

Decision S2 06 C43

JUN 2 1982

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of GWS ENTERPRISES, INC.,)
 a California corporation, for)
 certificate of public convenience and)
 necessity to operate a passenger)
 stage service between the Gianella)
 Bridge and Chico Landing, Butte)
 County, California.)

Application 82-03-68
 (Filed March 18, 1982)

O P I N I O N

GWS Enterprises, Inc. (GWS), a California corporation, requests a certificate of public convenience and necessity to establish and operate a passenger stage service in Butte County for the transportation of passengers between the Gianella Bridge and the Chico Landing, over the following route:

Highway 32 from the Gianella Bridge easterly to the River Road, south on the River Road to the Chico Landing, and north on the River Road to the junction of Highway 32, then westerly on Highway 32 to the Gianella Bridge.

The application states that one of the favorite summer-time activities for people in the Chico area is floating down the Sacramento River on inner tubes from the Gianella Bridge to the Chico Landing. As many as 2,000 people may go tubing down the Sacramento River on any given weekend day. During the week estimates range from 750 to 1,000 people. Many of these people park their cars on the side of Highway 32 just to the immediate west of the Gianella Bridge. Consequently, there is a great deal of vehicular and pedestrian traffic in and around the immediate vicinity of the bridge. Persons who have parked their cars at the Gianella Bridge either have another car located at the Chico Landing or hitchhike up the river road back to the Gianella Bridge to pick up their cars.

GWS proposes to acquire land in the immediate vicinity of the Chico Landing and to make available off-street parking. GWS would then transport these persons from the Chico Landing to the Gianella Bridge, which would be their off-loading point.

GWS proposes to charge a fare of \$.75 per person. GWS will be carrying passengers one way only, to wit: from the Chico Landing on the Sacramento River, Butte County, north on the River Road to Highway 32, then westerly on Highway 32 to the Gianella Bridge. Applicant does not propose to make any intermediate stops either to off-load or to on-load passengers.

GWS's service will commence at 9:00 a.m. and will cease at 7:00 p.m. daily.

GWS proposes to operate two buses, each with a seating capacity of 20 to 24 adults, and will add more buses as required by demand for the service. GWS's balance sheet as of December 31, 1981 shows capital of \$1,696,840.

The application is supported by correspondence from the Department of Transportation and the California Highway Patrol as benefiting the public through providing increased off-street parking and reducing congestion on Route 32 along the proposed route.

Service of the application was made upon the Butte County Clerk and appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar. Service was not made upon competitors as none are known to exist.

Findings of Fact

1. GWS has the necessary equipment, ability, and financial resources to perform the proposed service.
2. There is a public need for this passenger stage service.

3. The proposed fares are justified.

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.

5. A public hearing is not necessary.

Conclusion of Law

Public convenience and necessity have been demonstrated and the application should be granted. Since the public will benefit from immediate institution of the proposed service, the following order should be effective today.

Only the amount paid to the State for operative rights may be used in rate fixing. The State may grant any number of rights and may cancel or modify the monopoly feature of these rights at any time.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to GWS Enterprises, Inc. authorizing it to operate as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in PU Code § 226, between the points and over the routes set forth in Appendix PSC-1223 to transport persons and baggage.

2. Applicant shall:

- a. File a written acceptance of this certificate within 30 days after this order is effective.
- b. Establish the authorized service and file tariffs and timetables within 120 days after this order is effective.
- c. State in its tariffs and timetables when service will start; allow at least 10 days' notice to the Commission; and make timetables and tariffs effective 10 or more days after this order is effective.

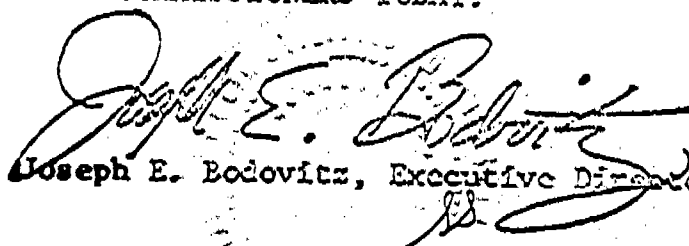
- d. Comply with General Orders Series 79, 98, 101, and 104, and the California Highway Patrol safety rules.
- e. Maintain accounting records in conformity with the Uniform System of Accounts.

This order is effective today.

Dated JUN 2 1982, at San Francisco, California.

JOHN E. BRYSON
President
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. CREW
Commissioners

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director

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Appendix PSC-1223

GWS ENTERPRISES, INC.

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CERTIFICATE
OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
AS A PASSENGER STAGE CORPORATION
PSC - 1223

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

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.

Issued by Decision 82 06 043, dated JUN 2 1982,
of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California,
Application 82-03-68.

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

GWS Enterprises, Inc., by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to operate as a passenger stage corporation to transport passengers between Chico Landing, Butte County, on the one hand, and Gianella Bridge, Butte County, on the other hand, subject, however, to the authority of this Commission to change or modify this authority at any time and subject to the following provisions:

- a. All transportation of passengers shall originate at and shall be destined to the service points specified in Section 2.
- b. When route descriptions are given in one direction, they apply to operation in either direction unless otherwise indicated.

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SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS.

Via the most appropriate streets and highways, pickup points at the following location in Butte County:

Chico Landing on the Sacramento River.

Then via the most appropriate streets and highways to the dropoff point at the following location in Butte County:

Gianella Bridge on the Sacramento River.

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