

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 48770

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 MELVIN H. BUNTING, dba LEE'S AUTO )  
 STAGE LINE for certificate of public )  
 convenience and necessity to operate )  
 passenger service over and along )  
 certain streets as extensions of )  
 existing routes in Rialto, )  
 San Bernardino County, California, )  
 and schedule for such service. )

Application No. 34296

O P I N I O N

Applicant, Melvin H. Bunting, is an individual doing business under the name of Lee's Auto Stage Line. He operates a passenger stage line pursuant to authority from this Commission<sup>1</sup> between San Bernardino and Rialto and between Bloomington and Rialto. Between San Bernardino and Rialto the service is rendered via Foothill Boulevard. By the application herein applicant requests authority to add a new service entirely in the City of Rialto over the following route: from the intersection of Etiwanda Avenue and Sycamore Avenue, thence via Sycamore Avenue, Victoria Street, Riverside Avenue, Rosewood Street, Rosewood Court, Willow Avenue, First Street, Riverside Avenue, Center Street, Sycamore Avenue, Arrow Avenue and Acacia Avenue to its intersection with Foothill Boulevard.

<sup>1</sup> Decision No. 33887, dated February 11, 1941, on Application No. 23894; Decision No. 46590, dated December 21, 1951, on Application No. 32922.

Applicant alleges that he has received repeated requests from public bodies and private individuals for the proposed service.

An associate transportation engineer for the Commission reported that the proposed extension would serve thickly populated areas on either side of Willow Avenue and five new housing projects recently completed, two of which are located north and east of Rosewood Street, one on both sides of Arrow Avenue between Sycamore Avenue and Acacia Avenue, and two on both sides of Acacia Avenue between Foothill Boulevard and McKinley Street. Over 1,000 homes, he stated, have already been completed in these five housing projects and more are under construction.

The City of San Bernardino and the City of Rialto have recommended that the application be granted.

Applicant's proposed time schedule is set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to the application. This schedule provides for six round trips per day starting at 8:30 a.m. from Etiwanda and Sycamore Avenues, service to be rendered hourly with no Sunday or holiday service. The buses will continue from the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Arrow Avenue into San Bernardino. This service, together with applicant's existing San Bernardino, Rialto to Bloomington line, will result in half-hourly service between San Bernardino and Rialto.

No new equipment will be required. Existing fares will be charged for the service proposed, <sup>2</sup> i.e., 10 cents for

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<sup>2</sup> See passenger fares of Melvin H. Bunting, dba Lee's Auto Stage Line, set out in Cal. P.U.C. No. 7, Local Passenger Tariff No. 7, and Supplement No. 1 to Cal. P.U.C. No. 7.

adults and 5 cents for children in Rialto, with additional fares outside the city.

Applicant made a profit from his operations during the year 1952 of approximately \$6,000.

Pacific Electric Railway Company, the only passenger carrier operating in the vicinity of the proposed extension, has stated that it has no objection to the granting of the requested authority.

Upon the allegations of the verified application and the records of this Commission, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity require that the applicant be given the authority he has requested. A public hearing is not necessary.

ORDER

The Commission having found 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 Melvin H. Bunting, doing business as Lee's Auto Stage Line, authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a passenger stage corporation, as that term is defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation of persons between the intersection of Etiwanda Avenue and Sycamore Avenue, on the one hand, and the intersection of Acacia Avenue and Foothill Boulevard and intermediate points, all in the City of Rialto, on the other hand, as an extension of and to be consolidated with applicant's existing rights.

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

- (a) Within thirty days after the effective date hereof, applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted.
- (b) Within sixty days after the effective date hereof, and upon not less than five 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, Melvin H. Bunting, doing business as Lee's Auto Stage Line, shall conduct said passenger stage operations over and along the following described route:

From the intersection of Etiwanda Avenue and Sycamore Avenue, via Sycamore Avenue, Victoria Street, Riverside Avenue, Rosewood Street, Rosewood Court, Willow Avenue, First Street, Riverside Avenue, Center Street, Sycamore Avenue, Arrow Avenue, Acacia Avenue to its intersection with Foothill Boulevard.

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 days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1953.

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President

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Commissioners