

ORIGINAL

Decision No: 50847

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation to determine whether the provisions of proposed General Order No. 98 should be adopted and supersede the provisions of General Order No. 93-A pertaining to passenger stage corporations:

Case No: 5098

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Sections 3.08, 3.10, 4.04, 6.11 and 7.07 of General Order No. 98 refer to passenger stages seating ten (10) or more persons or passengers.

Many passenger stages, especially those operating between cities and airports, seat eleven passengers and a driver. These vehicles are constructed in such a manner that it is impracticable or impossible to meet the requirements of the aforementioned sections.

Based upon studies made by the Commission's Transportation Engineering staff, it is deemed desirable to amend Sections 3.08; 3.10, 4.04, 6.11 and 7.07 of General Order No. 98; so as to make their provisions applicable to passenger stages and to trolley coaches only when they seat thirteen (13) or more persons;

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Sections 3.08, 3.10, 4.04, 6.11 and 7.07 of General Order No. 98 be and are hereby amended to read as follows:

3.08 BELL CORDS OR BUZZERS. Every passenger stage seating thirteen (13) or more persons, and every trolley coach, shall be equipped with a bell cord or buzzer which will enable any passenger to signal the driver when a stop is desired.

3.10. GRAB HANDLES. Every passenger stage seating thirteen (13) or more persons, and every trolley coach, shall be equipped with suitable grab handles, stanchions, or bars not less than 10 inches in length, which shall be installed at entrances and exits within convenient reach of persons boarding or leaving such vehicles.

4.04. CLEARANCE LAMPS. Every passenger stage seating thirteen (13) or more persons, and every trolley coach, shall be equipped with at least four clearance lamps mounted at the outer extremities of such vehicles, one amber light on each side near the front, visible at a distance of 500 feet from the front and the side, and one red light on each side near the rear, visible at a distance of 500 feet from the rear and the sides.

6.11. WHEN REQUIRED. Except as provided in Section 6.12, every passenger stage having a seating capacity of thirteen (13) or more persons, and every trolley coach, shall be equipped with an emergency door located on the left side near the rear.

7.07. DRIVER'S SEAT. Every passenger stage having a seating capacity of thirteen (13) or more persons, and every trolley coach shall be equipped with a driver's seat, the seat and back of which may be adjusted as to height and distance in relation to the steering wheel.

2. That the Secretary shall serve a copy of this order on all passenger stage corporations and other interested parties.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of December, 1954

Edith E. Mitchell
President

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Commissioners