

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 12605

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
W. T. MURRAY and H. N. LEIN for cer-)
tificate of public convenience and)
necessity to transport passengers) Application No. 9316.
on their freight trucks operated)
between Los Angeles and Blythe.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

W. T. Murray and H. N. Lein have applied for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the operation of automotive freight trucks for the transportation of passengers between Blythe, Mecca and Los Angeles.

The co-partners at the present time hold a certificate authorizing the operation of freight trucks for the transportation of freight between the same points as those mentioned in this application, and under this proceeding ask for permission to carry passengers upon their trucks at rates considerably lower than existing passenger fares between the same points. Applicants set out in support of their petition the fact that there is a considerable number of laborers traveling over the territory covered by their truck line, that they have not the available means to ride upon existing passenger transportation lines but that they are willing to pay a smaller sum for transportation upon the trucks of applicants.

In connection with the regulation of automotive stage and truck lines, this Commission has issued a number of rules and regulations affecting the conduct of such transportation companies and to act affirmatively upon an application of this nature would

be authorizing applicants herein to engage in passenger transportation upon their trucks, which are not equipped for such transportation and could not properly observe the rules and regulations, particularly those applicable to safety regulations established by the Commission for passenger transportation. Further, there is not only an existing passenger stage line, but railroad passenger service covering the entire route proposed to be served by the present applicants.

In view of the above circumstances, we are of the opinion that this is a matter upon which a public hearing is not necessary and that the application should be denied.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above entitled application be, and the same hereby is, denied.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th
day of September, 1923.

Albany
W. B. Brundage
Dwight Martin
Egerton Shore
J. T. Whittell
Commissioners.