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Decision No. 12763.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of
FLINTRIDGE MOTOR COMPANY, a corporation,
for an order authorizing it to change
its route and schedule of its passenger
motor busses operating between Flintridge,
Linda Vista and Pasadena and to extend to
La Canada its present operative right.) Application No. 9384
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Warren E. Libby, by N. C. Folsom, for Verdugo
Hills Transportation Company, Protestant.

SHORE, Commissioner:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled application Flintridge Motor Company applies for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing extension of its existing automobile passenger stage service from Flintridge to School Street, La Canada, and also for permission to change in certain particulars the route over which existing stage service is now operated between Flintridge, Linda Vista and Pasadena.

Applicant herein has been operating automobile passenger stage service between Flintridge and Pasadena since prior to May 1, 1917. At the present time it operates some seven round trips per day, with the exception of Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays when nine round trips are operated. Evidence in the present proceeding showed that there is a gap of some 3/10ths of a mile between the present terminus of applicant's line at Flintridge and the line of the Verdugo Hills Transportation Company, operating between Los Angeles and Sunland, via La

Canada. There is a demand on the part of the travelling public desiring to reach Pasadena, or points on the line of the Flintridge Company from Sunland and Tujunga, that such people are obliged to walk from La Canada to the terminus of applicant's line at Flintridge; further, that this gap is being more thickly settled and due to the establishment of a public school at the School Street terminus proposed by applicant herein public necessity at this time warrants an extension of applicant's service from Flintridge to a connection with the stages of the Verdugo Hills Transportation Company at La Canada; further, that the rerouting proposed will enable applicant to serve a district in the Flintridge territory which is in need of transportation service.

In Application No. 8816 the Verdugo Hills Transportation Company applied for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing them to operate passenger stage service in connection with their existing line at La Canada through Flintridge to Pasadena. Under Decision No. 12393, in Application No. 8816, such a certificate was granted. However, upon petition for rehearing filed by the Flintridge Motor Company a rehearing was granted and held in said application, a decision thereon being issued concurrently with the present proceeding.

In view of the evidence in this proceeding and the findings of the Commission in its Decision upon rehearing in Application No. 8816, we are of the opinion and find as a fact that the travelling public proposed to be served will be more adequately and efficiently served through the extension of the existing service of the Flintridge Motor Company from Flintridge to School Street, La Canada than would be the case were an additional service established by the Verdugo Hills Transportation Company from La Canada to Pasadena, via Flintridge.

It must be pointed out that the Flintridge Motor Company has been dilatory in seeking to meet the public convenience and necessity for motor transportation over the 3/10th of a mile involved in the proposed extension, and it is not to be commended in that, knowing for a period of several years the necessity of this operation, it did not previously offer to meet this demand by applying to the Railroad Commission for a certificate, until after another operator had applied for and was granted a certificate covering this connecting link.

In the present instance, however, the evidence is conclusive that traffic in this particular territory is so light as to prohibit the establishment of two separate transportation lines and it is the conclusion of the Commission that by authorizing the extension of the Flintridge service to School Street the public will receive as complete and efficient service as the amount of traffic can consistently support.

I submit the following form of order:

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled application, the matter submitted and the Commission being fully advised,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by Flintridge Motor Company, a corporation, of an automobile stage line as common carrier of passengers over the following described route:

"From Michigan Avenue and School Street, East on Michigan Avenue to La Canada and Verdugo Road, passing Flintridge Country Club, South on La Canada and Verdugo Road to Berkshire Avenue, West on Berkshire Avenue to Commonwealth Avenue, South on Commonwealth Avenue to Flintridge Avenue, South East on

Flintridge Avenue to Highland Dr., East on Highland Drive to Devil's Gate Dam to Linda Vista Road, South on Linda Vista Road to Orange Grove Avenue, South on Orange Grove Avenue to Colorado Street, East on Colorado Street to De Lacy St., South on De Lacy to Green Street, East on Green Street to Fair Oaks, North on Fair Oaks to Union Depot."

said certificate of public convenience and necessity being in lieu of and not in addition to the existing operating right of the Flintridge Motor Company between Flintridge, Linda Vista and Pasadena,

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

1. Applicant shall file within a period of not to exceed ten (10) days from date hereof written acceptance of the certificate herein granted; shall file, in duplicate, within a period of not to exceed twenty (20) days from date hereof time schedule, identical with time schedule filed as Exhibit "C" 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 under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of October, 1923.

[Handwritten signatures of Commissioners]
Commissioners