

DECISIONS OF

# The Public Service Commission

OF THE

## COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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ificate to the applicant, does not imply that the service being rendered by the present certificate holders, or the rights which they presently exercise under their certificates, shall be in any wise impaired.

The Commission will issue its orders accordingly.

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WILLIAM A. CONLON

vs.

LAUREL LINE BUS COMPANY

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COMPLAINT DOCKET No. 7229

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*Motor transportation—Bus companies—Rates—Reasonableness—Operating revenues and expenses—Depreciation.*

The Commission dismissed a complaint against respondent bus company's rates where the record did not show them unreasonable but retained jurisdiction of the case to require respondent to file for a period of six months monthly statements of operating revenues and expenses and further data on its depreciation experience.

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*J. Harold Flannery and Frank J. Flannery* for Complainant.

*W. J. Fitzgerald* for Respondent.

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REPORT BY THE COMMISSION, *June 28, 1927:*

Respondent in this proceeding on March 1, 1927, filed a new tariff in which increased fares were placed in effect on the bus line operated by respondent between the Borough of Moosic and the City of Pittston. In complaint proceedings before the Commission, the respondent company submitted statements as to its operating revenues and expenses and other data in support of the rate increases.

The Laurel Line Bus Company is a subsidiary of the Lackawanna and Wyoming Valley Railroad Company, which operates the "Laurel Line,"



an electric railway between the cities of Scranton and Wilkes-Barre. The supplemental bus passenger service of the Laurel Line Bus Company is conducted efficiently and economically. It renders adequate and responsible service to communities in the anthracite region which, before the advent of the bus line suffered from the inadequacy of other transportation facilities which are no longer in existence.

The record in this case does not sustain the complaint lodged against the increase in rates, and therefore, the complaint will be dismissed. However, the Commission is unable to determine from the record the amount of revenue which the new rates may reasonably be expected to produce. Nor does the record substantially disclose whether the amount claimed by respondent for annual depreciation is a fair allowance or is excessive. Therefore, the Commission will retain jurisdiction in this proceeding for a period of six months following the effective date of the increased rates and will direct respondent to file monthly statements of operating revenues and expenses for this period, together with data bearing more fully upon the question of annual depreciation than was developed in the record in this proceeding.

An order will issue accordingly.

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APPLICATION OF MATTHEW GUERIN, for approval of the beginning of the exercise of the right and privilege of operating motor vehicles as a common carrier for the transportation of freight, merchandise and other personal property.

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APPLICATION DOCKET No. 16139

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*Motor transportation—Freight service—Necessity—Competition.*

The Commission refused to grant applicant a certificate for general freight service by motor vehicles, in competition with an existing established and adequate facility, but did grant him a certificate limited to service for four large concerns.

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*William A. Carr* for Applicant.

*C. T. Wolfe, Jr.* for Reading Co.

*William C. Wilcox* for Lehigh Valley Transit Co.