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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of EUREKA-REDDING STAGES, INC., for authority to reroute a segment of its authorized route between Redding and Eureka to serve Lewiston.

Application No. 41670

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

By this application filed November 17, 1959, Eureka-Redding Stages, Inc., requests authority to reroute its existing service between the junctions of U.S. Highway No. 299 with Trinity Dam Access Road at Weaverville and New Lewiston Junction. The proposed route will proceed between those points along such access road instead of along U.S. Highway No. 299.

As justification for the route change it is alleged that the portion of the route to be abandoned serves only one very small community, Douglas City, consisting of one service station and a store. An average of about ten passengers per month are picked up or discharged at this point as indicated by the company records. Douglas City is seven miles from Weaverville, a point applicant will continue to serve. Applicant states that it is currently losing approximately \$2,500 each year from its operation of service between Eureka and Redding.

An engineer in the Transportation Division of the Commission has made a study of the application as amended, and of the area involved and recommends that in view of the small amount of activity at Douglas City and the fact that the operation involves a tri-weekly service, the requested authority should be granted without a public hearing.

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This recommendation further states that the road which will be used in the requested route is of substantially the same width as U.S. Highway 299 now used and is in good condition. No increase in the rates, no change in frequency of service, or the number of units of equipment will be made. A public hearing does not appear necessary. No protest to the application has been received although the matter has been given local publicity, and no competitors appear to be affected by the proposal. After full consideration of applicant's request, the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity require that the application be granted.

O R D E R

Application therefor having been made and the Commission being fully advised, and basing its decision upon the above finding, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Eureka-Redding Stages, Inc., is authorized to discontinue operations over and along U.S. Highway 299 between New Lewiston Junction and Weaverville and instead is authorized to operate between said points over and along County Roads 6N04 and

SNIL and over and along Trinity Dam Access Road via Lewiston.

2. That the authority herein granted is a modification of, and is to be consolidated with and subject to, all the provisions, limitations and restrictions set forth in the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by Decision No. 41137, dated January 19, 1948, in Application No. 28870 and acquired by applicant by Decision No. 46733, dated February 5, 1952, in Application No. 33062.

3. That in providing service pursuant to the authority herein granted Eureka-Redding Stages, Inc., shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

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 - (a) Within thirty days after the effective date hereof applicant shall file a written acceptance of the provisions of this order.
 - (b) Within sixty days after the effective date hereof, and on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, applicant shall establish the service as herein authorized and file in triplicate, and concurrently make effective, tariffs and timetables satisfactory to the Commission.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days

after the date hereof.

San Francisco Dated at California, this 1 10 day of , 1960. President omnissioners