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Decision No. 87287

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. for temporary suspension of operations under its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate passenger, baggage, and express service between Modesto and Yosemite National Park.

Application No. 57157
(Filed March 18, 1977)

O P I N I O N

Yosemite Park and Curry Co., a corporation, operates as a passenger stage corporation in the transportation of passengers and their baggage and express between Merced, Fresno, Lee Vining, Hetch Hetchy, and Modesto, on the one hand, and Yosemite National Park, on the other hand and between intermediate points on each of the five routes pursuant to Decision No. 84295 dated April 8, 1975 in Application No. 55385, as amended by Decision No. 85743 dated April 27, 1976 in Application No. 56287 and Commission Resolution No. PE-336 dated August 17, 1976.

By this application, applicant requests authority to suspend service during the 1977 season on its Modesto route which is designated in its certificate as Route E and described as follows:

"Route E. Between Modesto and Yosemite National Park and intermediate points over and along State Highway 132 via Empire, Waterford, LaGrange and Colterville, Highway J-20 via Greeley Hill, and State Highway 120 through Big Oak Flat Entrance Station to Yosemite Valley."

The application states as follows: Applicant's presently authorized service on the Modesto route is a seasonal service between the approximate dates of May 1 and October 1 of each calendar year when road and weather conditions permit. Its certificate also provides that special operations may be conducted on this route without regard to the seasonal restriction for groups of passengers traveling pursuant to a common purpose when the fares or charges for such transportation are computed upon an individual fare basis. During the 1976 operating season on the Modesto route, applicant transported passengers between Modesto and Yosemite National Park for California Parlor Car Tours Company, whose tours took them through Modesto to Yosemite National Park and continued to other California tourist locations. This accounted for substantially all of the business on this route, and is not available any longer. Based on last year's experience, it is apparent that the demand for applicant's bus service from Modesto to Yosemite National Park without any passengers from the California Parlor Car Tours Company would be so insubstantial as to render continuing the service economically unfeasible at this time. Passengers traveling by bus, or otherwise, on State Highway 99 may continue to travel on applicant's buses from either Merced or Fresno for transportation to Yosemite National Park.

Copies of the application were served on interested parties. It was listed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of March 21, 1977. No protest has been received.

We are of the opinion that the request is reasonable and conclude that it should be granted. Because the 1977 season for Route E is about to commence, the order which follows will be made effective immediately.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Yosemite Park and Curry Co. may suspend common carrier passenger stage and express operations during 1977 between Modesto, Yosemite National Park, and intermediate points over Route E described in the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted to it by Decision No. 84295, as amended by Decision No. 85743 and Commission Resolution No. PE-336.

2. The necessary tariff and timetable filings to effectuate the suspension authorized by Ordering Paragraph 1 shall be made effective not earlier than one day after the effective date of this order on not less than one day's notice to the Commission and to the public.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of June, 1977.

Robert Bateman
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Commissioners