

Decision No. 51270**ORIGINAL**

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 WEST ORANGE TRANSIT CO., INC. for )  
 authority to change its corporate )  
 name; reroute and extend its line; )  
 alter restrictions; establish an )  
 express service; adjust passenger )  
 fares; establish rates for the )  
 transportation of passengers' baggage; )  
 and for Ex Parte Order. )

Application No. 36344

O P I N I O N

West Orange Transit Co., Inc., a corporation, is now authorized to operate a passenger stage service between the Cities of Long Beach and Buena Park, and intermediate points situated easterly of the San Gabriel River channel (Decisions Nos. 48723 and 49943). By this application, as amended, it requests authority to extend its bus operations to Buena Plaza, Stanton, Garden Grove and Disneyland, make some minor fare adjustments, and establish a charge for the transportation of baggage incidental to the transportation of passengers. Applicant also requests a revision of its present restriction prohibiting the transportation of local passengers in the City of Long Beach west of the San Gabriel River channel. A change of corporate name is also requested.

The application is not opposed.

A Commission transportation engineer has reported favorably on the proposed route changes, extensions, and alternate routes, subject, however, to certain restrictions where other carriers have been authorized to operate. A Commission staff report on the proposed passenger fare adjustment, shows that applicant's present fares are on the basis of approximately three cents per passenger mile; that one-way fares range from a minimum of ten cents to a maximum of sixty-nine cents; that present fares were established prior to

April 1, 1954, at which time a Federal tax of fifteen per cent of fares over thirty-five cents was in effect; that fares are constructed so that the total fare, including the tax of fifteen per cent, ended in a zero or five; and that applicant proposes to increase fares subject to the Federal tax, which is currently ten per cent, so that the fares again will end in zero or five. In a few instances the total fare will be reduced for uniformity. It is also proposed to establish fares on approximately the same basis for certain additional points to be served by the extensions requested.

For the year 1955, under present fares and with present operations, the staff estimates a total revenue of \$17,650 and expenses of \$19,323 with an operating loss of \$1,675. Under fares proposed by the applicant, the revenue would be increased to \$18,030 and the operating loss reduced to \$1,325.

The community of Stanton has a population of several thousand and Garden Grove is one of the fastest-growing residential areas in Orange County. Disneyland will open this summer as a major tourist attraction. Buena Plaza is a residential community between Cypress and Knott's Berry Farm. The new service to Buena Plaza will require a slight rerouting with a consequent discontinuance of service along Carson Street between Miller Street and Hansen Street, a distance of approximately one mile. There are only four residences along that portion of the route which will be abandoned.

It has been shown that there is a public need for the proposed service to Buena Plaza, Stanton, Garden Grove and Disneyland, and the Commission so finds. The present restriction, applicable to traffic west of the said river channel, will be revised for clarity and an additional restriction prohibiting local service in the Garden Grove area, where another carrier is operating, will be imposed.

Applicant proposes to carry 100 pounds of baggage free and charge for baggage weighing in excess of 100 pounds at the rate of fifty cents per 100 pounds with a minimum charge of twenty-five cents. The application does not justify this request and it does not appear that any substantial revenue would be derived from such a charge.

The Commission having fully considered the application, as amended, finds that public convenience and necessity require the establishment and operation of a passenger stage as hereinafter set forth and that the proposed adjustment in passenger fares is justified and reasonable. The application will be granted as set forth in the order which follows this opinion. A public hearing is not deemed necessary.

Applicant's proposed change of corporate name is a matter for the consideration of the Secretary of this State.

For the purpose of clarification the Commission will grant applicant an in lieu certificate in place and instead of all operating authority heretofore granted.

#### ORDER

Application having been made, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and having found that public convenience and necessity so require, and that the fare adjustment hereinabove referred to is justified and reasonable,

#### IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to West Orange Transit Co., Inc., a corporation, authorizing it to establish and operate a service as a "passenger stage corporation", as that term is defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation of persons

between the City of Long Beach, on the one hand, and the City of Buena Park and Disneyland, on the other hand, and intermediate points, subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

- (a) No passenger shall be transported whose origin and destination both are west of the San Gabriel River channel.
- (b) No passenger shall be transported whose origin and destination both are east of Pacific Electric Railway Company's Crossing No. 6NC-27.19, west of the intersection of Garden Grove Boulevard and Sandra Place and south of the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Stanford Avenue, all points inclusive.

(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 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 such at any time, West Orange Transit Co., Inc., shall conduct said passenger stage operations over and along the following described routes:

Long Beach-Buena Park Route (including Los Alamitos Naval Air Base Route and Los Alamitos Race Track Route).

Beginning at the intersection of American Avenue and First Street in the City of Long Beach, thence north on American Avenue, east on Anaheim Street, northeasterly on Los Altos Plaza, southeasterly on Anaheim Road, north on Bellflower Boulevard, east on Spring Street, south on Los Alamitos Boulevard (Norwalk Blvd.), east on Katella Avenue, south on Lexington Drive to the entrance of the Los Alamitos Naval Air Station, and return to Howard Avenue, west on Howard Avenue, north on Los Alamitos Boulevard (Norwalk Boulevard), east on Carson Street (Lincoln Avenue), north on Miller Street, east on Crescent Avenue, south on Hansen

Street, north on Grand Avenue to Buena Park, west on Commonwealth Avenue, north on Western Avenue, east on Artesia Avenue, and south on Grand Avenue, returning by reverse of route.

Also, beginning at the intersection of Katella Avenue and Lexington Drive, thence east on Katella Avenue to the main entrance of the Los Alamitos Race Course at Vessel's Ranch, and return by reverse of route.

Long Beach-Garden Grove-Disneyland Route

Beginning at the Long Beach terminus, thence along a portion of the same route as described above to the intersection of Katella Avenue and Lexington Drive, thence east on Katella Avenue, north on Stanton Avenue, west on Main Street (in Stanton), north on Flower Street, east on Cerritos Avenue, south on Stanton Avenue, east on Chapman Avenue, south on Euclid Avenue, east on Garden Grove Avenue, northeasterly and north on Harbor Boulevard to entrance of Disneyland, and return by reverse of said route.

Alternate Routes to be used in conjunction with the regular routes for service to Los Alamitos Naval Air Base, Los Alamitos Race Track, Knott's Berry Farm, or Disneyland.

Along Seventh Street and Garden Grove Avenue between American Avenue in Long Beach and Euclid Avenue in Garden Grove. Also along Los Alamitos Boulevard between Garden Grove Boulevard and Faraquar Avenue and along Faraquar Avenue between Los Alamitos Boulevard and Lexington Drive.

Applicant is authorized to turn its motor vehicles at termini and intermediate points, in either direction, at intersections of streets or by operating around a block contiguous to such intersections, or in accordance with local traffic rules.

(3) That the operating authority hereinabove granted is in lieu of all previous authority granted to applicant and that all such operating authority granted by Decisions Nos. 48723 and 49943 be, and it hereby is, revoked and annulled.

(4) That applicant is authorized to publish passenger fares as set forth on pages 9 and 10 of Exhibit H, filed with this application.

(5) That applicant shall, on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, amend its tariff in accordance with the authority herein granted.

(6) That notice to the public of the rerouting, extension and discontinuance of service as hereinabove authorized shall be posted in all vehicles for at least ten days next preceding the establishment and discontinuance of such service.

(7) That, except as hereinabove authorized, Application No. 36344, as amended, be and it hereby is denied.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1955.

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President  
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