

Decision No. 61145

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
LONG BEACH MOTOR BUS COMPANY to)
reroute Route #6, Route #12, Route #13,)
for a certificate of convenience and)
necessity covering such routes in lieu)
of the existing certificates covering)
said routes, and for authority to)
change schedule and frequency of)
service as to said routes.)

Application No. 42914

O P I N I O N

By this application, Long Beach Motor Bus Company seeks authority to reroute certain of its lines as follows:

Route No. 6 - Atlantic - Orange

The Atlantic Avenue leg would be rerouted so that between Pacific Coast Highway and Bixby Road, service would be operated directly along Atlantic Avenue rather than via Pacific Coast Highway, California Avenue and Bixby Road.

The Orange Avenue leg would be rerouted so that between the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and California Avenue and the intersection of Orange Avenue and Wardlow Road, service would be operated via Pacific Coast Highway and Orange Avenue rather than via California Avenue and Wardlow Road.

Route No. 12 - East Fourth Street - Seal Beach

The turnaround portion of the route west of Alamitos Avenue would be changed so that service would be operated via East Fourth Street, Pine Avenue, East Third Street, Pacific Avenue and East Fourth Street rather than via Alamitos Avenue, East Third Street, Pacific Avenue and East Fourth Street.

Route No. 13 - Pacific Avenue - East Third Street

The present turnaround route via Glendora Avenue, The Toledo and La Verne Avenue would be eliminated and the turnaround

would be made via Broadway, Bay Shore Avenue, Second Street, Claremont Avenue, The Toledo and Santa Ana Avenue.

Applicant does not propose to make any changes in fares or frequencies of service.

The present routes, which have been in effect since October 30, 1960, were authorized by the Commission in Decision No. 60787, dated September 27, 1960, and are described in Appendix A attached thereto.

Prior to October 30, 1960, a portion of the service on Route No. 6 was operated along Atlantic Avenue between Pacific Coast Highway and Bixby Road and a portion of the service on former Route No. 13 was operated along Orange Avenue between Pacific Coast Highway and Wardlow Road. With the recent change these two services were consolidated into a single service, present Route No. 6, along California Avenue which is midway between.

Since the change, numerous complaints have been received by the applicant, the City of Long Beach and the Public Utilities Commission, asking that the Atlantic Avenue service be restored. The principal complaints have come from the Long Beach Memorial Hospital just north of the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Willow Street and from business and commercial establishments along Atlantic Avenue between Pacific Coast Highway and Willow Street.

Applicant alleges that the rerouting of Route No. 6, proposed herein, will eliminate these complaints and will provide service to a greater number of people not only along Atlantic Avenue but also in the residential area just east of Orange Avenue and north of Pacific Coast Highway. Applicant further alleges that very few of its present patrons will be inconvenienced by the change as passengers now boarding the service on California Avenue will have service available on either Atlantic or Orange Avenues, one quarter of a mile distant in either case.

With respect to the proposed change in the downtown loop of Route No. 12, it may be said that approximately five years ago East Fourth Street was made a one-way street eastbound west of Alamitos Avenue and applicant was required to operate its westbound service via East Third Street. East Fourth Street has now been restored to two-way traffic and applicant desires to resume two-way bus operation for Route No. 12. Applicant alleges that no patrons will be adversely affected as its Route No. 13 will continue to provide service along East Third Street.

Numerous complaints have also been received by the applicant, the City of Long Beach and the Commission requesting that the Route No. 13 turnaround via Glendora Avenue, The Toledo and La Verne Avenue be eliminated. Applicant alleges that the streets are narrow and the operation is hazardous. To eliminate the complaints and to provide for a safer operation, applicant proposes to restore its former terminal loop via Broadway, Bay Shore Avenue, 2nd Street, Claremont Avenue, The Toledo and Santa Ana Avenue. Applicant alleges that these streets are wider and that the extended operation will provide a more convenient service to a greater number of people.

Applicant alleges that all of the proposed route changes have been approved by the Bureau of Franchises and Public Utilities of the City of Long Beach and the proposed change in Route No. 6 has been approved by the City Council of the City of Signal Hill. Applicant further alleges that all parties are in agreement that in the best interest of the public, the changes should be made at the earliest possible date. The Commission's staff has reviewed the proposals and recommends their adoption.

The Commission finds that the proposed route changes are not competitive with other carriers, are in the public interest and the application will be granted. A public hearing is not deemed necessary.

ORDER

Application having been made, the Commission being advised in the premises, and finding that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED that Long Beach Motor Bus Company, a corporation, may reroute its service on Routes Nos. 6, 12 and 13 as set forth herein, and Appendix A of Decision No. 60787 is hereby amended by incorporating therein, First Revised Pages 16, 22 and 23 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Applicant shall, within sixty days after the effective date hereof, and on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public, amend its tariff and time schedule to reflect the authority herein granted.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6th day of December, 1960

Gerry Altman
President
John C. Littlehill
William J. ...
George Fox
Theodore ...
Commissioners

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ROUTE NO. 6 -ATLANTIC-ORANGE

Beginning at the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Seventh Street in the City of Long Beach, thence along Seventh Street, Pine Avenue, First Street, Long Beach Boulevard, Sixth Street and Atlantic Avenue to 71st Street.

Also, beginning at the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway, thence along Pacific Coast Highway, Orange Avenue, 71st Street, Myrtle Avenue, and 70th Street, to Orange Avenue.

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ROUTE NO. 12 - EAST FOURTH STREET - SEAL BEACH

Beginning at the intersection of Fourth Street and Pine Avenue, in the City of Long Beach, thence along Pine Avenue, Third Street, Pacific Avenue, Fourth Street, Ximeno Avenue, Second Street, Davies Bridge, Perimeter Road, Bolsa Avenue, Central Avenue, Main Street, Bolsa Avenue, Bay Boulevard and Electric Avenue to Main Street in the City of Seal Beach.

Also, beginning at the intersection of Second Street and Granada Avenue, thence along Granada Avenue and Ocean Boulevard to 72nd Place.

Also, beginning at the intersection of Campo Walk and Second Street, thence along Second Street, The Toledo and Venetia Drive to Second Street.

Also, beginning at the intersection of Bolsa Avenue and Westminster Boulevard, thence along Westminster Boulevard to main administration gate of U. S. Naval Ordnance Depot (Tripper Service).

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ROUTE NO. 13 - PACIFIC AVENUE - EAST THIRD STREET

Beginning at the intersection of Willow Street and Pacific Avenue, thence along Pacific Avenue, Fourth Street through the City of Long Beach, Alamitos Avenue, Third Street, Park Avenue, Broadway, Bay Shore Avenue, Second Street, Claremont Avenue, The Toledo and Santa Ana Avenue to Broadway.

Also, beginning at the intersection of Third Street and Alamitos Avenue, thence along Alamitos Avenue, Third Street and Pacific Avenue to Fourth Street.

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