

Decision No. 66955

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of PASO ROBLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, a corporation, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate nonscheduled passenger and baggage service between San Simeon, California and Paso Robles, California.)

Application No. 459C7  
(Filed October 28, 1963)

Dale J. Schwartz, for applicant.

Thomas J. Knight, for Knight of the West Tours, protestant.

Hilton H. Nichols, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce, a corporation, requests authority to operate an "on-call" passenger stage service for a minimum of nine passengers between San Simeon and Paso Robles.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Daly on February 4, 1964, at Paso Robles.

Applicant proposes to lease bus equipment as needed from such carriers as Greyhound Lines, Inc. and Orange Belt Lines. The proposed round-trip fare is \$6.50 per person. No service is proposed to intermediate points. As of October 25, 1963, applicant indicated a net worth in the amount of \$3,929.48.

Ten witnesses testified on behalf of applicant, including the Mayor and the City Administrator of the City of Paso Robles, a member of the Board of Supervisors of San Luis Obispo County and representatives of the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce. According to their testimony Paso Robles is developing as a recreational area and many tourists, interested in visiting the Hearst Castle, have made inquiries about the availability of public transportation from Paso Robles.

Thomas J. Knight, who protested the application, is a travel agent located in Los Angeles. He also operates a passenger stage service between San Luis Obispo and the Hearst Castle at San Simeon. He operates one 44-passenger bus on a daily round-trip schedule from June 15 to September 15. During the balance of the year he operates one round-trip schedule on Saturdays only. Since 1959 he transported 5,073 passengers. Although he offers an "on-call" service for six or more passengers in addition to his scheduled service, he testified that he has never received a request for such service. He further testified that at one time he had made an offer to the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce to provide service from Paso Robles, but had received no answer. He was of the opinion that the proposed service would result in a diversion of traffic and thus have an adverse effect upon his operation.

After consideration the Commission finds that:

1. Public convenience and necessity require the proposed service.
2. Protestant is not presently authorized to operate between Paso Robles and San Simeon and has not requested authority to provide such service.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted as set forth in the following order.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce to operate as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, between the points and over the routes set forth in Appendix A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. In providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, applicant shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

- (a) Within thirty days after the effective date hereof, applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted. By accepting the certificate of public convenience and necessity herein granted, applicant is placed on notice that it will be required, among other things, to file annual reports of its operations and to comply with and observe the safety rules of the California Highway Patrol, the rules and other regulations of the Commission's General Order No. 98 and insurance requirements of the Commission's General Order No. 101-A. Failure to file such reports, in such form and at such time as the Commission may direct, or to comply with and observe the provisions of General Orders Nos. 98 and 101-A, may result in a cancellation of the operating authority granted by this decision.
- (b) Within one hundred twenty days after the effective date hereof, applicant shall establish the service herein authorized and file tariffs and timetables, in triplicate, in the Commission's office.
- (c) The tariff and timetable filings shall be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and the public, and the effective date of the tariff and timetable filings shall be concurrent with the establishment of the service herein authorized.
- (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 98.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 1964.

Stallman Bernard  
President

John E. Mitchell

George T. Trover

Frederick B. Hobbloff

Commissioners

Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce, a corporation, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin is hereby authorized to transport passengers and their baggage on an "on-call" basis for a minimum of nine passengers between Paso Robles, on the one hand, and San Simeon, on the other hand, over the following route:

Commencing at Paso Robles, thence via U. S. Highway 101, U. S. Highway 466 and State Highway 1 to San Simeon. Also from Paso Robles along U. S. Highway 101, State Highway 41 and State Highway 1 to San Simeon.

Condition

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

Issued by California Public Utilities Commission.

Decision No. 66955, Application No. 45907.