

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 59659

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of:
 ANTELOPE VALLEY BUS, INC. for cer-
 tificate of public convenience and
 necessity to operate passenger and
 express service between Edwards Air
 Force Base, California, and Lan-
 caster, California, and General
 William J. Fox Airfield, Lancaster,
 California.

Application No. 41663

O P I N I O N

Applicant now operates a passenger stage service via seven routes between Lancaster and other places including Edwards Air Force Base (Appendix A, Decision No. 58507, dated May 22, 1959, in Application No. 40776).

By this application, filed on November 16, 1959, applicant requests authority to extend service on an on-call basis for the transportation of passengers, mail and express between Edwards Air Force Base and the General William J. Fox Airfield, located approximately 6½ miles from the center of Lancaster. Applicant presently renders service via a circuitous route between Edwards Air Force Base and the center of Lancaster. The new route will be designated as Route No. 8 and will extend from Edwards Air Force Base through Lancaster to the William J. Fox Airfield.

The proposed service will allegedly not be competitive with any other carrier. Copies of the application have been mailed to interested parties including Western Greyhound Lines.

The proposed rates for express are 80 cents for not over 10 pounds; 85 cents for 10 to 20 pounds; 95 cents for 20 to 40 pounds; \$1.05 for 40 to 60 pounds; \$1.15 for 60 to 80 pounds; and \$1.25 for 80 to 100 pounds. No package of express weighing over 100 pounds will be carried. Proposed passenger fares are \$1.00 between Lancaster and the General William J. Fox Airfield, and \$3.00 between Edwards Air Force Base and the General William J. Fox Airfield. Mail will be carried on a contract basis.

Applicant does not propose to change its fares, schedules, or equipment. It allegedly has sufficient equipment to render the proposed service.

As justification for the proposal, the applicant alleges that Pacific Airlines will operate scheduled flights to and from the General William J. Fox Airfield carrying passengers, mail and freight; that the Lancaster and Edwards post offices have been contacted and are interested in the handling of their air mail by the applicant; that Edwards Air Force Base has been contacted and is interested in applicant's carrying its air express; that there are indications that the Air Force will permit applicant to transport its personnel requiring limousine service; and that, in addition, personnel from General Electric Corporation, Convair, Boeing, North American, and all of the contractors in the area will use the proposed service.

The airport has been open for approximately one week

and the management of the airport and officials of Edwards Air Force Base allegedly are anxious that the service be provided as soon as possible.

The Commission having considered the matter, is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity require that service for the transportation of passengers be established as hereinafter set forth. The application will be granted with the exception of the express charges. These charges are less than those which apply as minimum under the Commission's minimum rate orders. Applicant will be expected to charge not less than the applicable minimum rates until it has received authority from this Commission to charge otherwise.

O R D E R

Application having been made, 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 Antelope Valley Bus, Inc., a corporation, authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a passenger stage corporation, as that term is defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation of persons and their baggage and express and mail, between the points and along the route as more specifically set forth in Appendix A attached hereto and made a part hereof, subject to the conditions and restrictions, if any, as set forth in said Appendix A.

(2) That Appendix A of Decision No. 58507 is amended by substituting Second Revised Page 1 for First Revised Page 1, and by substituting First Revised Page 4 for Original Page 4.

(3) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, Antelope Valley Bus, Inc., shall comply 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 on 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 on 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 express and passenger tariffs and

time schedules satisfactory to the Commission to reflect the authority herein granted.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California,
this 16th day of FEBRUARY, 1960.

[Signature]
President
[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]
Theodore J. Jenner
Commissioners

Antelope Valley Bus, Inc., by certificate of public convenience and necessity granted in the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to transport persons between points and places in Lancaster and vicinity, in the County of Los Angeles, and between Lancaster and Edwards Air Force Base and intermediate points, over and along the routes as hereinbelow described, subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

1. The transportation of express and mail shall be limited to the Lancaster-Edwards Route and the Lancaster-Fox Airfield Route.
2. Except for service provided over the local routes, service operated within the school service area shall be limited to the transportation of school children.
3. The transportation of school children is hereby limited to an area bounded on the north by Avenue G, on the east by 20th Street East, on the south by Avenue M, and on the west by 20th Street West.
4. On-call service shall be operated as required for one or more persons between Lancaster and Fox Airfield and for two or more persons between Edwards and Fox Airfield.

For operating convenience only, motor vehicles may be turned 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.

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Route No. 6Lancaster - 40th Street East

Beginning at the intersection of Lancaster Boulevard and Beech Avenue, thence via Lancaster Boulevard, Yucca Street, Avenue I, 3rd Street East, Foxton Avenue, Avenue H-11, 5th Street East, Avenue H-11, Rodin Avenue, Avenue H-14, 5th Street East, and Avenue I to its intersection with 40th Street East. Also along Avenue I between 3rd Street East and 5th Street East.

Return via reverse of the going route.

Route No. 7Lancaster - Quartz Hill

Beginning at the intersection of Lancaster Boulevard and Beech Avenue, thence via Lancaster Boulevard, 10th Street West, Avenue J, 20th Street West, Avenue L, and 50th Street West to Avenue M.

Return via reverse of the going route.

Route No. 8Edwards-Fox Airfield Route (On-call)

Beginning at Edwards Air Force Base, thence via Rosamond Boulevard and Sierra Highway to Lancaster Boulevard (Lancaster), thence via Lancaster Boulevard, Beech Avenue, Avenue I, 50th Street West and Avenue G to the William J. Fox Airfield.

Return via reverse of the going route.

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