

Decision No. 92088 JUL 29 1980**ORIGINAL**

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application  
of Kern County Transportation  
Services, Inc., dba K.A.R.E. (Kern  
Area Rural Transit), for authority  
to operate as a passenger stage  
corporation between points in  
Kern County.

Application No. 59811  
(Filed July 17, 1980)

O P I N I O N

By this application, Kern County Transportation Services, Inc., doing business as K.A.R.E. (Kern Area Rural Transit), seeks authority to establish a passenger stage service along five routes between Kernville, Lake Isabella, Bodfish, Bakersfield, Onyx, Weldon, Weedpatch, Lamont, Lake of the Woods, Frazier Park and Lebec.

Applicant proposes to conduct the proposed services with six 10 or 12 passenger transit buses, equipped to be able to accommodate passengers in wheelchairs as well as passengers not requiring such facilities.

The proposed one-way fares are as follows:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Fares</u>	
	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Elderly &amp; Handicapped</u>
<u>Route #1</u>		
Kernville - Lake Isabella	\$ .50	\$ .25
Lake Isabella - Bodfish	\$ .25	\$ .15
Lake Isabella - Bakersfield	\$ 2.25	\$ 1.15
<u>Route #2</u>		
Onyx - Weldon - Lake Isabella	\$ .50	\$ .25
Onyx - Kernville (via Lake Isabella)	\$ 1.00	\$ .50
<u>Route #3</u>		
Weedpatch - Lamont	\$ .50	\$ .25
Weedpatch - Bakersfield	\$ 1.00	\$ .50

<u>Route #4</u>	<u>Service</u>		<u>Fares</u>	
		<u>Regular</u>	<u>Elderly &amp; Handicapped</u>	
Lake of the Woods - Lebec		\$ .50	\$ .25	
 <u>Route #5</u>				
Lake of the Woods - Bakersfield		\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00	

The applicant's balance sheet as of March 31, 1980, shows total assets of \$366,412.24, of which \$157,086.37 reflects assets other than "goodwill". Applicant will also receive funding from the County of Kern in connection with the passenger stage services proposed herein. Finally, the President of the applicant corporation has had experience in operating a passenger stage service in the Kern County area in years past, pursuant to a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued to City Cab of Bakersfield authorizing a passenger stage service between the Meadows Field Airport and downtown Bakersfield.

Applicant has served notice of the application on Greyhound Lines, Inc., Trailways, Kernville Stage and Freight Lines, Golden Empire Transit, and Orange Belt Stages.

Notice of this application was listed on the Commission's daily calendar on July 17, 1980. No protests have been received.

Inasmuch as use of this proposed transportation service would probably reduce the auto vehicular usage with a resultant reduction in air pollution, there is no possibility that the service would have an adverse effect on the environment.

The Commission's Transportation Division recommends that the authority be granted ex parte, as the transportation service is presently needed. Applicant indicates it is ready to commence service as soon as authorized to begin operation.

F I N D I N G S

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Commission finds as follows:

1. Kern County Transportation System, Inc., doing business as K.A.R.E. (Kern Area Rural Transit) seeks authority to operate as a passenger stage corporation providing service between Kernville, Lake Isabella, Bodfish, Bakersfield, Onyx, Weldon, Weedpatch, Lamont, Lake of the Woods, Frazier Park, and Lebec.
2. Applicant has the equipment available, expertise and financial resources to institute and maintain the proposed service.
3. The proposed fares appear to be justified.
4. The Commission staff supports the application.
5. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.
6. A public hearing is not necessary.
7. Applicant has demonstrated that public convenience and necessity require granting of the application.

C O N C L U S I O N S

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. Applicant 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.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is granted to Kern County Transportation System, Inc., doing business as K.A.R.E. (Kern Area Rural 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 JUL 29 1980, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Bryan  
President

James L. Steyer

Richard V. Howell

Donald W. Smith

Clair T. Sedwick  
Commissioners

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Appendix A      KERN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC.      Original Title Page  
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K.A.R.E. (Kern Area Rural Transit)

CERTIFICATE  
OF  
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY  
PSC-1129  
TO OPERATE AS A  
PASSENGER STAGE CORPORATION

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

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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.

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Issued under authority of Decision No. 92088 dated JUL 29 1980  
of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California in Application  
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(PSC-1129)

SECTION 2.      ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS.      (Continued)

Route #3      Weedpatch/Lamont/Bakersfield

Beginning at State Highway (SH) 184 and Buena Vista Road in Weedpatch; thence via SH 184 to Segrue Road in Lamont, continuing on SH 184 to SH 58; thence via SH 58 to Chester Street in Bakersfield to 18th Street to the 18th and F Streets in Bakersfield.

In addition, passengers will be picked up or delivered, on a demand responsive basis, within the area bounded by Mountain View Rd at the North, Buena Vista Rd at the South, Vineland Rd at the East, and Fairfax Rd at the West.

Route #4      Lake of the Woods/Frazier Park/Lebec (Intra City)

Commencing at intersection of Lockwood Valley Rd and Frazier Mt Park Rd, in Lake of the Woods; thence via Frazier Mt Park Rd to intersection of Frazier Mt Park Rd and Lebec Rd; thence via Lebec Rd to intersection of North Dr and Lebec Rd in Lebec.

In addition, passengers will be picked up or delivered on a demand responsive basis at any point within one mile of the above route.

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