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Decision No. _____ 61022

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of WILLINGHAM BUS LINES INC., )
to discontinue operation of passenger )   Application No. 42569
stage service between Imperial Beach )
and North Island, California. )
)

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J. M. Burgess, protestant.
C. R. Jupin, Employee and Labor Relations Agent,
     U. S. Naval Air Station, North Island,
     California, interested party.
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## O P I N I O N

In this application, filed on August 12, 1960,
Willingham Bus Lines Inc., a California corporation, requests
authority to discontinue and abandon passenger bus service between
Imperial Beach and North Island, California.

Applicant acquired said operative rights by purchase
from Aztec Bus Lines, Inc., a California corporation, which was
approved in Decision No. 59451, dated December 29, 1959.

The certificate for the stage service was authorized
April 22, 1957, Decision No. 54908, and was a restricted service,
the principal purpose of which was to transport workers to the
U. S. Naval Air Station, Amphibious Training Base, and North Island.
The service made two trips in the morning and two in the evening.

The operation was not profitable and the restrictions were removed, and the route enlarged in Decision No. 56147, dated January 21, 1958. The transfer also included passenger stage rights issued by Decision No. 56755, on May 27, 1958, for "on-call" bus service which applicant alleges it is now operating.

The applicant alleges financial losses in the operation of the passenger stage service from July 1, 1959, to June 30, 1960, of $1,342. Applicant alleges that the public no longer needs the continuance of the service and that for over a total of 520 runs the number of fares carried was 5,848, and that the average weekly passenger count has been 112 for that year.

When the first certificate was granted for this passenger stage service on April 22, 1957, in Decision No. 54908, the San Diego Transit System appeared and withdrew its protest, and requested a restriction to protect its then operating authority.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Robert De Wolf on October 3, 1960, at San Diego, California.

At the hearing there was only one protestant who testified. J. M. Burgess, of Imperial Beach, stated that his occupation was a gardener and that he used the service three days a week to go to his work. Robert Penn, Vice President of applicant, testified in support of the application. No conflict is noted in the testimony.

The evidence and the prior decisions disclose that this operation has been unprofitable since its beginning; that the

service has been reduced from two round trips to one round trip daily;
and that the use of the service has declined during the past year to
an average of ten to twelve passengers per day.

The Commission finds and concludes that public use of said
service has decreased; that continued operation of this service will
be of great loss to applicant; and that public convenience and
necessity no longer require the services sought to be abandoned.

### O R D E R

The Commission having considered the above-entitled matter,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The operative rights created by the following decisions
are revoked and annulled:

> Decision No. 54908, dated April 22, 1957,
> in Application No. 38736.

> Decision No. 56147, dated January 21, 1958,
> in Application No. 39491.

Willingham Bus Lines Inc., may discontinue and abandon its
operation as a common carrier of passengers between Imperial
Beach and North Island.

2. Applicant, on not less than five days" notice to the
Commission and the public, effective concurrently with the dis-
continuance of service herein authorized, shall amend its tariffs
and timetables to reflect the action taken herein.

3. Applicant shall give not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public of its discontinuance of service pursuant to this order.

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

Dated at _____ San Francisco _____, California, this _7th_ day of ___November___ 1960.

_____ President

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_____ Commissioners