

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 59769

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the  
Application of:

ANTELOPE VALLEY BUS, INC.

Application No. 41922

For Application of abandonment  
of passenger and express service  
on Routes # 3, 4, 6 & 7.

O P I N I O N

Applicant now operates a passenger stage service in Lancaster and vicinity.<sup>1/</sup> By the application herein filed with this Commission on February 3, 1960, applicant requests authority to abandon Routes Nos. 3, 4, 6 & 7, leaving in operation Routes Nos. 1, 2, 5, 8 and the special school service.

As justification for the abandonment of service, applicant alleges that the routes to be abandoned have been operated regularly since June 1959. Passenger checks by the applicant on January 20, 21 and 22, 1960, show that on Route No. 3, applicant operates nine round trips per day and carries an average of approximately fourteen passengers per day; on Route No. 4, applicant operates eight round trips per day and averages approximately eight passengers per day; on Route No. 6, applicant has operated two round trips per day since September 22, 1959, and has carried no

<sup>1/</sup> Decision No. 58507, dated May 22, 1959, in Application No. 40776; Decision No. 59659, dated February 16, 1960, in Application No. 41663.

passengers and on Route No. 7, applicant operates five round trips per day and carries approximately eight passengers per day. These routes vary in length from approximately two to eight miles one way.

A Commission transportation engineer investigated the operation on February 17, 1960, and communicated with the Chamber of Commerce of Lancaster, the Field Deputy for Supervisor Dorn and the local newspaper publisher. He found no objection to the abandonment except from two riders. The newspaper publisher said he had published several editorials relative to the abandonment of service but no one seemed interested.

After consideration, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require a continuation of applicant's services via Routes Nos. 3, 4, 6 and 7.

A public hearing is not necessary.

Because of the fact that the applicant is losing substantial sums of money by operating the said routes, the authority to abandon service will be made effective ten days after the date hereof.

#### O R D E R

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

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That ten days after the effective date of this order and on not less than ten days' notice to the public, Antelope Valley Bus, Inc., may discontinue passenger stage service and express service on its Routes Nos. 3, 4, 6 and 7.

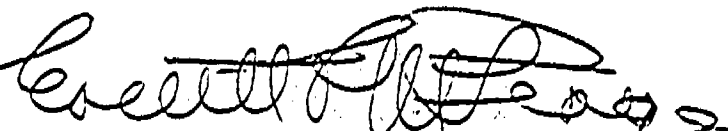
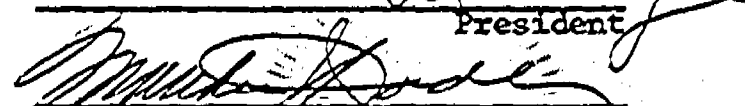
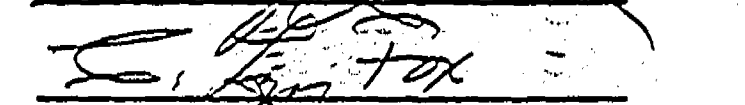
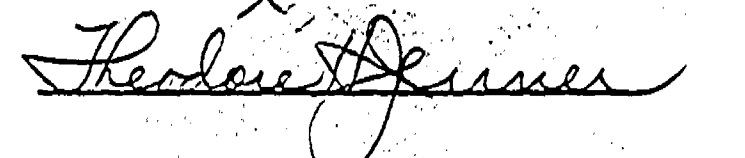
2. That applicant, on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, effective concurrently with the discontinuance of service herein authorized, shall amend its tariffs and timetables to reflect the authority herein granted.

3. That prior to the abandonment of service as herein authorized, applicant shall post plainly visible notices on each stage and at each terminal used on its Routes Nos. 3, 4, 6 and 7. Said notices shall remain posted for at least ten days and until the date of discontinuance of service and proof thereof shall be filed with this Commission within ten days after discontinuance of service as herein authorized.

4. That the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of March, 1960.

  
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