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Decision No. <u>55724</u>

BEFCRE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of BENINGER TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC., a California corporation, to reroute certain of its passenger stage routes and to abandon certain service in the vicinity of Fairmede and East Richmond Heights within the County of Contra Costa.

Application No. 39424

## <u>o p i n i o n</u>

Beninger Transportation Service, Inc., presently rendering a passenger stage service between points in the cities of San Pablo, Richmond, El Cerrito and adjacent county territory in the County of Contra Costa, requests authority to discontinue a portion of its operation.

For many years applicant provided service in the El Sobrante area. By Decision No. 54821, dated April 9, 1957, in Application No. 38495, service was extended to East Richmond Heights and Fairmede. Authority is now sought to discontinue service to East Richmond Heights and Fairmede.

As justification for the authority sought applicant alleges that the average daily revenue derived from both Fairmede and East Richmond Heights amounts to \$22.80; that the driver's wages alone to operate one piece of equipment throughout the area amounts to \$27.50; that for the period June 24, 1957 to August 22, 1957, applicant suffered a loss of \$444.96; that unless it is granted the authority sought, it will be forced into bankruptcy and be unable to provide service to any of the areas presently served and that under the proposed routing, it will be able to operate with one bus and

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thereby save the expense of a two-bus operation, as is presently performed.

Copies of the application have been served on the cities of San Pablo, Richmond and El Cerrito and also upon the Key System Transit Lines. No protest to the granting of the application has been received.

After consideration the Commission is of the opinion and so finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require the continuation of applicant's passenger stage service in the vicinity of Fairmede and East Richmond Heights within the County of Contra Costa. A public hearing does not appear to be necessary.

## <u>ORDER</u>

Application having been filed and the Commission being informed in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Beninger Transportation Service, Inc., is hereby authorized to discontinue passenger stage service to Fairmede and East Richmond Heights within the County of Contra Costa.

2. That on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public applicant shall file in triplicate and concurrently make effective appropriate tariffs and timetables reflecting the authority herein given.

3. That First Revised Page 2 attached hereto as Exhibit A and by reference made a part hereof is hereby substituted in the place and stead of Original Page 2 of Appendix A attached to Decision No. 54821, dated April 9, 1957, in Application No. 38495.

4. That notices shall be posted in applicant's buses and at stops along the route at least five days prior to discontinuance of service herein authorized.

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5. That authority herein granted shall expire if not exercised within sixty days after the effective date hereof.

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

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Appendix A

Beninger Transportation Service, Inc. First Revised Page 2 Cancels Original Page 2

Beginning at the intersection of MacDonald Avenue and 12th Street, along 12th Street, Bissell Avenue, 11th Street, MacDonald Avenue, 23rd Street, San Pablo Avenue, Broadway, Fremont Road, Castro Street, Road No. 20, Rollingwood Drive, Glenlock, Road No. 20, San Pablo Dam Road (Road No. 7), May Road, Santa Rita Road, Appian Way, Manor Road, Hill Top Road, El Centro Road, returning over Hill Top Road, La Paloma Road, Appian Way, San Pablo Dam Road (Road No. 7); Road No. 20, Glenlock, Rollingwood Drive, Road No. 20, Castro Street, Fremont Road, Broadway, San Pablo Avenue, 23rd Street, MacDonald Avenue to Point of origin at 12th Street.

Subject to the restriction that no local service shall be performed for the transportation of passengers having both point of origin and point of destination between points south or west of San Pablo Avenue.

End of Appendix A.

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