

Decision No. 51449**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 GIBSON LINES, a corporation, for an )  
 order authorizing abandonment of )  
 seasonal service between Sacramento )  
 and Yuba City via Verona, Nicolaus )  
 and Tudor. )      Application No. 36820

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 staff.

O P I N I O N

Pursuant to the authority of a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by Decision No. 35292 dated April 28, 1942 in Application No. 24889, applicant operates as a passenger stage corporation between Sacramento, Yuba City and Marysville, California. The primary service is over and along U. S. Highway 40 and U. S. Highway 99-E. In order to carry migrant farm laborers during the summer months, applicant also has been operating along Power Road, Garden Highway and River Road through Verona, Nicolaus, Tudor and Yuba City to Marysville.<sup>1</sup>

This application, filed March 22, 1955, requests authority to abandon this latter route. As justification for the requested relief the application alleges: that the service has been on a one-way basis and only on Mondays and Fridays; that the bulk of passengers are migratory workers who have obtained employment on the larger ranches; that through cooperation with the employment agencies placing these people on the ranches, the bulk of these workers have been carried in chartered buses; that the carriage

<sup>1</sup> Decision No. 45471 dated March 20, 1951 in Application No. 31768.

of passengers on the regular buses has resulted in revenue which is materially inadequate to meet out-of-pocket costs of operation; that part of this traffic could just as well be handled on the other route, and that there is no public need for the certificated service over the route sought to be abandoned.

Public hearing was held in Sacramento on April 29, 1955 before Examiner John A. Rowe, Jr., at which time evidence both oral and documentary was introduced by applicant in support of the application. Although adequate notice of the hearing and of the proposed abandonment was given to the public and to the Counties of Sacramento and Sutter, no one appeared in opposition to the proposed abandonment.

According to the testimony of record during May, June, July, August, September and October of 1954 only 366 passengers were carried. The revenue per mile amounted to \$0.0939. The out-of-pocket cost per mile using the operation during the month of September as a guide came to \$0.3303, and by adding the administrative costs of \$0.0630 the cost per mile was \$0.3933. This resulted in an average loss per mile of \$0.2994.

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that the requested abandonment of service should be authorized. Applicant should not be required to suffer this continuous loss of revenue over a route not required by substantial public convenience and necessity. The order will be made effective on its date so that applicant need not institute this service on May 15, 1955.

#### O R D E R

Application therefor having been filed, public hearing thereon having been held and basing this order upon the evidence adduced therein.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Gibson Lines, a corporation, be, and it is hereby authorized to abandon and discontinue its passenger stage service between Sacramento and Yuba City via American River Bridge, Verona, Nicolaus and Tudor, and over and along the county road known as the River Road between Yuba City and Tudor, and over and along the county road known as Power Road between its junction with the Garden Highway near Verona and its junction with the Garden Highway approximately nine miles from Sacramento.

2. That Decision No. 35292 dated April 28, 1942 in Application No. 24889 be, and it is hereby amended by deleting therefrom the route description contained in subparagraph (J) under section 4 of the third ordering paragraph.

3. That applicant be, and it is hereby authorized to cancel all fares, rules, regulations and schedules applying to the service herein authorized to be abandoned on not less than one day's notice to the Commission and to the public.

4. That applicant shall post notice of this abandonment for a period of ten days in its terminals.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1955.

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President

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Commissioners