



STATE OF ILLINOIS
Illinois Commerce Commission

527 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706

March 14, 1984

Mr. Dennis Toeppen
Western Trails Transportation Company
URH 139 Townsend
Urbana, Illinois 61801

Dear Mr. Toeppen:

As a result of a complaint, a Commission investigator visited you on March 6, 1984 to determine if your company's present bus service was being conducted as a public utility under the jurisdiction of this Commission.

From review of your advertisements, schedules and conversations with you, it now appears that your bus operation should be considered a public utility regular route regularly scheduled bus service and therein subject to Commission jurisdiction. Section 55 of the Illinois Public Utility Act (Act) requires that a public utility bus service must first secure an authority from this Commission BEFORE it can institute service. To operate without first securing authority, is a violation of the Act and would subject you to penalties of not less than \$500 nor more than \$2000 for each and every offense. Every day of continued operation without authority is considered a separate offense.

You are herein directed to cease and desist all public utility, regular route regularly scheduled bus service as defined within Section 10.3 of the Act. Any continued public utility operation without first securing authority will subject you to citation proceedings before this Commission and penalties pursuant to law.

If you have any questions in this matter, please call me at (217) 782-6448.

Sincerely truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas W. Trew".

Douglas W. Trew, Asst. Supervisor
Rates and Financial Review Section
Transportation Division

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