

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 56645

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of CHARLES H. METZGER, an individual, doing business as SANTA MONICA SIGHTSEEING SERVICE, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, to operate as passenger vehicles for sightseeing from Santa Monica and Culver City and certain Los Angeles County territory, with specified tours.

Application No. 39751

- Tobias G. Klinger, for applicant.
- Paul L. Garver, for T. M. Chubb, chief engineer and general manager, Department of Public Utilities and Transportation, City of Los Angeles, interested party.
- Fred G. Ballenger, for Public Utilities Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

Public hearing was held on this matter on March 31, 1958, in Los Angeles before Examiner Grant E. Syphers, at which time evidence was adduced and the matter submitted. It now is ready for decision.

The applicant presently conducts a sightseeing service from the City of Santa Monica to various points, and in the instant application seeks to extend this service by operating three additional tours. Tour No. 2B is proposed to be operated from the Santa Monica territory, the Culver City territory and a portion of Los Angeles County generally north of Beverly Boulevard, west of Sycamore Street, east of Doheny Drive, and south of the Santa Monica mountains, on the one hand, to Beverly Hills and Hollywood, following generally the same route as applicant's existing Tour No. 2. Tour No. 3B is intended to operate from the three above-mentioned territories to

Los Angeles, generally following the route of applicant's existing Tour No. 3. Tour 6B is intended to operate from these three territories to Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm, generally following applicant's existing Tour No. 6.

Public witnesses appeared in favor of these proposals.

Three of these witnesses are owners or operators of hotels and motels in the areas who testified they have had requests for sightseeing tours of the type proposed. Likewise the applicant presented similar testimony. There was no opposition to these proposals.

Financial statements of applicant were submitted and according to testimony presented concerning them these proposed tours would supplement applicant's existing operations and would tend to provide additional income.

Applicant proposes to use two 15-passenger extended limousines; one of these has already been purchased. The rates to be charged are similar to the rates being charged for existing tours.

The service proposed is similar to existing service of applicant in that it will be on call with the restriction that applicant will not be required to make a trip with less than four adult fares for all tours except the Disneyland tour and, for that tour, five or more adult fares.

A representative of the City of Los Angeles requested that applicant be restricted against making any pickup's in the City of Los Angeles unless it obtained the necessary permits from that city.

In the light of all of this evidence we find that public convenience and necessity require a sightseeing service as proposed. The application will be granted.

Inasmuch as these tours are additions to applicant's existing rights and for the purpose of supplementing that service, an in lieu certificate will be granted herein incorporating all of applicant's operating authority.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held, 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 Charles H. Metzger authorizing him to establish and operate a service as a "passenger stage corporation", as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation of persons between the points and over the routes more particularly set forth in Appendix A, attached hereto and made a part hereof, subject to the conditions and restrictions, if any, set forth in said appendix.

(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. By accepting the certificate of public convenience and necessity herein granted, applicant is placed upon notice that it will be required, among other things, to file annual reports of its operations and to comply with and observe the safety rules and other regulations of the Commission's General Order No. 98. Failure to file such reports, in such form and at such time as the Commission may direct, or to comply with and observe the provisions of General Order No. 98, may result in a cancellation of the operating authority granted by this decision.

(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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all operating authority heretofore granted to this applicant, other than that granted herein, be, and it hereby is canceled, effective upon the date that the operating authority granted herein takes effect.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6th day of MAY, 1958.

[Signature] **PRESIDENT**
[Signature]
[Signature]
Theodore J. Dennis
Commissioners

Peter E. Mitchell
Commissioners C. Lyn Fox, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Charles H. Metzger, doing business as Santa Monica Sightseeing Service, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted in the margin, is authorized to operate a round-trip sightseeing service for the transportation of persons between the points and over the routes hereinafter set out, subject, however, to the authority of this Commission to change or modify said routes at any time, and subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Applicant shall not pick up or discharge passengers within the City of Los Angeles. This restriction shall not prevent stopovers for the purpose of permitting sightseeing passengers to visit various points of interest along the route.
- (b) Applicant shall not be obligated to perform said sightseeing service for less than five adult passengers.

Tour No. 1

Commencing at the Carmel Hotel at Broadway and Second Street in Santa Monica, thence via Second Street, Main Street, Pico Boulevard, Ocean Avenue to its intersection with Bicknell Avenue, northerly on Ocean Avenue to Roosevelt Highway (U. S. 101), thence via Roosevelt Highway, Sunset Boulevard, Fairfax Avenue, Wilshire Boulevard, Roxbury Drive, Olympic Boulevard, Barrington Avenue, National Boulevard, Bundy Drive, Ocean Park Boulevard, Twenty-sixth Street, Pico Boulevard, Nineteenth Street, California Street, Third Street, Broadway to point of beginning. Service is authorized to all intermediate points and to the off-route points of the Municipal Pier in Santa Monica, Will Rogers Memorial near 14253 Sunset Boulevard, and Howard's Flowerland near National Boulevard and Barrington Avenue.

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Tour No. 2

Commencing at the Carmel Hotel at Broadway and Second Street in Santa Monica, thence via Broadway, Ocean Avenue, San Vicente Boulevard, Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Drive, Sunset Boulevard, Vine Street, Yucca Street, Argyle Avenue, Franklin Avenue, Western Avenue, Los Feliz Boulevard, Vermont Avenue to the Planetarium in Griffith Park, thence via Vermont Avenue, Los Feliz Boulevard, Western Avenue, Franklin Avenue, Argyle Avenue, Yucca Street, Cahuenga Boulevard, Highland Avenue, Hollywood Boulevard, La Brea, Santa Monica Boulevard, Wilshire Boulevard, Third Street in Santa Monica, Broadway to point of beginning. Service is authorized to all intermediate points and to the off-route point of the Hollywood Bowl.

Tour No. 2B

Beginning at any point in the City of Santa Monica, thence via either Lincoln, Bundy or Centinella Boulevards; to Washington Boulevard, thence via Washington Boulevard to any point in the City of Culver City, thence via Robertson Boulevard to any point in the unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles, within the area bounded on the east by Sycamore Street, the south by Beverly Boulevard, the west by Doheny Drive, and the north by the Santa Monica mountains, thence via Sunset Boulevard, Highland Avenue, Hollywood Boulevard to the Chinese Theatre, thence via Orange Drive, Franklin Avenue, Highland Avenue, Hollywood Bowl, Vine Street, via Freeway, Sunset Boulevard, Van Ness Avenue, Marathon Street, Windsor Boulevard, Melrose Avenue, Lucerne Boulevard, Beverly Boulevard, Farmers Market, Fairfax Boulevard, Wilshire Boulevard, El Camino Drive, Charleville Boulevard, Rodeo Drive, Brighton Way, Camden Drive, Santa Monica Boulevard, Roxbury Drive, Benedict Canyon Road, Sunset Boulevard, to any point in the Los Angeles County territory previously described, thence via La Cienega Boulevard to any point in Culver City, thence via Washington Boulevard and Lincoln or Centinella Boulevards to any point in the City of Santa Monica.

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Tour No. 3

Commencing at the Carmel Hotel at Broadway and Second Street in Santa Monica, thence via Broadway, Third Street, Wilshire Boulevard, Flower Street, Fifth Street, Los Angeles Street, Plaza, Alameda Street, Macy Street, Main Street, First Street, Hill Street, Sixth Street, Olive Street, Ninth Street, Figueroa Street, Exposition Park, Thirty-ninth Street, Budlong Avenue, Exposition Boulevard, Rodeo Road, Jefferson Boulevard, Lincoln Boulevard, Rose Avenue, Speedway, Ocean Avenue, Pico Boulevard, Main Street, Third Street, Broadway to point of beginning. Service is authorized to all intermediate points.

Tour No. 3B

Beginning at any point in the City of Santa Monica, thence via either Lincoln, Bundy or Centinella Boulevards to Washington Boulevard, thence via Washington Boulevard to any point in Culver City, thence via Robertson Boulevard to any point in the Los Angeles County territory described in Tour No. 2B; thence via Vermont Avenue, Planetarium Observatory, Vermont Avenue, Hillhurst Avenue, Sunset Boulevard, (should bad weather prevail, the Planetarium is eliminated, and tour continues east on Sunset Boulevard), Park Avenue, Lemoyne Street, Sunset Boulevard, Beaudry Avenue, Alpine Street, Centennial Street, Castelar Street, Bernard Street, North Broadway, Macy Street, Olvera Street, Los Angeles Street, First Street, San Pedro Street, Second Street, Main Street, Third Street, Hill Street, Fifth Street, Olive Street, Seventh Street, South Flower Street, Wilshire Boulevard, Fairfax Boulevard, to any point in the Los Angeles County territory as described in Tour No. 2B, thence via La Cienega Boulevard to any point in Culver City, thence via Washington Boulevard and Lincoln or Centinella Boulevards to any point in the City of Santa Monica.

Tour No. 4

Commencing at the Carmel Hotel at Broadway and Second Street in Santa Monica, thence via Broadway, Third Street, Wilshire Boulevard, Flower Street, Fifth Street, Los Angeles Street,

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Tour No. 4 (continued)

Plaza, Alameda Street, Macy Street, Mission Road, Broadway, Sixth Street, Olive Street, Ninth Street, Figueroa Street, Exposition Park, Thirty-ninth Street, Budlong Avenue, Exposition Boulevard, Rodeo Road, Jefferson Boulevard, Lincoln Boulevard, Rose Avenue, Speedway, Ocean Avenue, Pico Boulevard, Main Street, Third Street, Broadway to point of beginning. Service is authorized to all intermediate points and to the off-route point of the Fossil Pits in Hancock Park.

Tour No. 5

Commencing at the Carmel Hotel at Broadway and Second Street in Santa Monica, thence via Broadway, Roosevelt Boulevard, along Ocean Front, Chataqua Boulevard, Sunset Boulevard, Rockingham Avenue, Ashford Street, Bristol Avenue, Sunset Boulevard, Vine Street, Yucca Street, Cahuenga Boulevard, Cahuenga Pass Bridge, Highland Avenue, Hollywood Boulevard, La Brea Avenue, Santa Monica Boulevard, Rodeo Drive, Wilshire Boulevard, Third Street, Broadway to point of beginning. Service is authorized to all intermediate points and the off-route point of the Hollywood Bowl.

Tour No. 6

Beginning in the City of Santa Monica, thence along either Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica Boulevard, or Olympic Boulevard to Roxbury Drive in the City of Beverly Hills, thence along Roxbury Drive, Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood Freeway, Santa Ana Freeway, Harbor Boulevard to Disneyland. Returning via Ball Road, Euclid Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, Stanton Avenue to Knott's Berry Farm and adjacent streets to Alligator Farm; continuing return trip along Orangethorpe Avenue, Hansen Avenue, Artesia Boulevard, Figueroa Street, Century Boulevard, Sepulveda Boulevard, Jefferson Boulevard, Centinella Avenue to points of beginning.

Also returning via Lincoln Boulevard from the intersection of Sepulveda Boulevard and Century Boulevard.

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Tour No. 6 (continued)

Also via Santa Ana Freeway and Grand Avenue (in the City of Buena Park) to Knott's Berry Farm.

Tour No. 6E

Beginning at any point in the City of Santa Monica, thence via either Bundy, Centinella, or Washington Boulevards, to any point in Culver City, thence via Robertson Boulevard to any point in the Los Angeles County territory as described in Tour 2B, thence via Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood Freeway (101), Santa Ana Freeway, Harbor Boulevard, Disneyland, Ball Road, Stanton Avenue, Knott's Berry Farm, La Palma Avenue, Knott Avenue, Santa Ana Freeway, Melrose Avenue, Fairfax Avenue, to any point in the Los Angeles County territory as described in Tour No. 2B, thence via La Cienega Boulevard, to any point in Culver City, thence via Washington Boulevard, and Lincoln or Centinella Boulevards to any point in the City of Santa Monica.

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.

End of Appendix A

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