Decision No. 85783

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application of HANS HELGE HAGERUP RASMUSSEN, doing business as SANTA YNEZ VALLEY BUS LINE, for certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate passenger, baggage, and express, between Buellton, via Solvang, Santa Ynez to Santa Barbara and intermediate points and return.

Application No. 56347 (Filed March 24, 1976)

OPINION

Hans Helge Hagerup Rasmussen has applied for authority to operate as a passenger stage corporation to provide passenger, baggage and express service between the communities of Buellton. Solvang, Santa Ymez and Santa Barbara and intermediate points, respectively, in the County of Santa Barbara.

Applicant alleges that there is no direct transportation available between the various enumerated communities, that the four communities have shown a population increase of 4,000 persons in the past 5 years having a population of some 12,000 persons at last count. Despite the lack of transportation, approximately one-half million persons visit the communities annually. Because of the lack of transportation, those wishing to travel about are forced to use taxicabs or private car.

A copy of the application was served on Greyhound Lines, Inc. the City of Santa Barbara and County of Santa Barbara. The filing of the application was noticed in the Commission's Daily Calendar on March 25, 1976. The Transportation Division recommends that the application be acted upon ex parte if no protests are received. There are no protests. A public hearing is not necessary.

bs * FINDINGS 1. Applicant is ready, willing and able to provide passenger stage service on a regularly scheduled basis according to the schedule attached to the application between the defined areas in Santa Barbara County. 2. Applicant possesses the equipment, personnel and financial resources to institute and maintain the sought-for service. Public convenience and necessity require that the application be granted. 4. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. <u>CONCLUSIONS</u> The application should be granted as provided in the following order. Applicant is placed on notice that operative rights, as such, do not constitute a class of property which may be capitalized or used as an element of value in rate fixing for any amount of money in excess of that originally paid to the State as the consideration for the grant of such rights. Aside from their purely permissive aspect, such rights extend to the holder a full or partial monopoly of a class of business. This monopoly feature may be modified or canceled at any time by the State, which is not in any respect limited as to the number of rights which may be given. ORDER IT IS ORDERED that: 1. A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is granted to Hans Helge Hagerup Rasmussen, doing business as Santa Ynez Valley Bus Lines authorizing him to commence operations as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, to four points in the County of Santa Barbara, as -2bs more specifically set forth in his application as the communities of Buellton, Solvang, Santa Ynez to Santa Barbara and intermediate points, and to transport passengers, baggage and express between said points and over the routes set forth in Appendix A of this decision. In providing service pursuant to the authority granted by this order, applicant shall comply with the following service regulations. Failure to do so may result in a cancellation of the authority. (a) Within thirty days after the effective date of this order, applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate granted. Applicant is placed on notice that if he accepts the certificate he will be required, among other things, to comply with the safety rules administered by the California Highway Patrol, the rules and other regulations of the Commission's General Order 98-Series, and the insurance requirements of the Commission's General Order 101-Series. Within one hundred twenty days after the effective date of this order, applicant shall establish the authorized service and file tariffs and timetables, in triplicate, in the Commission's office. Rates and rules shall be those in applicant's Local Passenger Tariff No. 1. Cal PUC No. 1. The tariff and timetable filings shall be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five 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 authorized service. The tariff and timetable filings made pursuant to this order shall comply with the regulations governing the construction and filing of tariffs and timetables set forth in the Commission's General Orders 79-Series and 98-Series. -3(e) Applicant shall maintain his 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 his operations in such form, content and number of copies as the Commission, from time to time, shall prescribe.

Since there are no protests to the proposed service and the tourist season in the Santa Ynez Valley area will be commencing soon, the effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this <u>LU</u> day of <u>MAY</u>, 1976.

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Commissioner William Symons, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Appendix A

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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.

 Appendix A

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GENERAL AUTHORIZATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, LIMITATIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Hans Helge Hagerup Rasmussen, doing business as Santa Ynez Valley Bus Lines, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, is authorized as a passenger stage corporation to transport passengers, baggage, and express from the community of Buellton via Highway 246 to Solvang and Santa Ynez, thence along Highways 154 and 101 to Santa Barbara; serving the termini and all intermediate points subject to the following provisions:

- (a) Motor vehicles may be turned at termini or intermediate points, in either direction, at intersections of streets or by operating around a block contiguous to such intersections, in accordance with local traffic regulations.
- (b) Regular route service shall be conducted daily.
- (c) When route descriptions are given in one direction, they apply to operation in either direction unless otherwise indicated.
- (d) The transportation of baggage and express shall be on passenger-carrying vehicles and shall be incidental to the transportation of passengers and limited to a weight of not more than 100 pounds per shipment.

Issued by California Public Utilities Commission. Decision No. 85783, Application No. 56347.