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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application
of T. J. CRONIN and WILLIAM WATT
for certificate of public conven-
ience and necessity to operate
freight and express service between
Wishon and Wawona.)

) Application No. 9425

David P. Barcroft for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

T. J. Cronin and William Watt, co-partners, have applied to the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate auto freight and express service between Wishon and Wawona.

A public hearing was conducted by Examiner Williams at Madera, California.

Applicants propose to conduct seasonal transportation of freight and express matter between Wishon, a terminal of the Minarets and Western Railroad, and Wawona, a hotel and camping resort in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Intermediate service is proposed to Fish Camp. The service will form a freight connection between the railroad and Fish Camp and Wawona for the transportation of supplies, during the resort season, which extends from May 1st to September 30th of each year. At other periods of the year

the roads are almost impassable and hence applicants schedules provide only for a five months service. The distance to be traversed is about thirty miles and the schedule of rates as shown in Exhibit "A" seems reasonable for the character of service to be performed.

C. A. Washburn, proprietor of the Wawona Hotel testified that a great portion of the subsistence and supplies for the hotel during season will be shipped over the Minarets and Western Railroad and that no other facilities will be available for transportation between Wishon and Wawona and that the service proposed by applicant is necessary for the community, as well as the hotel at Wawona, and that the rates proposed are satisfactory.

The application was not opposed and there seems to be no reason why it should not be granted in view of the fact that no other service between termini exists or is proposed.

O R D E R

T. J. Cronin and William Watt, co-partners, having applied to the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate freight and express service between Wishon and Wawona, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted and being ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by applicants, as proposed, over and along the following route:

Over main county road between termini
via Fish Camp

and that a certificate of public convenience and necessity therefor be and the same hereby is granted subject to the following conditions:-

- I. - That applicants, T. J. Cronin and William Watt, co-partners, shall file within fifteen (15) days with this Commission, their written stipulation accepting the certificate herein granted.
- II. - That applicants, T. J. Cronin and William Watt, co-partners, shall file within twenty (20) days from 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.
- III. - That applicants, T. J. Cronin and William Watt, co-partners, 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.
- IV. - That no vehicle shall be operated by applicants unless such vehicles are owned by said applicants, or are leased under an agreement satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California this 13th day
of February, 1926

C. Seary

H. B. Brundage

Irving Martin

J. T. Whittam