

Decision No. 76346

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of COUNTY TRANSIT LINES, INC., a
California corporation, for
temporary suspension of services.

Application No. 51299

ORDER AUTHORIZING LEASE OF EQUIPMENT

Applicant filed on August 6, 1969 to request that the authority to operate three of its four Contra Costa County bus routes be suspended for twelve months. An amendment was filed on September 5, 1969 to include the fourth route in the twelve-month suspension of operating authority. The application alleges that operating losses have exceeded \$240,000 and that applicant is unable to continue. A decision on the application has been delayed at applicant's request to provide time to negotiate with the Golden Rain Foundation of Walnut Creek.

Applicant has filed a letter dated October 3, 1969, wherein authority is requested to lease three G.M.C. 37-passenger buses to the Golden Rain Foundation of Walnut Creek. It is alleged that the three buses to be leased are not necessary or useful to the applicant in the performance of its duties to the public, since applicant has other buses. Further, that authorizing the lease will promote applicant's remaining service by relieving some of its financial burden.

The Commission has considered this matter and finds that the three vehicles to be leased are not necessary or useful in the performance of applicant's duties to the public and, further, that

leasing the vehicles will not be adverse to the public interest. On the basis of the findings we conclude that the applicant should be authorized to lease the vehicles as requested. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. County Transit Lines, Inc. is hereby authorized to lease three General Motors 37-passenger buses to the Golden Rain Foundation of Walnut Creek. Said buses are not required in applicant's public service and are identified by License Plate Numbers Y-11537, Y-11538 and Y-11539.

2. Said lease will be executed on or before December 1, 1969 and the applicant will notify the Commission in writing of the execution of the lease and provide a copy thereof.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of OCTOBER, 1969.

William J. ...
President

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Commissioners