

Decision No. 12472

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of H. A. SPREITZ, transacting)
business under the name of GOLETA)
BUS & MESSENGER SERVICE, for certi-)
ficate of public convenience and)
necessity to operate passenger,)
express and baggage service be-)
tween Santa Barbara and Goleta)
(La Patera Lane).)

Application No. 9078.

J. W. Smith for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N.

H. A. Spreitz, transacting business under the name of Goleta Bus and Messenger Service, has made application to the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate passenger, express and baggage service between Santa Barbara and Goleta (La Patera Lane). A public hearing herein was conducted by Examiner Williams at Santa Barbara.

Applicant requests permission to discontinue service on that portion of the line now operated by him between Santa Barbara and Glen Anne Road, north of Goleta between La Patera Lane and Glen Anne Road, a distance of one and one half miles. Applicant testified that he has maintained four trips each way between these points but that he does not average

two passengers a day; that most of the residents north of La Patera Lane now have their own automobiles and do not use the service he is maintaining. He further testified that he had notified most of those who occasionally ride with him, of his purpose to apply for a discontinuance of service, and that no opposition was expressed. No one appeared at the hearing to oppose his request. We think the showing was sufficient to justify a suspension of this service at this time but it was not satisfying that applicant should be permitted to entirely abandon it. Applicant should be permitted to suspend until the further order of the Commission and the order will so provide.

Applicant further asks a certificate authorizing him to carry upon his passenger stages, express and baggage. Applicant testified that there is now no express office or service to Goleta and that his request for the privilege of transporting packages and baggage, results from a demand that he accommodate the public along his route with such service. Applicant testified that many merchants of Santa Barbara wished to use his vehicles for the delivery of small packages. Applicant transacts no business within the city of Santa Barbara and his service is to rural communities up to ten miles north of Santa Barbara. His application was unopposed. We find it to be the convenience of the public that the package and baggage service as proposed by applicant, be established at the rates shown in applicant's Exhibit "A", attached to the petition.

Applicant proposes a modification of his rate structure as shown by his Exhibit "A" by including monthly and weekly books of commutation tickets, consecutively numbered, for school children, teachers and others. No change of rate is

involved, but the method of selling the service to the public is changed without, as far as can be seen, any difference to the public, but is largely in the interest of simplifying accounting for the operator. It also corrects the rates to conform with reduced service.

O R D E R.

H. A. Spreitz, having made application to the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the transportation of passenger, express and baggage service between Santa Barbara and Goleta, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted, and now being ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by applicant of a package, express and baggage service of packages and baggage not in excess of one hundred pounds between Santa Barbara and Goleta (La Patera Lane), upon the vehicles now used by applicant for the transportation of passengers between said termini over the route now used by applicant for his passenger route, but not to the exclusion of any passenger, and that a certificate of public convenience and necessity therefor be and the same hereby is granted, subject to the following conditions:

I - That applicant, H. A. Spreitz, shall file within ten (10) days from the date hereof, his written acceptance of the certificate herein granted and shall file within twenty (20) days of the date hereof, duplicate tariff of rates and time schedules, in accordance with General Order No. 51 of the Railroad Commission, and that operation of such service shall begin within a period of thirty (30) days from the date hereof.

II. That the applicant, H. A. Spreitz, shall not

sell, lease, assign, or discontinue the service herein authorized, unless such sale, lease, assignment, or discontinuance shall have been authorized by the Railroad Commission.

III - That no vehicle shall be operated by applicant unless such vehicles are owned by said applicant, or are leased under an agreement satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant may suspend, until further order of this Commission, service on that portion of his route between La Patera Lane and Glen Anne Road.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th
day of August, 1923.

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H. R. Burdette
Dwight Martin
Eugene Shore