

Decision No. ~~49873~~**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 FRANK J. BARCO dba FONTANA BUS LINES)
 for authority to sell and of CHARLES)
 C. TOWLE and MELVIN H. BUNTING dba)
 FONTANA TRANSIT LINES to buy a passen-)
 ger stage line between Colton and)
 Fontana and (II) for correction of)
 route certificate for said line, and)
 (III) for authority to change name of)
 Riverside operations of Frank J. Barco)
 to Barco Bus Lines.)

Application No. 35203

O P I N I O N

By this application Frank J. Barco seeks authority to sell and transfer his passenger stage operating authority between Colton and Fontana, together with one bus and other minor assets, to Charles C. Towle and Melvin H. Bunting, as copartners, for \$2,831,⁽¹⁾ payable in cash upon approval by this Commission.

It is alleged that the seller, because of illness, is retiring from the transportation business. The buyers are now, individually and not as partners, engaged in similar transportation businesses, Charles C. Towle in San Bernardino and vicinity, and Melvin H. Bunting between Bloomington and San Bernardino. They propose to conduct the service herein requested to be transferred independently of their present operations.

(1) By Decision No. 49612, Frank J. Barco was granted authority to operate a bus service (1) between Riverside and March Field and (2) between Colton and Fontana. Other operating rights then held by him were revoked. In Application No. 35206 Barco also requests authority to sell the Riverside-March Field operation. The two services are operated independently of each other and their sale to different purchasers does not appear to be adverse to the public interest.

The buyers are financially able to continue the service and have the experience and facilities to enable them to do so. No material schedule changes are contemplated and present fares will be charged.

Having considered the matter, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the proposed sale is not adverse to the public interest and, therefore, the application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

The action taken herein shall not be construed to be a finding of value of the property herein authorized to be transferred.

O R D E R

Application having been made, the Commission being fully advised in the premises, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Frank J. Barko may sell and transfer on or before May 31, 1954, to Charles C. Towle and Melvin H. Bunting, as copartners, the operating right and property hereinabove described, said sale to be made substantially upon the terms and conditions of the agreement of sale filed as Exhibit "A" with this application, and said copartners are authorized to acquire and continue to operate said passenger stage service as authorized by Decision No. 49612 and any supplements or amendments thereof.

(2) That applicants shall file in triplicate, and concurrently make effective, appropriate tariffs and timetables within sixty days after the effective date hereof and upon not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public. ✓

(3) That in the event the authority hereinabove granted is exercised, Charles C. Towle and Melvin H. Bunting shall notify the Commission in writing of the fact within thirty days after date of transfer.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of March, 1954.

R. F. [Signature]
 President

Justin F. [Signature]

Kenneth [Signature]

John E. [Signature]

W. [Signature]
 Commissioners