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Decision No. 12168

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of)
M. W. BACON, for permission for a change : Application No. 9051
of route for the operation of the Visalia- :
General Grant Park Automobile Stage.)

BY THE COMMISSION,

ORDER

M. W. Bacon doing business under the fictitious name and style of Visalia-General Grant Park Automobile Stage, has filed an application with the Railroad Commission in which he petitions for an order authorizing him to abandon operation between Visalia and General Grant Park via Badger and to establish operation over a new route between Visalia, Orange Cove and General Grant Park.

Under Decision No. 10696 in Application No. 7587, dated July 11, 1922, applicant Bacon was authorized to secure through purchase from one Collins an operative right between Fresno and General Grant Park, serving as intermediate points Badger and Pinehurst. He now proposes to operate from Visalia to Dinuba, Orange Cove, Oak Flat, Pinehurst and General Grant Park, stating in support of said petition that the station of Badger, proposed to be abandoned, produces very limited traffic, there being only 40 passengers handled to or from Badger during the period June 1st to August 31st, 1922; that Badger at the present time is being served by a mail stage, which line can

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adequately handle the limited passenger traffic to and from such point. Under the new operation as proposed applicant will carry no local passengers between Visalia, Dinuba and Orange Cove, inclusive. Both routes are practically identical in length and time of operation.

In further support of his petition applicant alleges that there is no stage service of any kind through Orange Cove to General Grant Park, nor between the towns of Dinuba and Oak Flat; that many residents of the town of Dinuba have established summer homes at or near Oak Flat and that there is at the present time a large demand for stage service, both to afford means of transportation for passengers and the transportation of freight and express to and from Oak Flat, the point to be served under the new route.

We are of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be granted.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by M. W. Bacon, doing business under the fictitious name and style of Visalia-General Grant Park Automobile Stage, of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers, baggage and express between Visalia and General Grant Park, via Dinuba, Orange Cove, Oak Flat and Pinehurst during the period June 1st to September 1st, only, of each year, provided, however, that no service under this certificate may be rendered locally between Visalia, Dinuba and Orange Cove, inclusive, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and the same hereby is granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant herein shall file his written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed ten (10) days from date hereof; shall file, in duplicate, tariff of rates and time schedules within a period of not to exceed twenty (20) days from date hereof, identical with those filed as Exhibits "A" and "B" attached to the application herein; and shall commence operation of the service herein authorized within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days from date hereof.

2. The rights and privileges herein authorized may not be discontinued, sold, leased, transferred nor assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such discontinuance, sale, lease, transfer or assignment has first been secured.

3. No vehicle may be operated by applicant herein unless such vehicle is owned by said applicant or is leased by him under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that applicant be, and he hereby is granted permission to abandon service under the existing certificate held by him over the county highway between Dinuba, Badger and Pinehurst in connection with his existing service, Visalia to General Grant Park.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4th day of June, 1923.

P. J. Seamy
W. H. Anderson
Dwight Martin

Commissioners