

ORIGINALDecision No. 49466

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of Thoburn S. Haworth, Ruth)	
Healey Haworth, Bryan W. Haworth)	
and Margaret Haworth, co-partners)	
doing business under the fictitious)	Application No. 34912
name of Orange Belt Stages, a)	
common carrier, for a Certificate)	
of Public Convenience and Necessity)	
authorizing realignment of certain)	
routes in the vicinity of Visalia)	
Airport.)	

OPINION AND ORDER

On November 27, 1953, Orange Belt Stages filed an application to reroute its service between Hanford and Visalia by reason of the construction of the new freeway on U. S. Highway 99 at its intersection with State Highway 198.

Orange Belt Stages is presently authorized to operate between Hanford and Visalia over State Highway 198 through its point of intersection with U. S. Highway 99, known as Visalia Airport. (1) At this point applicant has been interchanging passengers with connecting carriers operating over U. S. Highway 99.

The bus depot at Visalia Airport has been demolished to allow construction of a freeway along U. S. Highway 99 in this area. As U. S. Highway 99 through Visalia Airport has been fenced, there is no place at Visalia Airport where applicant can take on, discharge, or interchange passengers. Applicant has obtained a new bus depot at a point known as Goshen Junction, one and a half miles north of Visalia Airport on U. S. Highway 99.

(1) Decision No. 48565, May 5, 1953, Application No. 34233; Decision No. 26662, December 18, 1933, Application No. 19233, as amended by Decision No. 27480, October 29, 1934, Application No. 19233.

To enable applicant to use the Goshen Junction depot and to discontinue the use of the Visalia Airport depot, applicant has requested authority to revise its routes as hereinafter authorized.

A copy of the application was mailed to Pacific Greyhound Lines and Santa Fe Transportation Company, the only other common carriers serving the area involved. The existing competitive situation will not be changed by the proposed revision of applicant's routes. No protest has been received by the Commission.

It appears that the proposed rerouting of service is required and that it will meet a public need. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary. Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that applicant's operative rights to conduct a passenger stage service for the transportation of passengers, baggage and express between Hanford and Visalia acquired by Decision No. 48565, May 5, 1953, upon Application No. 34233, and described in Decision No. 26662, December 18, 1933, upon Application No. 19233, as amended by Decision No. 27480 October 29, 1934, upon Application No. 19233; shall be revised to authorize applicant Orange Belt Stages:

(1) To operate passenger stage service on the Hanford-Visalia portion of its route via State Highway 198 to its junction with the county highway known as 14th Avenue West, Tulare County, thence via said county highway for a distance of approximately one mile to its junction with U. S. Highway 99 at the point known as Goshen Junction, thence via U. S. Highway 99 for approximately one and one-half miles to the junction point of U. S. Highway 99 and State Highway 198 at the point designated as Visalia Airport, and thence along State Highway 198, serving

all intermediate points, provided, however, that no local service shall be rendered along U. S. Highway 99 for passengers whose points of origin and destination are both located on said U. S. Highway 99, and

(2) To discontinue service as of the effective date of this order along State Highway 198 between the junction of that highway and the county highway known as 14th Avenue West, Tulare County, on the one hand, and the junction of said State Highway 198 and U. S. Highway 99 at the point known as Visalia Airport, on the other hand.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is hereby authorized to consolidate the new route herein authorized with its presently authorized routes through Hanford and Visalia.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of December, 1953.

R. E. Anderson
 President

James F. Cochran

Wm. H. Patten

John E. Mitchell

Gene Deagan
 Commissioners