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Decision No. <u>\$1527</u>

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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 No. 8 and Route No. 12, for certificate of convenience and necessity covering such routes in lieu of the existing certificates covering said routes, and for authority to change schedules and frequency of service as to said routes and as to Route No. 11.

Application No. 43138

<u>OPINION</u>

By this application, Long Beach Motor Bus Company seeks authority to extend, reroute and adjust certain of its services as follows:

Route No. 8 - Easy Avenue

The present Route No. 8 provides service between the intersection of 34th Street and Easy Avenue in the northwesterly section of the City of Long Beach and the central business district via Easy Avenue, 20th Street, Harbor Avenue, Pacific Coast Highway, Pacific Avenue and First Street.

It is proposed to extend the route north on Long Beach Boulevard and east on Tenth Street to Park Avenue.

On weekdays and Saturdays, until approximately 10 p.m., the present 20-minute service would be operated through to the St. Mary's Hospital at Tenth and Linden. Alternate trips would be operated to the end of the line at Park Avenue. After 10 p.m., all service would be turned back at Third Street and Long Beach Boulevard.

On Sundays, until 9 p.m., the present service would be reduced from headways of 40 minutes to 60 minutes and all service would be operated over the entire route.

Prior to October 30, 1960, applicant operated a portion of its Route No. 8 along Tenth Street between Long Beach Boulevard and Recreation Park. Permission to discontinue this service was granted by Decision No. 60787 after a showing by the applicant that it was in the public interest to consolidate and respace certain of its routes which were, in some cases, located less than one-fourth (3) mile apart.

Applicant alleges that since the abandonment, numerous complaints have been received and that a petition containing the names of over 2,700 persons requesting restoration of the service has been filed with the Bureau of Franchises of the City of Long Beach. Applicant further alleges that a substantial loss in patronage resulted from the change and that it believes most of this patronage could be regained through re-establishment of the service as proposed.

Route No. 12 - East Fourth Street - Seal Beach

A portion of this line is presently operated through the Naples district via the so-called "Naples Loop" along Second Street, The Toledo and Venetia Drive. It is proposed to shorten the loop by operating along Second Street, The Toledo and Ravenna Drive.

Applicant alleges that buses operating along the portion of the loop west of The Collonnade have caused considerable damage to residential properties and that persons in this section have asked that the service be removed. Applicant further alleges that the proposed route over Ravenna Drive would be safer and more desirable.

A summary of passenger boarding and alighting checks attached to the application as Exhibit "E" indicates that the majority of the present patrons would continue to be served by the proposed route and that only a very few persons would be moderately inconvenienced. Some persons living in the Naples area north of Second Street would be benefited.

Schedule Adjustments

The proposed schedule adjustments are shown on Exhibit "A" attached to the application.

On Route No. 6 - Atlantic-Orange - the morning and afternoon peak service would be increased.

On Route No. 11 - Broadway-Lakewood-Bellflower - service during the morning peak and a portion of the afternoon peak would be reduced from 8 to 12-minute headways.

On Route No. 12 - Fourth Street-Seal Beach - service during the morning and afternoon peaks would be reduced from 10 to 12-minute headways.

Summaries of passenger load checks attached to the application indicate that during the peak-hour periods, when the service would be reduced, the average-load factors would not exceed 100 percent.

All of the changes, including the re-establishment of the service on Tenth Street, would result in a net weekly increase of 185 miles. No changes in fares are proposed.

Attached to the application as Exhibit "F" is a letter addressed to the applicant by the Bureau of Franchises and Public Utilities of the City of Long Beach indicating that the Bureau has given unanimous approval to the above-described proposed changes.

The Commission's staff has reviewed the proposals and recommends their adoption.

The Commission finds that the proposed changes are not competitive with other carriers and are in the public interest. 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 make the changes in routes and service as set forth herein, and Appendix A of Decision No. 60787 is hereby amended by incorporating therein, First Revised Pages 2 and 18, and Second Revised Page 22 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 2/2/

day of February, 1961.

President

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ROUTE NO. 8 - EASY AVENUE-TENTH STREET

Beginning at the intersection of 34th Street and Easy Avenue, thence along Easy Avenue, 20th Street, Harbor Avenue, Pacific Coast Highway, Pacific Avenue, First Street, Long Beach Boulevard and Tenth Street to Park Avenue, in the City of Long Beach.

Also, beginning at the intersection of Third Street and Long Beach Boulevard, thence along Third Street to Pacific Avenue.

Also, beginning at the intersection of Long Beach Boulevard and Ninth Street, thence along Ninth Street and Linden Avenue to Tenth Street.

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Section 2. (Continued)

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 Ravenna 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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