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Decision No. \_\_\_\_\_

**ORIGINAL**

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of LEONARD H. GUEST and )  
 RUSSELL T. SMITH, doing business as )  
 SALINAS TRANSIT CO., for a change of )  
 routes and the granting of an addi- )  
 tional route under certificate of )  
 public convenience and necessity )  
 authorizing passenger stage service )  
 within the City of Salinas and the )  
 immediate vicinity thereof. )

Application No. 35271  
 As amended

Leonard H. Guest and Nolan, Lawson & Hamerly,  
 by Paul M. Hamerly, for applicants.  
Robert M. Elking, for the Salinas Chamber of  
 Commerce, interested party.  
Charles W. Overhouse, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

By application filed March 20, 1954 Leonard H. Guest and Russell T. Smith, doing business as Salinas Transit Co., request authority to modify their presently authorized routes and also request authority to serve another area of the city on a seasonal basis.

Public hearings were held before Examiner Rowe in Salinas on April 14 and June 29, 1954, oral and documentary evidence was adduced, and on the latter date the matter was duly submitted for decision.

According to the testimony of applicants, they have never operated over the routes they had originally requested and as authorized by the Commission but instead had operated their buses over the routes for which they now seek authority. This was done because of many telephone calls from the public. No evidence was adduced on the first day of hearing to justify the request. A further day's hearing was granted so that this evidence could be developed. This was felt

to be justified because applicants were shown to be sustaining heavy operational losses. On the second day of hearing some evidence was given justifying applicants' request to serve the area south of Williams Road along Paloma Avenue, Miami Street, Toro Avenue and Bardin Road. The request to extend Route 1 was abandoned, applicant Guest stating that this entire route had proved unremunerative. By amendment permitted at the hearing the offer to serve the Spreckels plant was changed to a request to serve this area from approximately August first to November first of each year. This period, according to the testimony, was the only time of year the plant was in operation and consequently service was not needed there during the balance of each year.

Applicant Guest further testified that Salinas Transit Co. was losing between \$300 and \$400 per month, that all the firm made in the Alisal area was lost in the rest of the line's operations. He is confident that if the changes requested in the Alisal area are authorized, together with abandonment as will be applied for and the institution of the seasonal service to the Spreckels plant, the total operation will be profitable. The witness further stated that in the future no route changes would be made without prior Commission authorization.

The Commission finds that the public interest justifies the proposed route change in the Alisal area south of Williams Road, and that public convenience and necessity require that applicants extend service on a seasonal basis to the Spreckels plant area. To this extent the application will be granted.

O R D E R

Application therefor having been filed, public hearings having been held and the Commission being fully advised in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to Leonard H. Guest and Russell T. Smith, doing business as Salinas Transit Co., 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 Romie Lane and the Salinas-Monterey Road in the City of Salinas, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, the Spreckels Mill on Spreckels Avenue south of said city, to be operated each year only during the period commencing approximately August first and ending approximately November first as an extension and enlargement of, and to be consolidated with, applicants' existing operative rights in and near Salinas, California.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, applicants shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

- (a) Within thirty days after the effective date hereof, applicants shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted.
- (b) Within sixty days after the effective date hereof, and on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public, applicants shall establish the service herein authorized and file in triplicate, and concurrently make effective, appropriate tariffs and timetables satisfactory to the Commission.
- (c) Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify the service or routes, by further order, applicants shall conduct operations pursuant to the

certificate herein granted, over and along the following route:

From Salinas-Monterey Road along East Romie Lane, U. S. Highway 101, Harkins Road and Spreckels Avenue.

Applicants are authorized to turn their motor vehicles at termini and intermediate points, in either direction, at intersections of streets or by operating around a block contiguous to such intersection or in accordance with local traffic rules.

*FM* (2) (c) (3) That the description of Route 1 in ordering paragraph ~~(2)~~ of Decision No. 49574, dated January 18, 1954, in Application No. 35027, be, and it hereby is, amended to provide as follows:

Beginning at the corner of Salinas, also known as Main Street, and West Alisal, proceeding on East Alisal to the intersection of Towt Street, thence along Towt Street, East Market Street, Quilla Street, Paloma Avenue, Miami Street, Toro Avenue, Bardin Road, Williams Road, Del Monte Avenue, Sanborn Road, Garner Avenue, Williams Road, Juanita Blvd., Sanborn Road, Oregon Street, Linden Street, Kentucky Avenue, Towt Street, East Market Street, Maderia Avenue to Alisal.

(4) That as amended by the first above ordering paragraph said Decision No. 49574 shall remain in full force and effect.

(5) That except as granted by the preceding ordering paragraph, Application No. 35271 is denied.

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

Dated at San Bernardino, California, this 20th day of July, 1954.

John E. Mitchell  
President  
Justin J. Coarasa  
Benjamin P. Potter  
Gene Higgins

Commissioners