

Decision No. 86242**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's)	
own motion into the status, rules,)	
regulations, operations, service,)	Case No. 9630
facilities, equipment and practices)	
of Douglas Bus Lines, Inc., a)	
California corporation.)	

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

Douglas Bus Lines, Inc., (Douglas) is a passenger stage corporation operating under the Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity granted by this Commission in Decision 84274, dated April 1, 1975, as extended by Decisions 84620 and 84792 in this proceeding. This authority will terminate on August 15, 1976, unless by further order the Commission provides for authority beyond that date.

The major issue in these proceedings is the mechanical maintenance and safety of Douglas' buses, as well as vehicle cleanliness.

On June 30, 1976, the California Highway Patrol conducted an inspection of Douglas' bus fleet. The inspection disclosed substantial improvement of maintenance procedures and vehicle safety, and the California Highway Patrol recommends continuation of Douglas' operating authority.

The Commission staff concurs that the authority should be continued because of the favorable California Highway Patrol report and the public need for this extensive "home-to-work" passenger stage service.

In view of the continued improvement in maintenance and the recommendations from the Highway Patrol and the Commission staff, we will extend Douglas' operating authority beyond its present termination date. Because of the critical importance of continued quality vehicle maintenance, we will extend Douglas' authority for one additional year at this time, subject to necessary conditions

to assure continued satisfactory vehicle safety and cleanliness. We will also provide that in the absence of a further order to the contrary, Douglas' operating authority will revert to a regular, rather than a temporary status, at the end of this additional period.

IT IS ORDERED that Decision 84274, as modified by Decisions 84620 and 84792, is further modified to provide that:

1. Certificate Appendices A and B, subject to revocation on August 15, 1976, shall, instead, continue in effect on a probationary status through August 15, 1977. Certificate Appendices C and D, set to expire on August 15, 1976, shall, instead, continue in effect on a probationary status through August 15, 1977.

2. The operating authority modified by Paragraph 1 of this order may be revoked or further modified in the event that Douglas Bus Lines, Inc., fails to:

- (a) Continue a preventive bus maintenance program satisfactory to the California Highway Patrol.
- (b) Continue a satisfactory program for cleaning the buses.
- (c) Report to the Commission in writing within 20 days after any vehicle inspection by the Highway Patrol or Commission staff, advising of the improvement in vehicles and company practices found necessary in such inspection.
- (d) Report any mechanical failures or any out-of-fuel occurrences, which may happen in any of its operations, to the Commission staff by telephone within 24 hours of the failure or occurrence, which report shall be confirmed in writing within three working days.

3. In the absence of a further order to the contrary, Certificate Appendices A, B, C and D shall revert to a regular permanent status as of August 15, 1977.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th
day of AUGUST, 1976.

President

William F. Garrison
Vernon L. Lingen
Leonard Ross

Commissioners

Commissioner D. W. Holmes, being
necessarily absent, did not participate
in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner Robert Batimovich, being
necessarily absent, did not participate
in the disposition of this proceeding.