

Decision No. 12791

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of  
HANSON TRANSPORT CO. for certificate  
of public convenience and necessity  
to operate passenger-freight-express  
baggage and mail service between Fort  
Bidwell and Cedarville, California,  
being an extension of present line  
from Gerlach, Nevada, to Cedarville,  
California, to Fort Bidwell.)

Application No. 8366.

ORIGINAL

James S. Moore, for applicant and for  
Western Pacific Ry. Co., as an inter-  
venor in favor of applicant.  
W. N. Harris, for Willow Ranch and Surprise  
Valley Stage Co., protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION

R. E. Hanson and F. E. Hanson, co-partners doing business under the firm name and style of Hanson Transport Company, have petitioned the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the operation of an automotive stage line as a common carrier of passengers, baggage and freight between Cedarville and Fort Bidwell.

Applicants propose to charge rates and to operate on a time schedule in accordance with Exhibits "A" and "B", attached to said application, using as equipment certain auto trucks described in Exhibit "C", attached to said application.

A public hearing on said application was conducted before Examiner Satterwhite at Alturas, at which time said application was submitted, and is now ready for decision.

W. N. Harris protested the granting of said application.

The applicants operate an authorized passenger and freight service between Cedarville, Eagleville and the State line, and an interstate service between Fort Bidwell, California and Gerlach, Nevada. The protestant, W. N. Harris, operates an authorized passenger and freight service between Willow Ranch and Cedarville, serving the intermediate points of Fort Bidwell and Lake City.

The evidence shows that by reason of the fact that applicants pass twice a week over the route between Fort Bidwell and Cedarville, in the operation of their interstate service, they desire to establish the local service herein sought. Some of the merchants at Cedarville who ship supplies to points between Fort Bidwell and Cedarville have requested this additional service on the sole basis that another carrier would add occasional convenience to the shipments made in and out of this local territory. Applicants offered some testimony to the effect that there has been complaint made against the existing freight service of protestant, Harris, in connection with infrequent shipments of heavy farming supplies or machinery, but it appears that the few heavy shipments made within the last year were never offered to the protestant for transportation.

W. N. Harris, protestant, offered evidence showing that he is rendering an adequate and satisfactory service over the entire route which he serves; that the freight and passenger traffic is very small and limited between Fort Bidwell and Cedarville; that he operates a daily service throughout the year and has always properly taken care of all shipments offered and can also arrange to take care of bulky or extremely heavy shipments, if any are ever offered to him.

We have carefully considered the evidence in this proceeding and are of the opinion that the public convenience and necessity do not require the proposed additional service of said applicants and the application should be denied.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above-entitled application; the matter having been submitted and being now ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that said application be and the same is hereby denied.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1923.

C. L. Seaver  
H. B. Burdette

Eugene Shore

Commissioners.