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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application  
of ORANGE BELT STAGES for a  
Certificate of Public Convenience  
and Necessity to Operate Intrastate  
Passenger Stage Service Between:  
Visalia and Three Rivers.

ORIGINAL  
Application 95-09-060  
(Filed September 21, 1995)

OPINION

Orange Belt Stages (applicant), a corporation requests authority under Public Utilities (PU) Code § 1031 et seq. to extend its passenger stage corporation to transport passengers, baggage, and express. Applicant is currently authorized to operate as a passenger stage corporation pursuant to Decision (D.) 77665, as amended, between certain points in the Sacramento Central and South Valleys, including Mojave, Palmdale, Lancaster, Los Angeles, and intermediate points. Applicant was recently authorized to extend its operations by D.95-11-010.

Applicant proposes to perform scheduled service between Visalia and Three Rivers and intermediate points. Applicant proposes to charge a fare equal to fifteen cents per one-way mile and a round trip fare of 190% of the one-way fare. Applicant indicated that it will comply will all of the Commission's regulations with respect to passenger stage operations and tariff filings.

Notice of filing of this application appeared in the Commission's Daily Calendar on October 25, 1995. The applicant notified all of the affected cities. No protest has been received.

The Safety and Enforcement Division recommends that this application be granted.

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**Findings of Fact**

Applicant is currently authorized to operate as a passenger stage corporation pursuant to D. 77665, as amended, between certain points in the Sacramento Central and South Valleys, including Mojave, Palmdale, Los Angeles, and intermediate points.

2. Applicant requests to extend its passenger stage scheduled service between Visalia and Three Rivers and intermediate points.

3. Public convenience and necessity require the proposed extension of service.

4. No protests to the application have been filed.

5. A public hearing is not necessary.

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

**Conclusions of Law**

1. The application should be granted.

2. Since the matter is uncontested, the decision should be effective on the date signed.

Applicant proposes to perform scheduled service between Visalia and Three Rivers and intermediate points. 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.

**ORDER**

Notice of filing of this application is hereby given in the Commission's Daily Calendar on October 25, 1995. The certificate of public convenience and necessity granted to Orange Belt Stages (applicant), a corporation authorizing it to operate as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Public Utilities (PU) Code § 226, to transport persons is hereby granted.

and their baggage between the points and over the routes set forth in Appendix A of Decision 77665, as amended, is further amended by replacing Original Page 7 with First Revised Page 7.

2. Applicant shall:

- a. File a written acceptance of this order 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 the tariffs and timetable 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 101, 104, and 158, and the California Highway Patrol safety rules.

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

- f. Remit to the Commission the Transportation Reimbursement Fee required by PU § 403 when notified by mail to do so.

3. Applicant is authorized to begin operations on the date that the Executive Director mails a notice to applicant that its evidence of insurance is on file with the Commission and that the California Highway Patrol has approved the use of applicant's vehicles for service.

4. Applicant shall comply with PU Code §§ 460.7 and 460.10, relating to the Workers' Compensation laws of this state.

5. The application is granted as set forth above.

This order is effective today.

Dated February 7, 1996 at San Francisco, California.

DANIEL W. FESSLER, d  
President  
GREGORY CONLON  
JESSIE J. KNIGHT, JR.  
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Commissioners

d. Comply with General Orders Series 101, 104, and 158, and the California Highway Patrol safety rules.

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

f. Remit to the Commission the Transportation Reimbursement Fee required by PU § 403 when notified by call to do so.

3. Applicant is authorized to begin operations on the date that the Executive Director calls a notice to applicant that the evidence of insurance is on file with the Commission and that the California Highway Patrol has approved the use of applicant's vehicles for service.

SECTION 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS. (Concluded)

**Route 17 - Bakersfield - Santa Barbara**  
Commencing from Bakersfield, then over the most convenient streets and highways to Santa Barbara and intermediate points that includes Glendale, Fillmore, Oxnard, and Ventura.

**Route 18 - Bakersfield - Indio**  
Commencing from Bakersfield, then over the most convenient streets and highways to Indio and intermediate points that includes Van Nuys, Los Angeles Union Station, Claremont, Ontario Riverside, San Bernardino, Palm Springs, and Palm Springs.

**Route 19 - Paso Robles - Santa Barbara**  
Commencing from Paso Robles, then over the most convenient streets and highways to Santa Barbara and intermediate points that includes Atascadero, San Luis Obispo, Pismo Beach, Santa Maria, Lompoc, and Buellton.

**\*Route 20 - Visalia - Three Rivers**  
Commencing from Visalia, then over the most convenient streets and highways to Three Rivers and intermediate points.

Issued by California Public Utilities Commission.

\*Added by Decision 96-02-002, Application 95-09-060.