

Decision No. 67259**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 JACK A. ROESCH, doing business as)
 WESTERN TRAIL STAGES, for Authority)
 to Abandon Certain Routes to Los)
 Angeles International Airport, and)
 for a Certificate of Public Conven-)
 ience and Necessity to operate a)
 passenger stage, relating to an)
 Extension of Existing Routes.)

Application No. 46093

(Filed January 13, 1964)
(Amended March 13, 1964)

Alden Reid, for applicant.
John M. R. Hope, City Manager, for the
 City of Fontana, protestant.
William R. Kendall, for the Commission
 staff.

O P I N I O N

Jack A. Roesch, doing business as Western Trail Stages, seeks authority to abandon his present scheduled airport service at Mira Loma Air Force Station and his "on call" services at the Mentone Rocket Plant, March Air Force Base, Kaiser Steel Mill near Fontana, and Norton Air Force Base adjacent to San Bernardino. Applicant also proposes to change the present Fontana point of pick-up and discharge from Harold's restaurant to a new shopping center on Sierra Avenue approximately two miles south of the present stop. Also new points of service will be established at the Greyhound Depot at Riverside and at the Holiday Inn at the junction of the San Bernardino and Riverside Freeways.

Parties that would be affected by the discontinuance or change in service were served with copies of the application and the amendment thereto. No objection or protests were received nor were any appearances entered at the hearing except from the City of Fontana, which objects to the change in the location of the station stop serving the city and vicinity.

A public hearing was held in Riverside, California, on April 8, 1964, before Examiner Chiesa.

Applicant testified in his own behalf and the City Manager of Fontana testified for the City. There were no other witnesses. Three exhibits, two passenger counts and a route map were received in evidence.

As justification for the requested curtailments of service, applicant testified that services have been uneconomical due to lack of patronage; that he must either discontinue the nonpaying portions of the present service or give up the entire operation. The evidence shows that the public is not using the service at said locations even to the extent of paying out-of-pocket costs.

For the eight months' period ending March 31, 1964, the monthly average number of passengers picked up and/or discharged at the points of service proposed to be discontinued was Mentone 0, Norton Air Force Base 62, March Air Force Base 42, Mira Loma 1.4, and Kaiser 0. Service will be available to personnel at Norton Air Force Base from the proposed new stop at the Holiday Inn, and for March Air Force Base by connecting carrier operating between Riverside and the base. Twenty-four-hour taxi service is available at said Inn and at applicant's station in Riverside.

The present service stop in the City of Fontana is at Harold's Charcoal Broiler on Foothill Boulevard. Applicant proposes to move the stop to Stater Bros. Market located in a new shopping center situated approximately two and one-quarter miles south of Foothill Boulevard. Applicant's reason for making the change is that Stater Bros. Market is nearer his proposed new route along Highways 70-99, which he will use if permitted to abandon some of his pickup points as proposed. Said change would reduce mileage and running time.

Passengers at Harold's and at the proposed stop at Stater Bros. Market arrive in or are met by private automobile or taxi. Convenience in this respect is the same at either place. The change to the latter point would improve service for all San Bernardino, Redlands, and Riverside passengers and would not downgrade service for Fontana patrons. No local transportation is available from either place.

No change in fares is contemplated.

The Commission, having considered the matter, finds (1) that public convenience and necessity do not require that applicant continue to operate his passenger stage service between the Los Angeles International Airport and the Ontario International Airport, on the one hand, and the Mira Loma Air Station, Norton Air Force Base, Mentone, and March Air Force Base, on the other hand, and (2) that the proposed stop at Stater Bros. Market is justified. The application, as amended, will be granted, as hereinafter set forth.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Applicant is authorized to discontinue passenger service to Mira Loma Air Force Station, Norton Air Force Base, Mantone, and March Air Force Base heretofore authorized by Decision No. 66715.

2. Applicant is authorized to change his place of pickup and discharge of passengers in the Fontana area from Harold's restaurant situated on Foothill Boulevard to Stater Bros. Market or other convenient place in the new shopping center situated on Sierra Avenue approximately three-eighths mile north of the San Bernardino Freeway.

3. Appendix A of Decision No. 66715 is hereby amended by incorporating therein First Revised Page 3 and First Revised Page 7 attached hereto, in revision of Original Page 3 and Original Page 7.

4. Applicant shall post a clearly legible notice of discontinuance and change of service in his buses for at least ten days prior to discontinuance.

5. Within ninety days after the effective date hereof and on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, applicant shall amend his 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 21st day of MAY, 1964.

William L. Seaman
President
George L. Hoover
Frederic B. Holbeck
Commissioners

SECTION 1. GENERAL AUTHORIZATIONS, RESTRICTIONS,
LIMITATIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS.

Jack A. Roesch, doing business as Western Trail Stages, is authorized to transport persons, their baggage and express, between points specified in paragraphs 1, 2 and 5 below, and persons between points specified in paragraphs 3 and 4 below:

- *1. Redlands, San Bernardino, and Fontana, on the one hand, and the Ontario International Airport, Los Angeles International Airport, and the Lockheed Air Terminal, on the other hand;
- *2. Riverside, on the one hand, and the Ontario International Airport, Los Angeles International Airport, and the Lockheed Air Terminal, on the other hand;
3. Points in San Bernardino County as hereinafter specified, on the one hand, and Dodger Stadium (City of Los Angeles), on the other hand;
4. The City of Riverside, on the one hand, and Dodger Stadium (City of Los Angeles), on the other hand;
5. The City of San Bernardino, on the one hand, and San Bernardino Mountain Resorts, including Crestline, Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear Lake, on the other hand;

over and along the routes hereinafter described, subject to the conditions and restrictions hereinafter set forth.

Issued by California Public Utilities Commission.

*Changed by Decision No. 67269, Application No. 46093.

SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS

*Route 1 - Redlands, San Bernardino - Ontario,
Lockheed and Los Angeles Airports:

Commencing in the City of Redlands; thence via the most direct and appropriate route, or routes, to the Ontario International Airport, serving San Bernardino, and Fontana as intermediate points; thence via the most direct and appropriate route, or routes, to the Los Angeles International Airport or the Lockheed Air Terminal.

*Route 2 - Riverside - Ontario, Lockheed
and Los Angeles Airports:

Commencing in the City of Riverside; thence via the most direct and appropriate route, or routes, to the Ontario International Airport; thence via the most direct and appropriate route, or routes, to the Los Angeles International Airport or the Lockheed Air Terminal.

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