

Decision No. 12472

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of  
GEORGE LATTIN for certificate of  
public convenience and necessity to  
establish automobile passenger,  
baggage and express service be-  
tween Healdsburg and Calistoga  
and intermediate points via Knights  
Valley and Alexandra Valley.

**ORIGINAL**

Application No. 8863.

J. L. Royle for Applicant

John T. York for San Francisco, Napa &  
Calistoga Railway Company.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

George Lattin has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the operation by him of an automobile service as a common carrier of passengers, baggage and express between Healdsburg and Calistoga and intermediate points by way of Knights Valley and Alexandra Valley.

A public hearing on this application was conducted before Examiner Satterwhite at Healdsburg, the matter was submitted and is now ready for decision.

The applicant proposes to charge rates and to operate on time schedule in accordance with Exhibits "A" and "B" attached to said application, using as equipment one 7-passenger Hudson and one 5-passenger Essex car.

No one appeared in opposition to the granting of this proposed service. The applicant and several witnesses testified in support of the application, consisting of farmers along the proposed route, as well as residents living at each terminal.

The testimony shows that the intermediate territory proposed to be served is a thickly settled farming district and that at least 250 families reside along and near the route proposed to be served by this stage line. Calistoga and Healdsburg are both buying centers for all these farms and it appears that this proposed stage line is desired to carry various supplies to the ranches and residents in this farming territory. Many farm hands work in this section who would be able to avail themselves of this service. The distance between the two terminals is 25 miles which will afford a much more direct and shorter route than the route by way of Napa. There are in evidence two petitions signed by a large number of business men and merchants of both Calistoga and Healdsburg endorsing and requesting the establishment of this proposed service. After a careful consideration of the evidence, we are of the opinion that the application should be granted.

#### O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above named application; the matter having been submitted and it being now ready for decision, the Railroad Commission hereby declares that public convenience and necessity require the operation by George Lattin of automobile service as a common carrier of passengers, baggage and express between Healdsburg and Calistoga and intermediate points by way of Knight Valley and Alexandra Valley.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and the same is hereby issued to George Lattin, covering the above described route and in accordance with the following conditions :

I. The operative rights and privileges hereby authorized shall not be transferred, leased, sold nor assigned, nor the said service abandoned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission thereto has first been procured.

II. No vehicle may be operated in said service unless said vehicle is owned by the applicant herein, or is leased by said applicant under contract or agreement satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

III. Applicant shall within thirty days from date herein file with the Railroad Commission its schedule and tariffs covering said proposed service, which is to be in addition to the proposed schedules and tariffs accompanying the application, and shall set forth the date upon which the operation of the service hereby authorized will commence, which date shall be within thirty days from date hereof, unless time to begin operations is extended by formal supplemental order.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of August 1923.

C. L. Seaver  
H. B. Brundage  
Dwight Martin  
Commissioners.