

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 63301

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
MELVIN H. BUNTING, dba LEE's AUTO)
STAGE LINE, for an order authorizing)
to sell, lease and assign its assets)
(Section 851 Public Utilities Code).)

Application No. 44050

OPINION AND ORDER

Melvin H. Bunting, doing business as Lee's Auto Stage Line, and presently rendering a passenger stage service between San Bernardino, Bloomington and Rialto and intermediate points, requests authority to transfer his passenger stage corporation assets to the City of San Bernardino and to discontinue service.

It is alleged that because of increased operating costs and continuing loss of patronage applicant has experienced a substantial operating loss. Therefore, applicant has entered into an agreement with the City of San Bernardino whereby the city will purchase applicant's assets which, in addition to the operating rights, include two buses, parts, materials and four benches for waiting passengers, for a cash consideration of \$7,000 and assume the obligation of providing service.

After consideration, the Commission finds and concludes that the proposed transfer will not be adverse to the public interest and that upon the assumption of service by the City of San Bernardino, public convenience and necessity no longer will require applicant's service as a passenger stage corporation. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Melvin H. Bunting, on or before June 1, 1962, may sell and transfer and the City of San Bernardino may purchase and acquire the assets mentioned in the agreement between these parties referred to in the foregoing opinion.

2. Concurrently with the inauguration of passenger service by the City of San Bernardino, Melvin H. Bunting may abandon and discontinue service as a passenger stage corporation, and upon such abandonment, the operative authority granted by the following decisions is hereby revoked:

<u>Decision No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Application No.</u>
33887	2/11/41	23894
48770	6/30/53	34296
49683	2/16/54	34961
50054	5/18/54	34961
51898	8/30/55	36971

3. All tariffs, timetables, powers of attorney and concurrences issued by or on behalf of Melvin H. Bunting, doing business as Lee's Auto Stage Line, are hereby canceled.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California,
this 20th day of FEBRUARY, 1962.

George D. Lee
President
Frederick B. Holboff

Commissioner George G. Grover, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.