

Decision No. 13,726

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of  
W. C. LAWRENCE, doing business under  
the fictitious name and style of  
Lawrence Stage Company, for a certi-  
ficate of public convenience and neces-  
sity to operate an automobile stage  
line as a common carrier of passengers  
between Crescent Mills and Keddle,  
California, and intermediate points,  
in conjunction with and as a part of  
said applicant's passenger service  
between Crescent Mills, Westwood and  
Drakesbad, California, and inter-  
mediate points; to operate an auto-  
mobile truck line as a common carrier  
of freight between Crescent Mills and  
Keddle, California, and intermediate  
points, in conjunction with and as a  
part of said applicant's freight ser-  
vice between Crescent Mills and Drakesbad,  
California, and intermediate points; and  
the application of Mrs. W.C. Lawrence to  
sell and transfer to W.C. Lawrence and  
W.C. Lawrence to purchase and acquire and  
thereafter to operate in conjunction  
with and as a part of his present passenger  
operative rights and of such further passen-  
ger operative right as may be granted under  
this application, the undivided interest of  
the said Mrs. W.C. Lawrence in the operative  
right to transport passengers, baggage and  
express between Westwood and Susanville,  
California, and intermediate points, granted  
by this Commission to Mr. and Mrs. W.C.  
Lawrence by Decision No. 7506 in Application  
No. 3652, dated April 30, 1920.

APPLICATION NO. 9898

BY THE COMMISSION,

Preliminary Order

In this Proceeding, W. C. Lawrence applies, among other  
things, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity  
authorizing the extension of his existing passenger stage ser-  
vice from Crescent Mills to Keddle where it is proposed to con-  
nect with the Western Pacific Railroad Company. Connections  
were heretofore made by Lawrence at Crescent Mills with the

Indian Valley Railroad Company which company operates between Paxton and Crescent Mills connecting at the first named point with the Western Pacific Railroad Company.

Upon informal showing by railroad officials that Lawrence had failed to make connection at Crescent Mills in accordance with time schedules, a temporary certificate was granted to one Scott authorizing operation between Crescent Mills, Greenville and Westwood. Said Lawrence contends that during the winter months that it is impossible to maintain a schedule leaving Westwood in sufficient time to connect with the Indian Valley schedule from Crescent Mills to Keddle; further that passengers consistently complain about such schedule due to the fact that the Indian Valley Railroad trains are operated so as to require a wait of three hours at Paxton between the time of arrival of the Indian Valley train and the Western Pacific westbound passenger train to San Francisco and Bay points.

It appearing to the Commission that there is merit in the complaint of both the railroad and stage operators and further in view of the fact that it is not possible to hold an immediate public hearing so as to finally determine this matter, we are of the opinion that a temporary certificate should be granted to Lawrence to operate his line to a direct connection with the Western Pacific at Keddle pending final hearing and determination of the applications of both Lawrence and Scott.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by W. C. Lawrence of an automotive stage service as a common carrier of passengers between Crescent Mills and Keddle as an extension of and in connection with his existing authorized operations, such certificate to be of a temporary nature only pending final determination of his application herein, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that such a temporary certificate be, and the same hereby is issued, subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant Lawrence shall file his written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed ten (10) days from date hereof; shall file within a period of not to exceed twenty (20) days from date hereof, in duplicate, tariff of rates and time schedules, identical with the amended exhibit attached to the application herein; and shall commence operation of the temporary 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 Lawrence unless such vehicle is owned by him or is leased under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this  
26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1924.

W. L. Seaver  
H. V. Bondage  
William Martin  
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Commissioners