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Decision No. _____

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
MELVIN H. BUNTING and CHARLES C. TOWLE
(deceased), doing business as FONTANA
TRANSIT LINES, for authority to cease
passenger stage operations in Fontana,
Colton, Rialto, and San Bernardino.

Application No. 41108

Melvin H. Bunting and Kathleen C. Towle, for
Fontana Transit Lines.
Fred C. Ballenger, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

The applicant is a partnership originally composed of Melvin H. Bunting and Charles C. Towle. Charles C. Towle died in April, 1958, and the administratrix of the estate is the widow, Kathleen C. Towle.

The partnership operates Fontana Transit Lines, which is a passenger stage corporation operating between Colton and Fontana and the Kaiser Steel Plant and intermediate points. It is proposed in this application to discontinue the entire operation.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Grant E. Syphers on May 29, 1959, at Fontana.

The evidence discloses that this operation has been unprofitable since its purchase by the present owners in 1954. The yearly losses are summarized as follows:

Testimony was presented by seven users of the system to the effect that they use the service. Some of these users have other public transportation available, some do not. While we are aware of the inconvenience the discontinuance of this line would cause to some of these users, we cannot reasonably require the operation to be continued under these conditions.

In view of all the facts and circumstances and after full consideration of all of the evidence adduced herein, the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require such service.

O R D E R

An application as above entitled having been filed, public hearing having been held thereon, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and having found that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That the operative rights created by the following decisions are hereby revoked and annulled:

Decision No. 49873, dated March 30, 1954,
in Application No. 35203.

Decision No. 50277, dated July 13, 1954,
in Application No. 35447;

and upon not less than one day's notice to the Commission and the public the applicant may discontinue such passenger stage service. ✓

(2) That the following are hereby canceled:

- a. Local Passenger Tariff, Cal. P. U. C. No. 1, of Fontana Transit Lines.
- b. Joint Passenger Tariff, Cal. P. U. C. No. 2, of Fontana Transit Lines and Lee's Auto Stage Line.
- c. All effective timetables on file with the Commission of Fontana Transit Lines.
- d. Concurrence A. P. 2 No. 1, issued by Melvin H. Bunting, doing business as, Lee's Auto Stage to Fontana Transit Lines.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th
day of July, 1959.

Ernest R. Perry
President
W. E. H. Hill
W. E. Hill
E. L. Fox
Theodore H. Hinner
Commissioners