

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 47895

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )	
GUSTAVE W. METZ, an individual, doing)	
business as DELANO BUS LINE, for )	Application No. 33694
authority to suspend for a period of )	
one year its passenger stage service.)	

Gustave W. Metz, in propria persona

O P I N I O N

Gustave W. Metz, acquired operative rights and has been performing service as a passenger stage corporation under authority of this Commission since April, 1951. During all this time applicant has regularly suffered a deficit in spite of an increase in fares effective in January, 1952. The present application requests that applicant be authorized to suspend operations for one year.

Public hearing was held before Examiner Rowe in Delano, California, on October 21, 1952. Oral and documentary evidence was adduced and the matter was duly submitted for decision. Notice of the hearing was published on October 9, 1952, in a Delano newspaper of general circulation.

According to applicant's testimony his operating revenue during the first seven months of the present year amounted to \$755.20 while operating expenses, not including salary to himself, aggregated \$890.41. During this period his operating loss, therefore, amounted to \$135.21. Applicant suspended operations in August rather than pay an additional sum of \$421.44 then due for insurance. In further support of his application he stated that the various owners of the ranches he serves have been furnishing

free transportation to Delano for their employees. As long as this free transportation continues the public need for applicant's service is largely eliminated, but should the policy of the ranchers furnishing free transportation be changed this need may be revived. In the event this free transportation should be eliminated, applicant will be expected to advise the Commission.

The Commission finds that applicant's passenger stage operation is not remunerative under the above conditions and that the requested suspension of operations 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 the passenger stage operating rights conferred under authority of the certificate of public convenience and necessity acquired by applicant Gustave W. Metz doing business as Delano Bus Line by Decision No. 45425 dated March 6, 1951, in Application No. 32123, be and they hereby are suspended for the period of one year after the effective date hereof.

(2) That all fares, rules, regulations and schedules, applying to his passenger stage operation between said points, are hereby suspended for a period of one year after the effective date hereof.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 1952.

*A. J. [Signature]*  
PRESIDENT  
*Justin F. [Signature]*  
*Harold P. [Signature]*  
*Kenneth [Signature]*  
*John E. [Signature]*  
COMMISSIONERS