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Decision No. 50812

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
ORANGE BELT STAGES, a copartnership) Application No. 35848
for authority to operate bus service)
between Ducor and Bakersfield.)

O P I N I O N

Applicants are engaged in operating passenger stage lines between various points in the San Joaquin Valley and between Bakersfield and Paso Robles. By this application filed October 8, 1954, authority is requested to institute service between Ducor and Bakersfield over State Highway 65 and U. S. Highway 99 serving all intermediate points except that no passengers are proposed to be transported locally between the junction of said highways and Bakersfield.

It is further proposed that the grant of authority shall be subject to the restriction that no passengers, baggage or express will be transported in service between Visalia and points west thereof, on the one hand and Bakersfield on the other hand, over applicants' route via Exeter, Porterville, Ducor and the proposed extension of route between Ducor and Bakersfield.

Applicants have filed proposed fares as follows:

Adult One-Way and Round-Trip Fares

Between :		Bakersfield :
and		
	One Way	Round Trip
Ducor	\$.95	\$ 1.75
Terra Bella	1.10	2.00
Porterville	1.20	2.20
Strathmore	1.35	2.45
Lindsay	1.45	2.65
Exeter	1.65	3.00
Farmersville	1.75	3.15
Visalia	@	@

@ - No Fares in effect.

Applicant proposes to charge rates for the transportation of express and to apply rules and regulations governing such rates which are the same as those specified in their Local, Express Tariff No. 1, P.U.C. No. 2 as supplemented and currently effective.

Mileage applicable to the proposed extension of route will be added by amendment thereto. All rules, regulations and charges governing baggage as currently published in National Baggage Tariff No. A-500, Cal. P.U.C. No. 7 issued by National Bus Traffic Association, Inc., agent, will apply to the proposed operation. A frequency of at least one schedule daily in each direction between Ducor and

Bakersfield will be maintained; One 29-passenger Flexible Bus will be used to commence the operation.

As justification for the request the application alleges the proposed service will enable Orange Belt Stages to handle through passengers on its buses between Exeter, Lindsay, Porterville and Ducor on the one hand and Bakersfield on the other without the necessity of causing passengers to be transferred as is presently the case at Delano. Also it is asserted that there is no motor bus service between Ducor and Bakersfield over this route.

Although it is asserted that the proposed service will not directly compete with any other passenger stage corporation, copies of the application have been mailed to Pacific Greyhound Lines and Transcontinental Bus System, Inc. Copies have also been sent to the State Highway Engineer and to the City Clerks of Ducor and of Bakersfield. The attorney for the Department of Public Works has written to the Commission stating that the Division of Highways has no objection to the granting of the application provided no passengers will be picked up or discharged on the portion of U. S. Highway 99 over which applicant proposes to operate and provided that no coaches in excess of 96 inches in width and 35 feet in

length will be used. No objection to a grant of the authority sought has been received.

Applicant is financially able to provide this service. The Commission finds that public convenience and necessity require the proposed service. The application will therefore be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

ORDER

Application as above entitled having been made, the Commission being fully advised and finding 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 Thoburn S. Haworth, Ruth Healy Haworth, Bryan W. Haworth and Margaret Haworth, partners doing business as Orange Belt Stages, authorizing the establishment and operation as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation of passengers, baggage and express not exceeding one hundred pounds in weight per shipment to be transported in passenger vehicles only between Ducor and Bakersfield serving intermediate points, as an enlargement of, and to be consolidated with, their operative rights in this area, subject to the following restriction:

- (a) No passengers, baggage or express will be transported in service between Visalia and points west thereof, on the one hand, and Bakersfield on the other hand, over the route via Exeter, Porterville, Ducor and over State Highway 65 and U. S. Highway 99 between Ducor and Bakersfield.
- (b) No passengers, baggage or express will be picked up or discharged between the junction of California Highway 65 and U. S. Highway 99 and Bakersfield.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, applicant 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, tariffs and time schedules satisfactory to the Commission.
- (c) Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify it by further order applicants shall conduct operations pursuant to the certificate herein granted over and along State Highway 65 and U. S. Highway 99.

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

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

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

[Signature]
PRESIDENT

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COMMISSIONERS

(1) That no claim of value for such franchise or the authority hereby granted in excess of the actual cost thereof shall ever be made by the grantee, its successors or assigns, before this Commission or before any court or other public body:

(2) That the certificate hereby granted shall be without prejudice to the right and authority of this Commission hereafter to exercise fully all jurisdiction vested in this Commission by law with respect to the regulation of the operations and services of the applicant utility.

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

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

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President

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Commissioners

JUSTUS E. CRAEMER

Commissioner E. [Signature], being
temporarily absent, did not participate
in this proceeding.