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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Melvin J. Duehring and Frank C. Svehla for certificate to operate a passenger stage service between Kelseyville, Lakeport, Upper Lake, Lake County, to Ukiah, in Mendocino County, under the provisions of Sections 1031-1036 of the Public Utilities Code

Application No. 35610

$\underline{O P I N I O N}$

This application, filed July 14, 1954 by Melvin J. Duehring and Frank C. Svehla, requests authority to operate as a passenger stage corporation between Kelseyville, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, the Masonite Plant near Ukiah, serving the intermediate points along State Highway No. 29. There is no other stage service with which this operation would compete according to applicants. The proposed fares would be \$1.00 for a round trip between said plant near Ukiah and either Kelseyville or Lakeport, and \$0.75 for a round trip between said plant and Upper Lake. Applicants also propose to carry one-way passengers who may desire service, consequently appropriate one-way fares should be established too. Three round trips are proposed daily and a twenty-passenger gasoline powered bus will be used.

A financial statement is attached showing assets of \$16,000, including \$1,000 in cash, with no liabilities on the part of either partner. Applicants must be insured against public liability and property damage in the amounts required by General Order No. 101. The Commission finds that applicants are in a financial condition to adequately carry on the proposed operation, which is also found to be required

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by public convenience and necessity. Copies of the application have been served on the Boards of Supervisors of Lake and Mendocino Counties. A public hearing is unnecessary.

Melvin J. Duehring and Frank C. Svehla are hereby placed upon notice that operative rights, as such, do not constitute a class of property which may be capitalized or used as an element of value in rate fixing for any amount of money in excess of that originally paid to the State as the consideration for the grant of such rights. Aside from their purely permissive aspect, they extend to the holder a full or partial monopoly of a class of business over a particular route. This monopoly feature may be changed or destroyed at any time by the State, which is not in any respect limited to the number of rights which may be given.

<u>order</u>

Application therefor having been filed, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and having found that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to Melvin J. Deuhring and Frank C. Svehla authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation as that term is defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code for the transportation of passengers between the Masonite plant northeast of Ukiah, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, Kelseyville and the intermediate points of Upper Lake and points along California State Highway 29, including Lakeport.

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(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, Melvin J. Duehring and Frank C. Svehla 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 upon not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public, applicant shall establish the service herein authorized and file in triplicate and concurrently make effective tariff and time schedules satisfactory to the Commission.
- c. Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify the operations herein authorized at any time, said applicants shall conduct said passenger stage operation over and along the following streets and highways:

Over and along U. S. Highway 101 and State Highways 20 and 29.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof. Dated at ______, California, this _____

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