was duly given by publication. The elder applicant testified that the operation resulted in revenue aggregating \$1,860 until May 1, 1951. The next year ending March 1, 1952, produced a revenue of \$987. He stated that with the increased expense of insurance and in the light of dwindling revenues applicants were unwilling to "gamble upon the future revenue" and take out this required insurance at a premium of \$640. Consequently, all passenger stage operations were abandoned

(1) Decision No. 42543, dated February 25, 1949, in Application No. 30014.

on March 1, 1952, as required by General Order No. 101. Protestants offered no evidence except one letter written by a regular rider who stated that some persons regularly use this service. This letter was received pursuant to stipulation. A total yearly revenue of \$987 with an insurance cost of \$640 deducted would leave a balance of \$347. From this latter sum must also be deducted operating expense and driver's salary, which would more than wipe out any profit. Consequently the Commission finds as a fact that applicant's passenger stage operation is not remunerative, and that the abandonment of this operation should be authorized. 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 F. B. Archer and F. B. Archer, Jr., be and they hereby are authorized to abandon and discontinue their passenger stage service between Redwood City and Pescadero and between La Honda and San Gregorio and intermediate points.

(2) That all fares, rules, regulations and schedules, applying to their passenger stage operation between said points, are hereby cancelled and annulled.

(3) That the passenger stage operating rights conferred under authority of the certificate of public convenience and necessity acquired by applicants by Decision No. 42543, dated February 25, 1949, in Application No. 30014, be and they hereby are

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revoked and rescinded.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of June, 1952.

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Justin J. Quisenberry
Harold P. Kels
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COMMISSIONERS