

Decision No. 50345**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Margaret E. Waugh, owner,)
 for authority to cancel a portion of)
 operation of the stage line operating)
 from Oroville to Buck's Lake and to add) Application No. 36191
 three days a week of service from Berry)
 Creek P. O. to Brush Creek from December 1)
 to March 1.)

O P I N I O N

By application filed November 17, 1954, Margaret E. Waugh seeks authority to abandon service as a passenger stage corporation and as a highway common carrier between Elk's Retreat and Buck's Lake.¹ She presently holds operating authority between Oroville and Buck's Lake. The portion of her route which she seeks to abandon is in mountainous territory and over a road which is not now being maintained by the County authorities. This service has always been incidental to a contract with the Federal Government to carry the mail.

The Post Office Department has ceased its operations beyond Elk's Retreat. Consequently, the portion to be abandoned is unremunerative and also too dangerous for continued operation. Due to the dangerous condition of the road insurance companies are unwilling to write insurance to protect the carrier. It is alleged that the community of Buck's Lake Lodge will not be without service as it is presently served by a common carrier operating out of Quincy. The Commission finds that service between Elk's Retreat

¹ Applicant also proposes to increase the frequency of service between Berry Creek and Brush Creek from three to six days per week. She needs no further authority to do so.

and Buck's Lake Lodge is no longer required by public convenience and necessity. Abandonment of this portion of the operation will be authorized. A public hearing is unnecessary.

O R D E R

Application therefor having been filed, the Commission being fully advised and finding that a public hearing is unnecessary;

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Margaret E. Waugh be, and she hereby is, authorized to abandon and discontinue service as a passenger stage corporation and as a highway common carrier between Elk's Retreat and Buck's Lake.

(2) That the route description set forth in paragraph (c) of service regulations prescribed by Decision No. 38759 dated March 12, 1946, in Application No. 27031 as amended by Decision No. 38892 dated April 23, 1946, in Application No. 27031 First Supplemental, be and it hereby is, further amended to read as follows:

From Oroville to Elk's Retreat via Bidwell Bay, Berry Creek, Brush Creek, Mountain House and Merrimac, over the Oroville-Quincy-Buck's Lake Road.

Alternate Route

From Berry Creek (approximately) to Brush Creek, via Butterfield Ranch; over Bald Rock Road.

(3) That within sixty days after the effective date hereof and on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the

public, applicant shall file appropriate tariffs and timetables reflecting the authority herein granted.

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

Dated at Southampton, California, this 4th day of January, 1955.

Peter E. Mitchell
President
Justin J. Casella
Paul L. Lutz

Commissioners