

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 51130

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
WILLIS E. HUFFMAN for a certificate)	
of public convenience and necessity)	
to operate a passenger stage service,)	Application No. 36544
as a common carrier, between the City)	
of Hemet, California, and the Township)	
of Idyllwild, California.)	

O P I N I O N

Willis E. Huffman requests authority to establish and operate a passenger stage service for the transportation of persons between Hemet and Idyllwild, California, a distance of 24.2 miles, via Val Vista, Cranston Ranger Station, Strawberry Creek, and Mountain Center, serving such intermediate points en route. Applicant will use a 1954 model International six-passenger travel-all at the commencement of operations, and will procure a larger vehicle if travel warrants. One round-trip per day will be made Monday through Saturday, with no service on New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. He proposes to charge \$1.00 for a one-way trip between Hemet and Idyllwild, \$1.75 for a round-trip between said points, and stated portions of said fares for service to intermediate points (Exhibit "B" on the application). Applicant appears to be in a sound financial position (Exhibit "G" on the application).

As justification for the proposed service, applicant alleges that he is now engaged, under a contract with the United States Post Office Department, in the delivery of mail between the City of Hemet and the Township of Idyllwild, and has been so engaged for the past nine years; that he has received numerous verbal requests that he carry passengers between Hemet and Idyllwild; that Idyllwild is a rapidly growing mountain resort area with a permanent population of over 700 persons and with a seasonal population of over 10,000 persons; that there is no common carrier of passengers operating between Hemet and Idyllwild; and that the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce and interested citizens have endorsed the service herein proposed.

The City of Hemet, the only incorporated area on the proposed route, has no objection to the proposal.

Having fully considered the matter, the Commission is of the opinion, and finds, that public convenience and necessity require the establishment and operation of a passenger stage service as proposed. A public hearing is not necessary.

Willis E. Huffman is 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 as to the number of rights which may be given.

O R D E R

Application having been made, 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 Willis E. Huffman authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation of passengers between the intersection of Florida Avenue and Harvard Street in the City of Hemet, on the one hand, and the post office in Idyllwild, on the other hand, and intermediate points.

(2) That, in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, there shall be compliance with the following service regulations:

- (a) Within thirty days after the effective date hereof, applicant 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 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 such at any time, Willis E. Huffman shall conduct said passenger stage operations over and along the following described route:

Commencing at the intersection of Florida Avenue and Harvard Street in Hemet, thence along Highway No. 74 to Mountain Center, thence along unnamed paved mountain road to the post office in Idyllwild. Return via reverse of the above route.

Applicant is authorized to turn its motor vehicles at termini and intermediate points, in either direction, at intersections of streets, or by operating a block contiguous to such intersections, 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 23rd day of February, 1955.

W. E. Huffman
President
James F. C. C. C.
Mark H. H.

Commissioners