Decision No. 65519

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of JACK EASIEY to operate ) bus service between Lemoore Naval Air ) Station, Lemoore, California and Fresno; to establish fares.

Application No. 45384

## OPINION

Jack Easley requests authority to operate a passenger stage service between Lemoore Naval Air Station and Fresno. No service is proposed to intermediate points.

Applicant proposes a daily evening service with schedules leaving the Air Station at 6:00 p.m. and departing Fresno at 12:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday. Additional schedules, including morning and afternoon schedules, would be provided on weekends. The proposed fare is \$1.50 one way and \$2.50 round trip. Service would be provided through the use of one 1963 Ford Econoline station bus.

Applicant is a petty officer stationed at Lemoore with 10 years of service. He allegedly has \$2,000 earmarked for the establishment of the proposed operation. He proposes to operate the service himself and according to his figures estimates a monthly profit of \$346.

It is alleged that there is only limited service to the Air Station at the present time which does not completely meet the needs of the servicemen during off-duty hours; that there are presently 5,000 servicemen and approximately 1,000 civilian

personnel at the Air Station; that the servicemen have a need for service to Fresno, the nearest metropolitan area, either for the purpose of recreation or for the purpose of connecting with other means of public transportation, and that applicant has completed arrangements with Continental Trailways Bus System for the use of its Fresno terminal.

Copies of the application were served on local authorities and carriers presently serving the immediate area. No protest has been received. Attached to the application are letters from the Air Station, the Fresno Chamber of Commerce, and the Hanford Travel Service indicating interest and support of the proposed service.

After consideration the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity require the granting of the application. A public hearing is not necessary.

Jack Easley is hereby placed on notice that operative rights, as such, do not constitute a class of property which may be capitalized or used as an element of value in rate fixing for any amount of money in excess of that originally paid to the State as the consideration for the grant of such rights. Aside from their purely permissive aspect, such rights extend to the holder a full or partial monopoly of a class of business over a particular route. This monopoly feature may be modified or canceled at any time by the State, which is not in any respect limited as to the number of rights which may be given.

(d) The tariff and timetable filings made pursuant to this order shall comply with the regulations governing the construction and filing of tariffs and timetables set forth in the Commission's General Orders Nos. 79 and 93.

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

Appendix A

JACK EASLEY

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Jack Easley, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted in the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to transport passengers and their baggage between Fresno, on the one hand, and the Lemoore Naval Air Station, on the other hand, over the following route:

Commencing at the main gate of the Lemoore Naval
Air Station, thence along State Highway 198 and
State Highway 41 to the City of Fresno, Elm Avenue,
C Street, Fresno Street to Broadway Street and the
terminal of Continental Trailways Bus System.

## Condition

No service may be provided to, from or between intermediate points.

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