

Decision S3 01 032 JAN 12 1985

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the Application)
of Ronald C. Kelsey, an individual)
doing business as Sierra Lines,)
otherwise known as LABTRANSCO, for)
an abandonment of existing)
passenger stage service.)

Application 82-11-29
(Filed November 15, 1982)

O P I N I O N

Ronald C. Kelsey, doing business as Sierra Lines (applicant), possesses a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate as a passenger stage corporation transporting passengers in a home-to-work service between the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), on the one hand, and specific points in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, on the other hand. The certificate was transferred to applicant from J. A. Maltly, dba Diablo Charter Lines, by Decision (D.) 66779 dated February 11, 1964 and amended by D.86386 dated September 14, 1976. Applicant seeks authority to discontinue service and have his certificate of public convenience and necessity revoked.

The application states applicant has experienced a decrease in passenger revenues because of:

1. The relocation of LLNL employees away from applicant's established routes.
2. The retirement of a large number of LLNL employees who were the primary consideration in establishing the existing service.
3. Nonsupport of applicant by LLNL management.
4. Indiscriminate placement of publicly funded, unregulated vanpool operations by LLNL/RIDES, INC. operating over or in close proximity to applicant's routes.
5. Competitive service offered by publicly funded transit agencies (AC Transit and Bay Area Rapid Transit District).
6. The inability to secure subsidy funds currently available to public agencies to cover operating and capital costs.

The application states that with the decrease in revenues, applicant (1) does not have the funds to continue operation; (2) has been operating at a loss of 10.13% since January 1, 1982; (3) has accumulated a loss of approximately \$43,673; and (4) has personally absorbed all losses. The application states that the deteriorating financial condition has lead to a no-growth situation and bankruptcy status. It states a fare increase at this time would only exacerbate present ridership since vans are now operating at fares lower than applicant's. Finally, alternative means of transportation for applicant's service was attached to the application.

After review, we conclude that the application should be granted. Passenger Stage Certificate 142 should be rescinded. The application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar November 19, 1982. There are no protests.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that the certificate of public convenience and necessity PSC-142 granted to Ronald C. Kelsey, dba Sierra Lines, is rescinded.

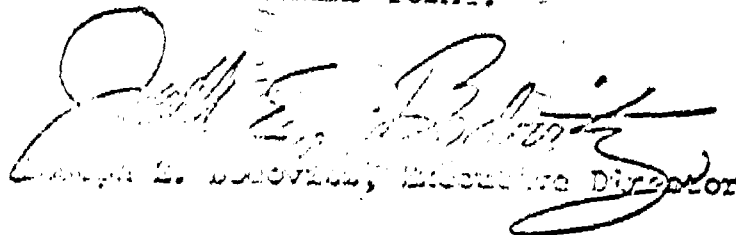
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated JAN 12 1983, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President

VICTOR CALVO
FRISCILLA C. GREW
DONALD VIAL
Commissioners

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


Joseph E. Donovan, Executive Director