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Decision No. _____

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application)
of Warren Blodgett, dba LAKE)
COUNTY TRANSIT for certificate of)
public convenience and necessity)
to operate a passenger stage line)
service in Lake County and a)
portion of Mendocino County.)

Application No. 59192
(Filed October 11, 1979)

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application, Warren Blodgett, dba Lake County Transit, seeks authority to provide an automotive service for the purpose of establishing a passenger stage line between Lake County and a portion of Mendocino County.

The route requested is between Lucerne and Lakeport including Finley, Kelseyville, Lakeside and Upper Lake, also Ukiah and Kelseyville including Lakeport, Nice and Upper Lake. A map and timetable of the proposed routes are attached to the application.

The proposed fares are \$1.00 between the following points:

- Lakeport to Finley
- Finley to Kelseyville
- Kelseyville to Lakeport Community Hospital
- Hospital to Upper Lake
- Upper Lake to Nice
- Nice to Lucerne

The proposed fare from Lakeport to Ukiah is \$5.00.

Lake County Transit plans to use a vehicle such as a 20-passenger Airsteam bus similar to that used by Mendocino Transit at the present time.

Applicant contends that the County of Lake, which consists of approximately 40,000 permanent residences and up to 100,000 persons during summer vacation periods, has no public transportation system within the County. This population generally exists along the shore line of Clear Lake totalling some 75+ miles. It includes the communities of Lakeport, Finley, Kelseyville, Lower Lake,

Clearlake Highlands, Clearlake Park, Clearlake Oaks, Glenhaven, Lucerne, Nice, and Upper Lake. Presently the only transportation coming into the County is by Greyhound Bus Lines with one bus arriving and departing daily. Presently there is no commercial airline serving Lake County.

A large portion of Lake County consists of retired people. Retired people need a scheduled public transportation system. The request for the route to Ukiah, California is for the purpose of providing connections to more available transit systems that operate interstate, which would include bus lines and commercial air services.

The applicant's balance sheet as of September 25, 1979 shows assets of \$223,200 and indicates an equity of \$195,200. Applicant also has interest in the Lake County Cab Company.

The application was served on Greyhound Lines, Inc., the only other stage line operating in this area, in addition to having been listed on the Commission's daily calendar. There are no protests. The Commission's Transportation Division recommends that the authority be granted ex parte.

Findings of Fact

1. Lake County Transit seeks authority to operate as a passenger stage corporation providing service between Kelseyville and Lucerne, Lake County and Ukiah, Mendocino County.
2. The only competing transportation is Greyhound Lines, Inc. with one round-trip daily between Calistoga and Lakeport with no service to Ukiah from Clear Lake.
3. Applicant can obtain the necessary equipment and has the necessary financial resources to perform the proposed service.
4. By letter of May 6, 1977, County of Lake to the Commission, County advised its support of the application.
5. The proposed fares are justified.
6. The Commission staff supports the application.
7. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

8. Applicant has demonstrated that public convenience and necessity require granting of the application.

Conclusions

It is concluded that the sought authority should be granted. Since there are no protests, and since the public will benefit from immediate institution of the service, the following order should be effective the date of signature. Lake County Transit is placed on notice that operative rights, as such, do not constitute a class of property which may be capitalized or used as an element of value in rate fixing for any amount of money in excess of that originally paid to the State as the consideration for the grant of such rights. Aside from their purely permissive aspect, such rights extend to the holder a full or partial monopoly of a class of business. This monopoly feature may be modified or canceled at any time by the State, which is not in any respect limited as to the number of rights which may be given.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Warren Blodgett, doing business as Lake County Transit, authorizing it to operate as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section No. 226 of the Public Utilities Code, between the points and over the routes as described in Appendix A hereof.

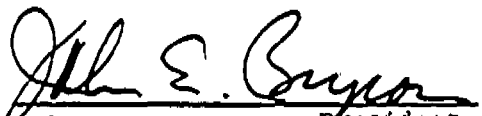
2. In providing service pursuant to the authority granted by this order, applicant shall comply with the following service regulations. Failure to do so may result in a cancellation of the authority.

- (a) Within thirty days after the effective date of this order, applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate granted. Applicant is placed on notice that if it accepts the certificate it will be required, among other things, to comply with the safety rules of the California Highway Patrol, the rules and other regulations of the Commission's General Order No. 98-Series, and the insurance requirements of the Commission's General Order No. 101-Series.


- (b) Within one hundred twenty days after the effective date of this order, applicant shall establish the authorized service and file tariffs and timetables, in triplicate, in the Commission's office.
- (c) The tariff and timetable filings shall be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than the ten days' notice to the Commission and the public, and the effective date of the tariff and timetable filings shall be concurrent with the establishment of the authorized service.
- (d) The tariff and timetable filings made pursuant to this order shall comply with the regulations governing the construction and filing of tariffs and timetables set forth in the Commission's General Orders Nos. 79-Series and 98-Series.
- (e) Applicant shall maintain its accounting records on a calendar-year basis in conformance with the applicable Uniform System of Accounts or Chart of Accounts as prescribed or adopted by this Commission and shall file with the Commission, on or before March 31 of each year, an annual report of its operations in such form, content, and number of copies as the Commission, from time to time, shall prescribe.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

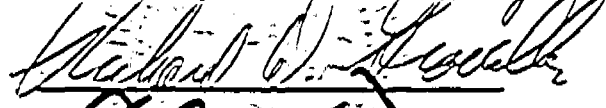
Dated DEC 18 1979, at San Francisco, California.




President




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Claude T. D'Amico



Leonard J. Spier
Commissioners

Appendix A

WARREN BLODGETT
Doing Business As
LAKE COUNTY TRANSIT

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CERTIFICATE

OF

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

PSC-1099

TO OPERATE AS

A PASSENGER STAGE CORPORATION

Showing Passenger stage operative rights, restrictions, Limitations
exceptions and privileges applicable thereto.

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 under authority of Decision **91152**,
dated DEC 18 1979 of the Public Utilities Commission
of the State of California, in Application 59065.

WARREN BLODGETT
Doing Business As
LAKE COUNTY TRANSIT
(PSC-1099)

SECTION 1. GENERAL AUTHORIZATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, LIMITATIONS
AND SPECIFICATIONS

Warren Blodgett, doing business as Lake County Transit, 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 for the transportation of passengers and their baggage over the routes hereinafter described and subject to the following provisions and restrictions:

- (a) When route descriptions are given in one direction, they apply to operations in either direction unless otherwise indicated.
- (b) Route descriptions listed in Section 2 also include intermediate points on the routes between the points indicated.
- (c) Passenger service shall be on a daily basis, excluding Sundays and Holidays.

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SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS

Subject to the authority of the Commission to change or modify such at any time, Warren Blodgett, doing business as Lake County Transit, shall conduct his passenger stage operations between the following points and over and along the following route descriptions:

- (1) Commencing at the Lakeport Post Office; thence along Business Route 29 to Finley Post Office, including Lampson Airport; thence continuing to Kelseyville Post Office.
- (2) From Lakeport Post Office along Lakeshore Blvd. to Lakeside Community Hospital; thence along State Route 29 and State Route 20 to Upper Lake; thence along State Route 20 to Nice Post Office; thence along State Route 20 to Lucerne Post Office.
- (3) Commencing at Ukiah; thence along U.S. 101, State Route 20 and State Route 29 to Lakeport.

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