

Decision 88 02 042

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Geraldine D. Morris, dba Fillmore )  
Area Transit Corp., an individual, )  
for the authority to adjust stops )  
and timetable on existing route; )  
to discontinue operating service )  
between Fillmore and Simi Valley due )  
to lack of funding by the County of )  
Ventura and the City of Fillmore and )  
ridership at this time. )

Application 87-07-030  
(Filed July 20, 1987)

OPINION

Geraldine D. Morris, dba Fillmore Area Transit Corp. (applicant), requests authority to discontinue transportation service on Route 4, between the City of Fillmore and Simi Valley, due to discontinuance of funding by the Tri-Counties Regional Center (TCRC)<sup>1</sup> and lack of ridership. Applicant further requests authority to adjust stops in its existing Routes 2 and 3 bus schedules.

Applicant is engaged in the operation of a passenger stage corporation as defined in the Public Utilities (PU) Code, transporting persons over a regular route home-to-work service between points in Ventura County: specifically, the communities of Fillmore, Piru, Simi Valley, Santa Paula, and Ventura, under authority granted by the Commission in Decision (D.) 82-03-088 dated May 26, 1982 (PSC-1202).

<sup>1</sup> Tri-Counties Regional Center is a social service agency providing services for the developmentally disabled citizens of the region, under contract with the State of California.

Notice of the filing of the application appeared in the Commission's Daily Transportation Calendar on July 27, 1987. In addition, notice of the filing was served by applicant upon all governmental entities within whose boundaries applicant provides service. No protests to the application have been received.

Applicant provides a regularly scheduled service, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, between points in Ventura County along four routes as follows:

Route 1 - Fillmore Intracity Service

Route 2 - Fillmore-Piru Service

Route 3 - Fillmore-Santa Paula-Ventura  
Intercity Service

Route 4 - Fillmore-Piru-Moorpark-Simi Valley  
Intercity Service

Applicant now seeks to discontinue service of its Route 4. Applicant provides its transportation service with one 1973 and one 1978 Chevrolet 12-passenger van, one 1977 Chevrolet 16-passenger van, and one 1978 and one 1979 International 44-passenger bus.

Applicant began its Route 4 bus service between Fillmore and Simi Valley in accordance with a contract and funds provided by TCRC. Under the terms of the contract, applicant furnished daily transportation services to the developmentally disabled citizens from the Fillmore area to the Simi Valley Service Center. Applicant received funds of \$52,099 from TCRC in 1986 for such service; ridership in 1986 totaled 10,116 passengers. TCRC also received \$639 from 93 passengers, members of the Association of Retarded Citizens, who were not eligible for free transportation to the Simi Valley center under TCRC funding. Applicant operated its transportation service to Simi Valley five days per week with two round trips per day.

Effective August 17, 1987, funding for the Fillmore-Simi Valley Route 4 was discontinued by TCRC when TCRC transferred its clients from the Simi Valley center to the Ventura Service Center. As a result, ridership to Simi Valley virtually stopped.

The Transportation Division staff has reviewed the application, finds that applicant has complied with Rule 15(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, and recommends that the application be granted. An examination of the financial information submitted with the application confirms the lack of ridership on the Fillmore-Simi Route 4 which makes continued operation economically infeasible.

#### Discussion

It is apparent from the application that applicant's Route 4 is noncompensatory, especially in light of the discontinuance of funds for such service by the TCRC and the transfer of TCRC's clients to the Ventura Service Center. Under the circumstances, applicant has no passengers to transport and has no reason to continue such route.

#### Findings of Fact

1. The TCRC has discontinued funding to applicant for operation of transportation service on its Route 4 between Fillmore and Simi Valley.
2. The ridership on Route 4 has virtually ended because of the transfer of clients from the Simi Valley center to the Ventura Center.
3. No protests to the application have been received.
4. Applicant does not require authority from the Commission to adjust stops and timetables on its other existing routes.

#### Conclusion of Law

Because of the lack of funding by the TCRC for the transportation of developmentally disabled citizens and resulting lack of subsidized ridership on Route 4 between the City of Fillmore and Simi Valley, applicant's request to discontinue said

route should be granted. Since the funding ended and ridership terminated effective August 17, 1987, the effective date of the following order should be today's date.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. After this order becomes effective, Fillmore Area Transit Corporation is authorized to discontinue its passenger stage service on Route 4 between Fillmore and Simi Valley.
2. Effective on the date of this order, tariffs and timetables now on file covering its Route 4 shall be canceled.
3. The operative rights authorized by Decision 82-03-088 in Application 60880 are modified as described in the attached Appendix PSC-1202.

This order is effective today.

Dated FEB 24 1988, at San Francisco, California.

STANLEY W. HULETT  
President  
DONALD VIAL  
JOHN B. OHANIAN  
Commissioners

Commissioner Frederick R. Duda,  
being necessarily absent, did  
not participate.

Commissioner G. Mitchell Wilk,  
being necessarily absent, did  
not participate.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION  
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE  
COMMISSIONERS TODAY.

  
Victor W. Scott, Executive Director

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APPENDIX PSC-1202

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CERTIFICATE

OF

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

AS A PASSENGER STAGE CORPORATION

PSC-1202

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Showing passenger stage operative rights, restrictions,  
limitations, exceptions, and privileges.

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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.

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Issued under authority of Decision 88 02 642,  
dated FEB 24 1988, of the Public Utilities Commission of  
the State of California in Application 87-07-030.

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

This certificate supersedes all authority previously granted to Fillmore Area Transit Corporation to operate as a passenger stage corporation.

Fillmore Area Transit Corporation, a California corporation, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity noted in the margin, is authorized to transport passengers between Fillmore, Santa Paula, Ventura, and certain intermediate and adjacent territories over and along the routes described, subject, however, to the authority of this Commission to change or modify the routes at any time and subject to the following provisions:

- (a) Motor vehicles may be turned at termini and 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) When route descriptions are given in one direction, they apply to operation in either direction, unless otherwise indicated.
- (c) Passengers shall be picked up or dropped off at the authorized service points only, as set forth in each route description below.

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## SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS.

Route 1 - Fillmore-Rancho Sespe Village

Commencing with service points at the following locations in Fillmore:

Sespe and Central Avenues  
Central Avenue and Main Street  
Main and Mountain Streets  
Mountain View and Blaine Streets  
Blaine and Saratoga Streets  
Saratoga Street and Central Avenue  
Central Avenue and 4th Street  
4th Street and Island View Street  
Island View and 2nd Streets  
2nd Street and Central Avenue  
"A" and 4th Streets  
"A" and 3rd Streets  
"A" and Ventura Streets  
Fillmore Trailer Park

Then via the most appropriate streets and highways to a service point at Rancho Sespe Village.

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Route 2 - Fillmore - Piru

Commencing with service points at Sespe and Central Avenues in Fillmore.

Then via the most appropriate streets and highways to service points at the following locations in Piru:

State Highway 126 and Main Street  
Main Street and Center Street

Route 3 - Fillmore - Santa Paula - Ventura

Commencing with service point at the following location:

Sespe and Central Avenues, Fillmore

Then via the most appropriate streets and highways to service point at the following location in Santa Paula:

10th Street  
(Santa Paula City Hall)

Then via the most appropriate streets and highways to service points at the following locations in the City of Ventura:

State Highway 126 and Victoria Avenue  
(Ventura County Government Center)  
Telegraph Road  
(Ventura College and St. Bonaventure High School)  
Brent Street and Loma Vista Road  
(Community Memorial Hospital)  
Loma Vista Road and Hillmont Street  
(County General Hospital and Public Social Services Offices)  
Mill Street and Maple Street  
(Buena Ventura Plaza)

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Route 3 - Fillmore - Santa Paula - Ventura (Continued)

State Highway 126 and Victoria Avenue  
(Ventura County Government Center)  
10th Street, Santa Paula  
(City Hall)  
Sespe Avenue, Fillmore  
(City Hall)

Commencing with service point at the following  
location:

Fillmore: Sespe Avenue  
(City Hall)

Then via the most appropriate streets and highways to  
service point at the following location in the City of  
Santa Paula:

Santa Paula, 10th Street  
(City Hall)

Then via the most appropriate streets and highways to  
service points at the following locations in the City of  
Ventura:

State Highway 126 and Victoria Avenue  
(Ventura County Government Center)  
Telegraph Road and Ashwood Street  
(Ventura College and St. Bonaventure High School)  
Brent Street and Loma Vista Road  
(Community Memorial Hospital)  
Loma Vista Road and Hillmont Street  
(County General Hospital and Public Social Services  
Offices)  
Thompson Blvd. and Palm Street  
(Greyhound Bus Depot)

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Route 4 - Fillmore - Piru

Commencing with service points at the following locations:

Fillmore: Sespe and Central Avenues  
Santa Clara and Fillmore Streets  
(Fillmore Senior Citizens Center)

Then via the most appropriate streets and highways to service point in Piru at:

State Highway 126 and Main Street

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