

Decision No. 91932

JUN 17 1980

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMUTER BUS)
SERVICE, INC., a corporation, for)
authority to extend its passenger)
stage commuter service from Los)
Angeles and Orange Counties to)
include the Century City Area.)

Application No. 59393
(Filed January 22, 1980)

O P I N I O N

Southern California Commuter Bus Service, Inc. (Combus) seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to Sections 1031 and 1032 of the Public Utilities Code to extend its authority to operate as a passenger stage corporation over regular routes between various points in Los Angeles and Orange counties, on the one hand, and places of employment in the Century City/West Los Angeles area, on the other hand.^{1/} The proposed additional services assertedly would increase the use of commuter buses as an alternative to the private automobile.

^{1/} The areas to be served are reflected in the names of the present routes which Combus proposes to extend, as follows: West San Fernando Valley; North San Fernando Valley; South-west San Fernando Valley; South Central Los Angeles; North Orange County; and Mission Viejo/Huntington Beach/Long Beach. Each individual route description would be changed to allow: (a) pickup and discharge of commuters in Century City as well as at the Federal Building in Westwood; (b) pickup and discharge of passengers at other buildings in Westwood; and (c) the alternative to operate an express service to either the Westwood area or the Century City area, or to combine both area stops on individual routes.

The proposed routes to be served are described in Exhibit A to the application. Maps showing the routes are contained in Exhibit B. Proposed rates and rules are set forth in Exhibit C. It is proposed that the exact time schedule for the proposed service would be determined as a result of passenger response. Work shifts to be served are set forth in Exhibit D. ✓ A list of other carriers and interested parties is included in Exhibit E.

Combus proposes to lease necessary equipment from local charter bus companies or passenger stage corporations licensed by the Commission, and also to purchase equipment as required. All bus equipment would be late model 38-passenger (or greater), air-conditioned, parlor-type reclining seat coaches and deluxe commuter vans. Thirteen- to 16-passenger commuter vans would be used to provide service on those routes where a larger capacity bus is not required. All vans would be late model GMC, Dodge, or Far West Coach vans with deluxe seats, air conditioning, stereo tape, AM/FM music system, and individual reading lights. Card tables, refreshment bar, and TV would also be available upon request. Commuters would be permitted to place bicycles in the underfloor luggage compartments, for use at either or both ends of the bus ride.

Combus states that there is no existing commuter service to the Century City/West Los Angeles area from the areas proposed to be served. Applicant lists six economic reasons to justify the proposed service. Combus has the ability and experience to perform the proposed service and can make available the necessary equipment and facilities. It asserts that operation of the proposed service will not have an adverse impact upon the environment. It points out that it will have a favorable effect upon the environment due to a reduction in traffic, energy consumption, and smog.

Combus contends the application is noncontroversial in nature and there is an immediate need for the service. It requests the Commission to issue an ex parte order authorizing the proposed service and establishment of the proposed routes and fares. Copies of the application were served on Orange County Transit District, Southern California Rapid Transit District, Southern California Association of Governments, and county and city governments in the areas involved. The application was noticed on the Commission's Daily Calendar of January 24, 1980. There are no protests.

Findings of Fact

1. Combus is a passenger stage corporation engaged in performing common carrier service between points in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

2. Combus seeks to extend existing passenger stage authority to serve between certain points in Los Angeles and Orange counties, on the one hand, and points in the Century City/West Los Angeles area, on the other hand.

3. Combus is unaware of any passenger carrier with which the proposed service would compete.

4. The proposed fares are justified.

5. Combus has the ability and experience necessary to perform the proposed additional services.

6. It can be seen with certainty there is no possibility the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

7. Combus has demonstrated that public convenience and necessity require certification of the additional services sought.

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.

Southern California Commuter Bus Service, Inc. 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.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Appendix A of Decision No. 83367 in Application No. 54544 is amended by incorporating First Revised Page 6, First Revised Page 7, and Original Page 7-A, attached hereto, in revision of Original Page 6 and Original Page 7.
2. In providing service pursuant to the authority granted by this order, applicant, Southern California Commuter Bus Service, Inc., 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 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 JUN 17 1980 , at San Francisco, California.

John E. Byrne
President

James L. Sturgeon

Paul T. Delaney

Donald W. Smith
Commissioners

Commissioner Richard D. Gravelle, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Route WLA #2 WEST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY - CENTURY CITY

Commencing at Fallbrook Avenue and Victory Boulevard (CANOGA PARK); then east on Victory Boulevard, south on Topanga Canyon Boulevard to Ventura Boulevard (WOODLAND HILLS) where passengers are to be picked up; then east on Ventura Freeway to Reseda Boulevard, north on Reseda Boulevard to Burbank Boulevard (TARZANA) where passengers are to be picked up; then east on Burbank Boulevard to Balboa Boulevard (ENCINO) where passengers are to be picked up; then east on Burbank Boulevard to Sepulveda Boulevard, south to San Diego Freeway, * then south on the San Diego Freeway, then alternatively, (1) exiting at Wilshire Boulevard and proceeding east along Wilshire Boulevard discharging passengers at the federal buildings (including the VA) and at various buildings in the vicinity of the intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and Westwood Boulevard, then proceeding south on Westwood Boulevard to Santa Monica Boulevard and then east on Santa Monica Boulevard to Century City where passengers are to be discharged at the various Century City buildings; or (2) exiting at Santa Monica Boulevard and proceeding east along Santa Monica Boulevard to Century City where passengers are to be discharged at the various Century City buildings; and return.

Route WLA #3 NORTH SAN FERNANDO VALLEY - CENTURY CITY

Commencing at Devonshire Street and Canoga Avenue (CHATSWORTH); then east on Devonshire Street to Reseda Boulevard (NORTHRIDGE) where passengers are to be picked up; then south on Reseda Boulevard to Roscoe Boulevard (RESEDA) where passengers are to be picked up; then east on Roscoe Boulevard to Sepulveda Boulevard (SEPULVEDA) where passengers are to be picked up; then south on Sepulveda Boulevard to Hatteras Boulevard (VAN NUYS) where passengers are to be picked up; then south on Sepulveda Boulevard to San Diego Freeway, * then south on the San Diego Freeway, then alternatively, (1) exiting at Wilshire Boulevard and proceeding east along Wilshire Boulevard discharging passengers at the federal buildings (including the VA) and at various buildings in the vicinity of the intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and Westwood Boulevard, then proceeding south on Westwood Boulevard to Santa Monica Boulevard and then east on Santa Monica Boulevard to Century City where passengers are to be discharged at the various Century City buildings; or (2) exiting at Santa Monica Boulevard and proceeding east along Santa Monica Boulevard to Century City where passengers are to be discharged at the various Century City buildings; and return.

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*Amended by Decision No. 91932, Application No. 59393.

Route WLA #4 NORTH ORANGE COUNTY - WESTWOOD

Commencing at 17th Street and Newport Freeway (TUSTIN); then north on Newport Freeway to Lincoln Avenue (ORANGE) where passengers are to be picked up; then north on Newport Freeway, west on Riverside Freeway to Harbor Boulevard (FULLERTON) where passengers are to be picked up; then west on Riverside Freeway, west on Artesia Freeway to Valley View Street (BUENA PARK) where passengers are to be picked up; then west on Artesia Freeway, west on Artesia Boulevard, * then alternatively (1) exiting at Olympic Boulevard and proceeding east along Olympic Boulevard to Century City where passengers are to be discharged at various Century City buildings, and return; or (2) exiting at Olympic Boulevard and proceeding east along Olympic Boulevard to Century City where passengers are to be discharged at various Century City buildings, then west on Santa Monica Boulevard to Westwood Boulevard, then north on Westwood Boulevard to Wilshire Boulevard where passengers are to be discharged at various buildings in the vicinity of Westwood Boulevard and Wilshire Boulevard; then west on Wilshire Boulevard to the federal buildings where passengers are to be discharged, and return. ✓

Route WLA #6 MISSION VIEJO/HUNTINGTON BEACH/LONG BEACH - WESTWOOD

Commencing at Oso Parkway and San Diego Freeway (MISSION VIEJO); then north on San Diego Freeway stopping at Culver Drive (IRVINE), Brookhurst Street (FOUNTAIN VALLEY), Westminster Avenue (WESTMINSTER), and Bellflower Boulevard (LONG BEACH) where passengers are to be picked up; then north on San Diego Freeway, * then alternatively (1) exiting at Olympic Boulevard and proceeding east along Olympic Boulevard to Century City where passengers are to be discharged at various Century City buildings, and return; or (2) exiting at Olympic Boulevard and proceeding east along Olympic Boulevard to Century City where passengers are to be discharged at various Century City buildings, then west on Santa Monica Boulevard to Westwood Boulevard, then north on Westwood Boulevard to Wilshire Boulevard where passengers are to be discharged at various buildings in the vicinity of Westwood Boulevard and Wilshire Boulevard; then west on Wilshire Boulevard to the federal buildings where passengers are to be discharged, and return. ✓

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Route WLA #7 SOUTHWEST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY - CENTURY CITY

Commencing at Westlake Boulevard and Ventura Freeway (THOUSAND OAKS); then south on Ventura Ventura Freeway stopping at Las Virgenes Canyon Road (AGOURA), Topanga Canyon Road (WOODLAND HILLS), Reseda Boulevard (TARZANA), and Balboa Boulevard (ENCINO) where passengers are to be picked up; then south on Ventura Freeway, * then south on the San Diego Freeway, then alternatively, (1) exiting at Wilshire Boulevard and proceeding east along Wilshire Boulevard discharging passengers at the federal buildings (including the VA) and at various buildings in the vicinity of the intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and Westwood Boulevard, then proceeding south on Westwood Boulevard to Santa Monica Boulevard and then east on Santa Monica Boulevard to Century City where passengers are to be discharged at the various Century City buildings; or (2) exiting at Santa Monica Boulevard and proceeding east along Santa Monica Boulevard to Century City where passengers are to be discharged at the various Century City buildings; and return.

Route WLA #9 SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES

Commencing at Long Beach Boulevard and Firestone Boulevard (SOUTH GATE); then north on Long Beach Boulevard, north on Pacific Boulevard to Slauson Avenue (HUNTINGTON PARK) where passengers are to be picked up; then west on Slauson Avenue to Western Avenue (HYDE PARK) where passengers are to be picked up; then west on Slauson Avenue to La Brea Avenue (INGLEWOOD) where passengers are to be picked up; then west on Slauson Avenue to San Diego Freeway, then north on the San Diego Freeway, * then alternatively (1) exiting at Olympic Boulevard and proceeding east along Olympic Boulevard to Century City where passengers are to be discharged at various Century City buildings, and return; or (2) exiting at Olympic Boulevard and proceeding east along Olympic Boulevard to Century City where passengers are to be discharged at various Century City buildings, then west on Santa Monica Boulevard to Westwood Boulevard, then north on Westwood Boulevard to Wilshire Boulevard where passengers are to be discharged at various buildings in the vicinity of Westwood Boulevard and Wilshire Boulevard; then west on Wilshire Boulevard to the federal buildings where passengers are to be discharged, and return.

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