

Decision No. 59474

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Robert F. Hines and Allen P. Williams, a partnership, doing business as Hines-Williams Service, for authority to discontinue all passenger stage service, but retaining the Common Carrier Freight Service.

Application No. 41657

<u>O P I N I O N</u>

Applicants are engaged in business as a common carrier of passengers between Oroville and Feather Falls on a seasonal basis. 1/ They also possess authority to operate as a highway common carrier. By this application they request a Commission order permitting them to discontinue all passenger stage service.

As justification they allege that Feather Falls is an unincorporated company-owned sawmill town and the company operations have changed considerably. More people are now using their own cars, in part because the service of this carrier arrives in Feather Falls in the afternoon and there is no return trip until the following day. Revenue for the quarter ending September 1959 aggregated only \$31.25, while the cost of the required insurance for the same period was \$45.00. The verified application states that previous quarters have averaged even greater losses.

<u>1</u>/ Decision No. 38619 dated March 20, 1946 in Application No. 27164; and Decision No. 38876 dated April 23, 1946 in Application No. 27164.

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The Commission is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require this passenger stage service. Also, applicants should no longer be required to sustain this regular and substantial operating loss. A public hearing is unnecessary.

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Application having been filed, the Commission being fully informed in the premises and based upon the above findings,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Robert F. Hines and Allen P. Williams are authorized to discontinue and abandon their service as a passenger stage corporation.

(2) That the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by Decision No. 8183, dated October 1, 1920, in Application No. 5944 and acquired by applicants by Decisions Nos. 38619 and 38876, so far as it refers to and grants operative rights as a passenger stage corporation is canceled and revoked.

(3) That all timetables and tariffs affecting and governing applicants' passenger stage corporation service are canceled and applicants shall give ten days' notice thereof by posting in their buses and terminals.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 77/1, day of manulan, 19 60 TOK -2sgioners