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Decision 93242 JUN 16 1981

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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 extend its operations between points in Kern County.

Application 60559 (Filed May 18, 1981)

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 extend its passenger stage authority to serve Mojave, Rosemead, and Boron in Kern County. Applicant presently operates five passenger stage routes in Kern County, serving Kernville, Lake Isabella, Bodfish, Bakersfield, Onyx, Weldon, Weedpatch, Lamont, Lake of the Woods, Frazier Park, and Lebec, under a certificate of public convenience and necessity (PSC-1129) granted by Decision 92088 on July 29, 1980.

Applicant proposes to conduct the proposed services with three 10- to 13-passenger air-conditioned transit buses, equipped to accommodate passengers in wheelchairs as well as passengers not requiring such facilities. The proposed one-way fare is 50 cents, with a special 25 cent fare for senior citizens and handicapped passengers.

Applicant's balance sheet as of December 31, 1980, shows total assets of \$671,635 of which \$502,015 reflects assets other than "goodwill". Applicant has experience in operating passenger stage services in the Kern County area under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity PSC-1129.

Applicant has served notice of the application on Antelope Valley Bus Inc., Greyhound Lines, Orange Belt Stages, and Kern County.

Notice of this application was listed on the Commission's daily calendar on May 18, 1981. No protests have been received.

As this proposed transportation service would probably reduce private auto use with a resultant reduction in air pollution, there is little likelihood 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 start operating as soon as the service is authorized.

Findings of Fact

SS ✓ 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 in the Mojave, ^{Rosemond} Rosemead, and Boron areas.

2. Applicant has the equipment, expertise, and financial resources to institute and maintain the proposed service.

3. The proposed fares are 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.

Conclusion of Law

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

2. The application should be granted as set forth in ensuing order. Because of the present need for these transportation services, the order should be effective today.

Only the amount paid to the State for operative rights may be used in rate fixing. The State may grant any number of rights and may cancel or modify the monopoly feature of these rights at any time.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted Kern County Transportation Services, Inc., authorizing it to operate as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in PU Code Section 226, between the points and over the routes set forth in First Revised Page 4 to Appendix A of Decision 92088, attached.

2. Applicant shall:

- a. File a written acceptance of this certificate within 30 days after this order is effective.
- b. Establish the authorized service and file tariffs and timetables within 120 days after this order is effective.
- c. State in its tariffs and timetables when service will start; allow at least 10 days' notice to the Commission; and make timetables and tariffs effective 10 or more days after this order is effective.
- d. Comply with General Orders Series 79, 98, 101, and 104, and the California Highway Patrol safety rules.

- e. Maintain accounting records in conformity with the Uniform System of Accounts.

This order is effective today.

Dated JUN 16 1981, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Bryan President
Richard W. Hinkle
Thomas M. James
Victor Calver
Priscilla C. Green Commissioners

Appendix A KERN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC.
Doing Business As
K.A.R.E. (Kern Area Rural Transit)
(PSC - 1129)

SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS. (Continued)

Route #5 Lake of the Woods/Frazier Park/Lebec/Bakersfield (Inter 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 Lebec Rd and I-5, thence via I-5 and St Rt 99 to California Ave Exit in Bakersfield, thence to intersection of 18th and F streets in Bakersfield. This route to be run 2 days a week.

*Route #6 Mojave

Demand-responsive service in the territory bounded by Texas Avenue (or a projection thereof) on the south, Koch Street (or a projection thereof) on the west, Arroyo Avenue (or a projection thereof) on the north, and Nadene Street (or a projection thereof) on the east.

*Route #7 Rosemond

Demand-responsive service in the territory bounded by Avenue "A" on the south, 80th Street-west (or a projection thereof) on the west, Irone Avenue (or a projection thereof) on the north, and Edwards Air Force Base boundary on the east.

*Route #8 Boron

Demand-responsive service in the territory bounded by Ferguson Street (or a projection thereof) on the south, Borax Blvd. (or a projection thereof) on the west, Hampton Road (or a projection thereof) on the north, and Green Street (or a projection thereof) on the east.

Issued by California Public Utilities Commission.

*Added by Decision 93242, Application 60559.