

Decision No. 77149

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of YOSEMITE PARK AND CURRY CO.
for an order modifying its certi-
ficate of public convenience and
necessity.

Application No. 51781
(Filed March 24, 1970)

O P I N I O N

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. requests the removal of a seasonal restriction on its passenger stage operations between Fresno and Yosemite.

By Decision No. 31396 dated October 31, 1938 in Application No. 21861, as amended by Decision No. 54896 dated April 22, 1957 in Application No. 21861, said service is restricted to the period from May 1 to October 1 of each year, except for "special operations", which may be conducted on a year-round basis.

It is alleged that the original restriction was imposed when the highways between Fresno and Yosemite were not open during the winter months, but in recent years said highways are kept open throughout the year, except for minor interruptions; that commencing this year United Air Lines proposes to provide direct service between Fresno, on the one hand, and Denver, Chicago and New York, on the other hand, and that many air passengers will desire to visit Yosemite Park throughout the year.

After consideration the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity require the granting of the application. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Decision No. 31396 dated October 31, 1938, in Application No. 21861, as amended by Decision No. 54896, is hereby further amended by deleting therefrom the following restriction:

(b) Service over route B shall be a seasonal service between the approximate dates of May 1 and October 1 of each calendar year when road and weather conditions permit, except that special operations may be conducted without regard to this seasonal restriction. The term "special operations" as herein used shall mean the transportation of groups of passengers travelling pursuant to a common purpose and when the fares or charges for such transportation are computed upon an individual fare basis.

2. Within sixty days after the effective date hereof and on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, applicant shall amend its tariffs and timetables presently on file with the 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 29th day of APRIL, 1970.

William J. Lyons
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Commissioners