

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 73184

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of PAUL G. FORD, an individual, doing business as RIDDLE SCENIC TOURS, to transfer passenger stage operating authority and of ALFRED L. RIDDLE, an individual, to acquire said operating rights.

Application No. 49567
Filed July 25, 1967

O P I N I O N

Alfred L. Riddle, as the attorney-in-fact for Paul G. Ford, requests authority to transfer and Alfred L. Riddle, as an individual, requests authority to acquire certain operating authority.

The authority in question was originally issued to Alfred L. Riddle by Decision No. 39534, dated October 15, 1946, and authorized the transportation of passengers and their baggage between Los Angeles, Earstow, Baker, Death Valley Junction, Mojave, Olancho, Lone Pine and Ryan, on the one hand; and, Death Valley National Monument, on the other hand. By Decision No. 64232, dated September 11, 1962, in Application No. 44632, Alfred Riddle was authorized to transfer said authority to Paul G. Ford. The sales agreement also included the transfer of certain interstate authority and operating equipment for an agreed consideration of \$25,000, which was to be paid according to the terms specified therein. On May 13, 1965, a balance of \$10,500 was left unpaid and the parties executed a supplemental agreement whereby Paul G. Ford was to pay monthly installments of \$400. It was further agreed that in the event Paul G. Ford defaulted in three consecutive monthly payments the entire balance would become due and owing. Alfred L. Riddle

was nominated as Paul G. Ford's attorney-in-fact to execute any and all applications or documents required by the Commission to retransfer the certificate of public convenience and necessity.

It is alleged that Paul G. Ford has defaulted in the payments for March, April, May, June and July 1967; that his financial condition does not permit of payment on the balance due upon said obligation; and unless the certificate is retransferred operations will cease.

After consideration the Commission finds that the proposed transfer would not be adverse to the public interest. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. On or before May 1, 1968, Alfred L. Riddle, as attorney-in-fact for Paul G. Ford, may transfer, and Alfred L. Riddle, as an individual, may acquire, the operative rights referred to in the application.

2. Within thirty days after the consummation of the transfer herein authorized, Alfred L. Riddle, as an individual, shall notify the Commission, in writing, of that fact and within said period shall file with the Commission a true copy of any bill of sale or other instrument of transfer which may be executed to effect said transfer.

3. Alfred L. Riddle, as attorney-in-fact of Paul G. Ford, shall amend or reissue the tariffs and timetables on file with the Commission, naming rates and rules governing the common carrier operations herein to show that Paul G. Ford, an individual, doing business as Riddle Scenic Tours, has withdrawn or canceled, and

Alfred L. Riddle, as an individual, has adopted or established, as his own, said rates and rules. 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 consummation of the transfer herein authorized. The tariff and timetable filings made pursuant to this order shall comply in all respects 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.

4. On or before the end of the third month after the consummation of the transfer as herein authorized, Alfred L. Riddle shall cause to be filed with the Commission, in such form as the Commission may prescribe, an annual report, or reports, related to the operations of the seller for the period commencing with the first day of the current year to and including the effective date of the transfer.

5. In the event the transfer authorized in paragraph 1 hereof is consummated, a certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Alfred L. Riddle, doing business as Riddle Scenic Tours, a corporation, authorizing said corporation to operate as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, between the points and over the routes particularly set forth in Appendix A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

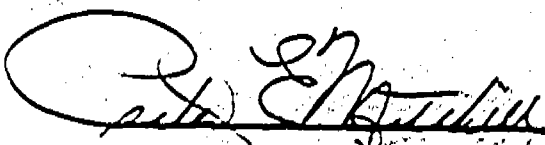


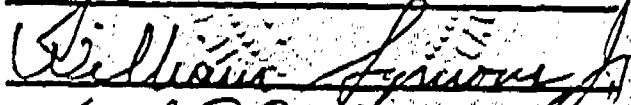

6. The certificate of public convenience and necessity granted in paragraph 5 of this order shall supersede the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by Decision No. 39534, which certificate is revoked effective concurrently with the effective date of the tariff filings required by paragraph 3 hereof.

7. 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. 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 twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of OCTOBER, 1967.


President




Commissioners

CERTIFICATE
of
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Showing passenger stage operative rights, restrictions, limitations, exceptions, and privileges applicable thereto.

All changes and amendments as authorized by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California will be made as revised pages or added original pages.

Issued under authority of Decision No. 73184 dated October 10, 1967, of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, on Application No. 49567.

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

The certificate hereinafter noted supersedes all operating authority heretofore granted to Alfred L. Riddle and Paul G. Ford, doing business as Riddle Scenic Tours.

Alfred L. Riddle, doing business as Riddle Scenic Tours, by certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin is authorized to conduct a passenger stage service for the transportation of passengers and their baggage between Los Angeles, Barstow, Baker, Death Valley Junction, Mojave, Olancho, Lone Pine and Ryan, on the one hand, and the Death Valley National Monument, on the other hand, over and along the routes hereinafter described, subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

- (a) Motor vehicles may be turned at termini and intermediate points, in either direction, at intersection of streets or by operating around a block contiguous to such intersections in accordance with local traffic regulations.
- (b) When route descriptions are given in one direction, they apply to operation in either direction unless otherwise indicated.
- (c) Specific points of pick up and discharge shall be named in applicant's tariff. This restriction shall not prevent stopovers for the purpose of permitting sight-seeing passengers to visit various points of interest along the route.
- (d) Regular service shall be provided during the period from November 1 to April 30 of the following year.
- (e) Applicant shall not be obligated to perform service for fewer than four adult passengers.
- (f) The conditions under which "on call" service is to be rendered shall be shown in applicant's tariff and timetable.

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SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS

Route 1 - Los Angeles - Death Valley National Monument
via Barstow

Commencing at applicant's terminus in the City of Los Angeles, thence along Interstate Highway No. 10 and Interstate Highway No. 15 to Barstow, thence Interstate Highway No. 15 to Baker, thence State Highway No. 127 to Death Valley Junction, thence State Highway No. 190 to Furnace Creek in Death Valley National Monument.

Also, from State Highway No. 190 along unnamed road to serve a point known as Ryan.

Route 2 - Los Angeles - Death Valley National Monument
via Mojave

Commencing at applicant's terminus in the City of Los Angeles, thence along Interstate Highway No. 5 and State Highway No. 14 to Mojave, thence State Highway No. 14, and U. S. Highway No. 395 to Olancho, thence U.S. Highway No. 395 to Lone Pine, thence State Highway Legislative Route No. 136, and State Highway No. 190 to Furnace Creek in Death Valley National Monument.

Alternate Route

Along State Highway No. 190 between Olancho and Furnace Creek.

Route 3 - Los Angeles - Death Valley National Monument
via Trona

Commencing at the applicant's terminus in Los Angeles, thence along Interstate Highway No. 10, Interstate Highway No. 15, U.S. Highway No. 395, Trona Road and State Highway No. 190 to Furnace Creek in Death Valley National Monument.

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