

ORIGINALDecision No. 49689

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 GUSTAVE W. METZ dba DELANO BUS LINE,)
 an individual, for authority to sus-)
 pend operation of an automotive ser-) Application No. 35124
 vice as a common carrier of passen-)
 gers for one year.)

O P I N I O N

Applicant purchased the operative rights and equipment here
 involved in April, 1951, pursuant to Commission authority. ⁽¹⁾ In
 November, 1952, he was granted permission ⁽²⁾ to suspend operations be-
 cause of the fact that ranch owners in the area involved had insti-
 tuted a policy of transporting their employees to and from Delano
 without charge, thus rendering applicant's service unremunerative.
 The present application seeks authority to continue the suspension
 of operating authority for an additional year. As justification
 it is alleged that public demand does not warrant resumption of
 service at this time, that operating expenses are still too high to
 allow a reasonable profit and that future demand may warrant re-
 suming operations. No other passenger stage corporation will be
affected.

The Commission finds that resumption of service at this
 time is infeasible and not presently required by public convenience
 and necessity. An additional year's suspension will be authorized.
 However, indefinite suspension of such service appears undesirable.
 Consequently, unless service is restored by November 2, 1954 the
 operative rights of applicant should be canceled and revoked. A
 public hearing on Application No. 35124 is not necessary.

(1) Decision No. 45425 dated March 6, 1951 in Application No. 32123.

(2) Decision No. 47895 dated November 3, 1952 in Application
 No. 33694.

O R D E R

Application therefor having been filed, the Commission being fully advised in the premises, a public hearing being considered unnecessary and the Commission having determined that the Application should be granted,

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. 45-25 dated March 6, 1951 in Application No. 32123, be and they hereby are, suspended for a further period of one year ending November 2, 1954.

(2) That all fares, rules, regulations and schedules, applying to his passenger stage operation, are suspended for a further period ending November 2, 1954.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of February, 1954.

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 President

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 Commissioners