

Decision No. 71254**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the ANTELOPE VALLEY
BUS, INC. for the authority to
establish a Service for the trans-
portation of students in and about
Palmdale and Quartz Hill.

Application No. 48715
(Filed August 15, 1966)

O P I N I O N

Antelope Valley Bus, Inc., is presently a passenger stage corporation authorized to conduct local, school and special event motor coach service between Lancaster and certain named points, including a service to Rosamond, Edwards Air Force Base and surrounding areas.

Applicant requests authority to establish two school service areas in addition to its presently authorized Lancaster school service area. They would be designated as the Palmdale and Quartz Hill school service areas.

The proposed school service area in Palmdale is bounded on the north by Avenue "P", on the east by 40th Street East, on the south by Avenue "U", and on the west by 30th Street West; and in Quartz Hill is bounded on the north by Avenue "K", on the east by Sierra Highway (State Highway No. 14), on the south by Avenue "P", and on the west by 80th Street West.

It is proposed that student fares for the existing Lancaster school service would also apply in the Palmdale and Quartz Hill school service areas. Fares between the Lancaster

area and the Quartz Hill area, or between the Palmdale area and the Quartz Hill area, would be 20¢ one-way cash fare, or a 20-ride ticket for \$3.50, and fares from the Palmdale area to the Lancaster area would be 25¢ one-way cash fare, or a 20-ride ticket for \$4.50.

Applicant alleges that a request for this extension of authority was denied by Decision No. 63264, Application No. 43641, dated February 13, 1962. Since this decision, there has been a parochial high school built in the Quartz Hill area, enrollment 340, the majority of which reside in Palmdale and Lancaster areas, and Quartz Hill High School, a public school, is in the process of expansion to 1,000 students. The parochial school has no public transportation and Quartz Hill High School has no transportation provided within a two-mile radius. In the Palmdale area the Palmdale High School has in excess of 2,000 students, with no transportation within the two-mile radius.

Applicant alleges that it has had many requests from the parents of the students and from superintendents and principals of the above-mentioned schools for service during the coming school term, and that the school term commences on or about September 12, 1966, and that the service would be needed at that time. Early consideration of the application was requested.

The application alleges that the service is not competitive with that of other carriers and the application is not opposed. The Commission staff has reported favorably on the application.

After consideration, the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity require the establishment and operation of a proposed passenger stage service as hereinafter set forth.

A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to Antelope Valley Bus, Inc., a corporation, authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as that term is defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation of passengers between the points and over the routes set forth in Third Revised Page 1 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. Appendix A of Decision No. 63264, as amended, is hereby further amended by incorporating therein Third Revised Page 1 in revision of Second Revised Page 1.

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. Applicant is placed on notice that, if it accepts the certificate of public convenience and necessity herein granted, it will be required, among other things, 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-A and insurance requirements of the Commission's General Order No. 101-B. Failure to comply with and observe the safety rules, or the provisions of General Orders Nos. 98-A or 101-B, 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 five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five 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-A.
- (e) Applicant shall maintain its accounting records on a calendar year basis in conformance with the applicable Uniform System of Accounts or Chart of Accounts as prescribed or adopted by this Commission and shall file with the Commission, on or before March 31 of each year, an annual report of its operations in such form, content, and number of copies as the Commission, from time to time, shall prescribe.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6th day of SEPTEMBER, 1966.

Richard L. Mitchell
President

George T. Glover

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William G. Bennett

Commissioner Frederick B. Holoboff, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioners

Antelope Valley Bus, Inc., by certificate of public convenience and necessity granted in the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to transport persons between points and places in Lancaster and vicinity, in the County of Los Angeles, persons, baggage, express and mail between Lancaster and Edwards Air Force Base and William J. Fox Airfield and intermediate points, and persons between points in North Los Angeles and Kern Counties, on the one hand, and points in South Los Angeles and Orange Counties, on the other hand, over and along routes as hereinbelow described, subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

1. Baggage and express shall be transported in passenger-carrying vehicles only, and limited to weight of not more than 100 pounds per shipment.
2. The transportation of express and mail shall be limited to the Lancaster-Edwards Routes and the Lancaster-Fox Airfield Route.
3. Service on Routes 5-A and 5-B shall be limited to passengers destined to or originating at Edwards Air Force Base.
4. Except for service over authorized routes, service within the school service areas defined below shall be limited to the transportation of school children.
- *5. School service areas:
 - (1) Lancaster, bounded on the north by Avenue C, on the east by 30th Street East, on the south by Avenue K, and on the west by 60th Street West.
 - (2) Palmdale, bounded on the north by Avenue P, on the east by 40th Street East, on the south by Avenue U, and on the west by 30th Street West.
 - (3) Quartz Hill, bounded on the north by Avenue K, on the east by Sierra Highway (State Highway #14), on the south by Avenue P, and on the west by 80th Street West.
6. On-call service shall be operated as required for one or more persons between Lancaster and Fox Airfield and for two or more persons between Edwards and Fox Airfield.

Issued by California Public Utilities Commission.

*Changed by Decision No. 71254, Application No. 48715.