

Decision No. 83739

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
Mrs. Peggy A. Radcliffe and Mrs.)
Marguerite Etcheverry, a Co-Partner-)
ship dba THE SQUIRREL - REDWOOD BUS)
TOURS to increase Passenger Rates)
and to Extend Passenger Bus)
Operations.)

Application No. 54924
(Filed May 30, 1974)

O P I N I O N

Mrs. Peggy A. Radcliffe and Mrs. Marguerite Etcheverry, copartners doing business as The Squirrel - Redwood Bus Tours and presently providing a sight-seeing service as a passenger stage corporation between Garberville and Scotia, request authority to:

1. Increase fares from \$4.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12 to \$7.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children.
2. Extend service to Ferndale on tours to be conducted on Saturdays only.

The certificate was originally granted by Decision No. 74268 in Application No. 50199 and was acquired by applicants by Decision No. 83235 dated August 6, 1974 in Application No. 54923. Tours are conducted on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week from June through September of each year.

It is alleged that the proposed extension would add 28 miles to the tour and would meet a public need without competing with any other service.

According to Exhibit A attached to the application the operation suffered a loss of \$614 in 1973. Under the proposed extension and increase in fares applicant estimates that the operation would realize a profit of approximately \$2,800.

The staff of the Transportation Division made an analysis of applicant's operations and submitted a report based on the operations of an estimated year 1974. This report is hereby received as Exhibit No. 1. The exhibit shows an operating ratio of 136 percent at the present fares and level of patronage before an allowance for owners' salaries is included. The operating ratio would be reduced to 82 percent before an allowance for owner's salaries if this application is granted. A minimal allowance for owners' salaries would increase the operating ratio to about 120 percent. The staff, therefore, recommended that the application be granted ex parte.

After consideration the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity require the extension of service as requested and that the proposed fare increases are justified. A public hearing is not necessary.

We find with reasonable certainty that the project involved in this proceeding will not have a significant effect on the environment.

C R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. On not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, applicants may increase fares as proposed.

2. Appendix A of Decision No. 83235 dated August 6, 1974 in Application No. 54923 is amended by incorporating First Revised Page 2 and Original Page 3 attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof in place of Original Page 2.

3. Within sixty days after the effective date hereof applicants shall amend their tariffs and timetables 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 10th
day of DECEMBER, 1974.

Vernon L. Stenger
President
William J. Symons
Thomas Morale
Robert E. McLeod
Commissioners

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

Mrs. Peggy A. Radcliffe and Mrs. Marguerite Etcheverry, a copartnership doing business as The Squirrel Redwood Bus Tours, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, are authorized to transport passengers for sight-seeing purposes between Hartsook Inn, Benbow Inn, Richardson Grove State Park, and Garberville, on the one hand, and various scenic points of interest in Humboldt County over the route hereinafter described subject to the following provisions:

1. All service herein authorized shall be limited to the transportation of round-trip passengers only, originating and terminating at the Hartsook Inn, Benbow Inn, Richardson Grove State Park or Garberville.
- *2. Service on Route 1 shall be operated triweekly during the months of June through September of each year.
- **3. Service on Route 2 to be operated on Saturdays during the months of June through September of each year.

SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS.

- *ROUTE 1. Commencing at the Hartsook Inn, in Humboldt County, thence along U.S. Highway 101 to Richardson Grove State Park, Benbow Inn and Garberville, thence via Redwood Drive through Redway, U.S. Highway 101; the Avenue of the Giants and U.S. Highway 101 to Scotia; returning via U.S. Highway 101 and Bull Creek Road to Rockefeller Grove and U.S. Highway 101 to the point of beginning.

Issued by the California Public Utilities Commission.

*Changed by) Decision No. 83799, Application No. 54924.
**Added by)

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SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS. (Continued)

*ROUTE 2. Commencing at the Hartsook Inn, in Humboldt County, thence along U.S. Highway 101 to Richardson Grove State Park, Benbow Inn and Garberville; thence via Redwood Drive through Redway, U.S. Highway 101, the Avenue of the Giants, U.S. Highway 101 to Rio Dell; thence via Blue Slide Road and Grizzly Bluff Road to Ferndale. Returning via State Highway 1 through Fernbridge, U.S. Highway 101, Redwood Highway, Bull Creek Road to Rockefeller Grove; thence via Bull Creek Road and U.S. Highway 101 to the point of beginning.

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