

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 68426

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
GEORGE A. DICKEY, doing business as)
EUREKA JITNEY COMPANY, for authority)
to abandon certain routes outside the)
city limits of the City of Eureka.)

Application No. 46982
(Filed September 17, 1964)

O P I N I O N

On September 17, 1964, applicant filed his application herein requesting authority to abandon the portions of the routes of his passenger stage service which are outside the city limits of the City of Eureka.

Applicant is presently rendering passenger stage service within the City of Eureka and its environs pursuant to the following decisions:

<u>Decision No.</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>	<u>Application No.</u>
62728	October 24, 1961	43754
63437	March 20, 1962	44167
63801	June 12, 1962	44450
64742	January 8, 1963	44956
66105	October 1, 1963	45609

As justification for the abandonment of service for which authorization is being sought, applicant alleges that such service has been conducted at an operating deficit for the past two years and that the continuance of the service at a loss will jeopardize applicant's ability to continue rendering service within the City of Eureka.

If the proposed abandonments are authorized, applicant will combine its four lines into two and replace the four smaller buses now used with two 16-passenger buses. The city routes will

continue to be served every 30 minutes at the present fare. The City of Eureka has approved the proposed changes in routes.

The Director of Transportation in a memorandum dated October 22, 1964, has submitted a report respecting the application herein. This memorandum is hereby made a part of the record herein as Exhibit No. 1.

The exhibit shows that the proposed curtailment of service by reducing the number of bus drivers from four to two will save applicant \$50 per day as compared to the loss of \$13.25 per day in fare revenue from areas outside the city limits. The maximum distance from the ends of the present routes to the points where service will be available in the future is 1.5 miles.

No certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by this Commission is required to authorize applicant to conduct passenger stage operations entirely within the city limits of the City of Eureka. By letter dated October 9, 1964, the attorney for applicant has stated that applicant would have no objection to the revocation of applicant's certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate as a passenger stage corporation. Said letter is hereby made a part of the record as Exhibit No. 2.

The Commission finds that a public hearing is not required and that the discontinuance of passenger stage operations outside the city limits of the City of Eureka by applicant will not be adverse to the public interest.

The Commission concludes that applicant's operating authority as set forth in the above listed decisions should be revoked.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. On February 6, 1965 and on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and the public, George A. Dickey, doing business as Eureka Jitney Company, may discontinue passenger stage service between Eureka and points outside the city limits thereof.

2. All tariffs and timetables presently on file with this Commission in applicant's name are canceled.

3. The operative rights created by Decision No. 62728 dated October 24, 1961, in Application No. 43754, Decision No. 63437 dated March 20, 1962, in Application No. 44167, Decision No. 63801 dated June 12, 1962, in Application No. 44450, Decision No. 64742 dated January 8, 1963, in Application No. 44956 and Decision No. 66105 dated October 1, 1963, in Application No. 45609 are revoked.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5th day of JANUARY, 1965.

Fredrick B. Holdhoff
President

John J. Decker

George L. Hoover

William W. Deard

Commissioners