

Decision No. 77922

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of California Sightseeing)
Tours, Inc. for Authority to Extend)
Service between the Los Angeles Harbor)
area, San Pedro and Wilmington, on the)
one hand, and Lion Country Safari in)
Orange County. }

Application No. 52058
(Filed July 21, 1970)

O P I N I O N

This is an application by California Sightseeing Tours, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as Sightseeing) seeking authority to serve the Lion Country Safari, Orange County, from the Los Angeles Harbor.

Sightseeing presently operates, pursuant to authority granted by this Commission, sightseeing tours from the Los Angeles Harbor (San Pedro and Wilmington) to various points of interest in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. The verified application avers that Lion Country Safari is a new tourist and sightseeing attraction consisting of approximately 500 acres of simulated African veldt and game preserve; that visitors will view a large collection of African wild animals in a habitat comparable to their native environment; that other entertainment facilities, including restaurants, will be added within the area and that it is anticipated that the Lion Country Safari will be a major tourist attraction in Southern California. Sightseeing seeks authority to serve this attraction as hereinafter indicated.

Sightseeing proposes a tour which would depart from the Los Angeles Harbor, spend approximately 2-1/2 hours within the

Lion Country Safari and pass the following points of interest enroute: Vincent Thomas Bridge, Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Queen Mary (Marine Museum), Naples-Long Beach Marina and Los Alamitos Naval Air Station. The proposed service would be limited to round trip passengers originating at the Los Angeles Harbor and would be scheduled to operate in conjunction with tour steamship arrivals. It would be subject to a minimum of 10 adult passengers, which is an operating condition presently contained in Sightseeing's certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Sightseeing proposes to offer the tour with or without the price of admission included. Persons having free or discount passes can arrange for their own admission. The basic fare includes transportation through the Lion Country Safari. A snack or meal is not included in the price but facilities therefor are available at the passenger's option and cost. The proposed fare is as follows:

	<u>Fare</u>	<u>Admission</u>	<u>Total</u>
Adult (12 and over)	\$8.00	\$3.25	\$11.25
Children (5 through 11)	\$5.00	\$1.50	\$ 6.50

Copies of the application were served on the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, Lion Country Safari, The Gray Line Tours Company, City of Long Beach, County of Orange, Orange Coast Sightseeing Company and Southern California Rapid Transit District. The Commission has received no protest to the application.

The Commission makes the following findings and conclusions.

Findings of Fact

1. A public hearing is not necessary in this matter.

2. Public convenience and necessity require that Sightseeing be granted authority to serve the Lion Country Safari from the Los Angeles Harbor, San Pedro and Wilmington passing enroute the following points: Vincent Thomas Bridge, Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Queen Mary (Marine Museum), Naples-Long Beach Marina and Los Alamitos Naval Air Station.

3. Sightseeing has the ability, including financial ability, to conduct the service hereinafter authorized.

Conclusions of Law

1. Sightseeing should be granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to serve the Lion Country Safari, Orange County, from the points more particularly set forth in Appendix A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

2. The certificate of public convenience and necessity issued herein is subject to the following provisions of law:

- a. The Commission shall have no power to authorize the capitalization of the franchise involved herein or this certificate of public convenience and necessity, or the right to own, operate or enjoy such franchise or certificate of public convenience and necessity in excess of the amount (exclusive of any tax or annual charge) actually paid to the State or to a political subdivision thereof as the consideration for the issuance of such franchise, certificate of public convenience and necessity or right.
- b. The franchise involved herein shall never be given any value before any court or other public authority in any proceeding of any character in excess of the cost to the grantee of the necessary publication and any other sum paid by it to the municipality therefor at the time of the acquisition thereof.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to California Sightseeing Tours, Inc., a corporation, authorizing it to operate as a passenger stage corporation as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, between the points more particularly set forth in First Revised Page 11 and First Revised Page 12 of Appendix A, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. Appendix A of Decision No. 76608 is hereby amended by incorporating therein First Revised Page 11 and First Revised Page 12 in Revision of Original Page 11 and Original Page 12.

3. The tariff and timetable filings shall be made effective not earlier than two days after the effective date of this order on not less than two 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of NOVEMBER, 1970.

Chairman

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Vernon L. Sturgeon
Commissioner's

SECTION 2 - ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS (Continued)

TOUR NO. 114 MARINELAND - MOVIE STUDIOS

Commencing at the Los Angeles Harbor, San Pedro and Wilmington, thence via the most appropriate route or routes to points of interest in order:

San Pedro, Wayfarers Chapel, Marineland, Beach Cities, Los Angeles International Airport, Playa del Rey (Yacht Harbor), Santa Monica Beach, University of California at Los Angeles, Universal-International Studio or Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studio (Culver City), and return to point of beginning via the most direct route.

TOUR NO. 115 DISNEYLAND-LOS ANGELES CIVIC CENTER-HOLLYWOOD

Commencing at the Los Angeles Harbor, San Pedro and Wilmington, thence via the most appropriate route or routes to points of interest in order:

Vincent Thomas Bridge, City of Long Beach, Belmont Shore, Bay of Naples, Huntington Harbor, Los Alamitos Naval Air Station, Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Hollywood Wax Museum, Angel Stadium, Dodger Stadium, Los Angeles Civic Center, Olvera Street, Grauman's Chinese Theater, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, Sports Arena, and return to point of beginning via the most direct route.

TOUR NO. 116 MOVIE STUDIO-HOLLYWOOD-MOVIE STARS' HOMES

Combination of Tours Nos. 112-113.

*TOUR NO. 117 LION COUNTRY SAFARI

Commencing at the Los Angeles Harbor, San Pedro and Wilmington via the most appropriate route or routes, for operating convenience only, to the following points of interest:

Vincent Thomas Bridge, Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Queen Mary (Marine Museum), Naples-Long Beach Marina, Los Alamitos Naval Air Station, Lion Country Safari, and return to point of beginning via the most direct route.

The authority granted for this Tour (No. 117) does not confer any route authority on California Sightseeing Tours, Inc.

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*Added by Decision No. 77922, Application No. 52058.

SECTION 2 - ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS (Continued)

#ROUTE 1 SAN PEDRO-WILMINGTON-HOLLYWOOD PARK RACE TRACK

Commencing at Avalon Boulevard and Anaheim Street, Wilmington, thence along Avalon Boulevard, B Street, Wilmington and San Pedro Road, Front Street, Harbor Boulevard, 6th Street, Gaffey Street, Harbor Freeway, San Diego Freeway, Century Boulevard, Prairie Avenue to Gate No. 3 of Race Track.

ROUTE 2 LONG BEACH-HOLLYWOOD PARK RACE TRACK

Commencing at Ocean Boulevard and Pacific Avenue in Long Beach, thence along Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach Freeway, San Diego Freeway, Century Boulevard and Prairie Avenue to Gate No. 3 of Race Track.

ROUTE 3 SAN PEDRO-SANTA ANITA RACE TRACK

Commencing at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Western Avenue, thence along Western Avenue, Weymouth Avenue, Sixth Street, Harbor Boulevard, San Pedro-Wilmington Road, B Street, Avalon Boulevard, Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach Freeway, San Bernardino Freeway, Baldwin Avenue, Live Oak Avenue, and Holly Avenue to entrance of Race Track.

ALTERNATE ROUTE

Commencing at the intersection of Avalon Boulevard and B Street, thence along Avalon Boulevard, Water Street and Matsonia Way to the Matson Steamship Lines Terminal.

ROUTE 4 REDONDO BEACH-SANTA ANITA RACE TRACK

Commencing at the intersection of Pier Avenue and Hermosa Avenue in the City of Hermosa Beach, thence along Hermosa Avenue, Harbor Drive, Pacific Avenue, Torrance Boulevard, Western Avenue, Artesia Boulevard, Vermont Avenue, Rosecrans Avenue, Harbor Freeway, Santa Monica Freeway, San Bernardino Freeway, Baldwin Avenue, Live Oak Avenue and Holly Avenue to entrance of Race Track.

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