

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 66190

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of Central Coast Bus System Inc. )  
to suspend passenger stage service ) Application No. 45719  
between Santa Maria, Vandenberg Air )  
Force Base and Lompoc for a period )  
of 12 months. )

O P I N I O N

Central Coast Bus System Inc., requests authority to suspend passenger stage service between Santa Maria, Vandenberg Air Force Base and Lompoc for a period of 12 months.

The operating authority was granted by Decision No. 64766 dated January 8, 1963, in Application No. 44580.

It is alleged that because the cities of Santa Maria and Lompoc failed to provide for on-street loading zones, applicant was forced to operate in a restricted manner; that because of the size of Vandenberg Air Force Base construction jobs were widely spread and working hours staggered; that as a result, the operation was not economical; that within 12 months conditions may change for the better and service would then be resumed.

According to Exhibit A attached to the application, applicant suffered a loss of \$16,724.59 for the months of February through June 1963 inclusive. A breakdown of operating results is as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Number of Busses Per Day</u>	<u>Number of Passengers</u>	<u>Miles Operated</u>	<u>Revenue Per Month</u>	<u>Revenue Per Mile</u>
February	5	611	7,520	\$ 324.55	.0431
March	5	2,432	13,320	1,216.20	.0913
April	4	2,412	11,440	1,115.13	.0974
May	2	1,189	3,663	594.60	.1624
June	2	605	3,606	264.45	.0733

Copies of the application were served upon the cities of Santa Maria and Lompoc, the County of Santa Barbara, and Western Greyhound Lines. No protest has been received.

After consideration, the Commission finds that:

1. Applicant has been conducting operations at a loss between the points herein considered.
2. Copies of the application were served upon the parties interested herein and no protest has been received.
3. The proposed suspension would not be adverse to the public interest.

A public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. After the effective date hereof, the operating authority granted by Decision No. 64766, dated January 8, 1963, in Application No. 44580, is hereby suspended for a period of 12 months.
2. For a period of ten days prior to the suspension of service herein authorized applicant shall post notice of suspended service in its equipment.
3. After the effective date hereof and on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, applicant shall amend its tariffs and timetables presently on file with this Commission to reflect the authority herein granted.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of OCTOBER, 1963.

*[Signature]* President  
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*[Signature]* Commissioners

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.