

Decision No. 49950**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)

ROSCOE R. DEATON,)

doing business as YUCAIPA VALLEY)
STAGE for authority to discontinue)
the operation of passenger service)
as a common carrier between Yucaipa,)
Calimesa and Redlands, California.)

Application No. 35269

O P I N I O N

Applicant operates a passenger stage service between Redlands and Yucaipa (Decision No. 45886, dated June 26, 1951). By this application he seeks authority to abandon said service. Authority to abandon a similar service between the same points was granted to a prior operator by Decision No. 45453, dated March 13, 1951.

The present service was established in July, 1951, on the basis of 5 trips daily, except Sunday. The following January service was reduced to three trips daily. Although operating costs have been held to a minimum, revenue has never been sufficient to pay out-of-pocket expenses. The territory served has been surveyed by a Commission engineer and he has reported that a compensable operation is not possible.

The following table shows results of operation for 1953 and the first three months of 1954:

YUCAIPA VALLEY STAGE

Item	1953			1954		
	Annual	Avg. Monthly	Avg. Daily	Jan.	Feb.	March
Revenue	\$2,486.25	\$207.19	\$ 7.97	\$153.15	\$152.85	\$147.65
<u>Expenses</u>						
Repairs	345.00	28.75	1.10	30.00	30.00	30.00
Drivers' Wages	260.00	21.67	.83	-	-	-
Insurance	1,037.64	86.47	3.33	86.47	86.47	86.47
Depreciation	570.24	47.50	1.83	47.50	47.50	47.50
Taxes (not incl. income)	140.88	11.72	.45	15.00	15.00	15.00
Fuel	1,144.75	95.40	3.67	78.82	73.13	84.83
Other	10.68	.89	.034	-	-	-
Total Expenses	\$3,509.19	\$292.40	\$11.24	\$257.79	\$253.10	\$263.80
Miles Operated	25,481			2,075	1,992	2,241
Rev/Mile	9.8¢			7.4¢	7.6¢	6.6¢
Exp/Mile	13.8¢			12.4¢	12.7¢	11.8¢

The report further shows:

"It should be noted that the 1953 expenses include only \$260 for drivers' wages and none for 1954. Likewise, the expenses for repairs do not include any labor costs. The \$260 drivers' wages for 1953 represents the amount paid a driver hired for the month of January. Since that time Mr. Deaton has been doing all the driving and making all repairs, for which he has received no compensation. If a proper charge had been made, the expenses would have been more than doubled. It should also be noted that for the first three months of 1954 the costs of insurance and fuel alone have exceeded the revenue."

It is obvious that the operator is losing money daily and that there is not sufficient public demand to justify the continuation of the service. As applicant's request appears justified the application will be granted. A public hearing would serve no useful purpose and would result in additional losses.

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 Roscoe R. Deaton, doing business as Yucaipa Valley Stage, be, and he hereby is, authorized to abandon and discontinue the passenger stage service he was authorized to establish and operate pursuant to Decision No. 45886, on Application No. 32306, and said decision is hereby revoked and rescinded.

(2) That applicant be and he hereby is authorized to cancel, upon not less than five days' notice to the public and to this Commission, all fares, rules, regulations and schedules applying to said passenger stage operation.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21th day of April, 1954.

A. T. [Signature]
 President

James F. [Signature]

Benjamin [Signature]

John E. [Signature]

Gene [Signature]
 Commissioners