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Decision No. 19535

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
NEVADA-CALIFORNIA-OREGON RAILWAY
for a certificate of public con-
venience and necessity to operate an
auto stage line for the transporta-
tion of passengers and baggage, for
compensation, between Alturas and
Fort Bidwell, California, via
Cedarville and Lake City, California.

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Application No. 9940

BY THE COMMISSION.

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Nevada-California-Oregon Railway, a corporation,
seeks in the above entitled application, authority to operate
an automotive stage line for the transportation of passengers
and baggage between Alturas and Fort Bidwell and intermediate
points via Cedarville and Lake City, and to discontinue the
auto stage service between Cedarville and Eagleville now being
conducted by applicant under authority of the Commission granted
in its order in Application Number 8842.

The effect of an order granting the certificate as
applied for in this proceeding will be to continue the present
automotive transportation service of the applicant between
Alturas and Cedarville, and to provide additional service to
the north of Cedarville, eliminating the service southward
to Eagleville. The existing service is seasonal, from May to
November 1 of each year. The proposed service will be operated
the year round, and the change therefore is desirable.

There is no direct connection at the present time between stage lines operating between Fort Bidwell and Willow Ranch or Alturas or points located on the Nevada-California-Oregon Railway. The applicant proposes to co-ordinate its rail time schedules with those of the proposed stage line and thus provide a through and direct transportation service from Fort Bidwell and Lake City to points on or reached by the railroad and its connections.

E. Harris, who is operating an auto mail and stage line the latter under authority of this Commission, between Willow Ranch and Cedarville via Fort Bidwell and Lake City, using a small car with capacity for but one passenger, has advised that he has no objection to the granting of this application. Under existing operating conditions passengers arriving at Willow Ranch are required to lay over one night at that point to make connection with the Harris stage to Fort Bidwell, Lake City or Cedarville.

One other stage line serves Fort Bidwell, the Hanson Transportation Company, which operates in the summer months only between Gerlach, Nevada, and Fort Bidwell, via Cedarville, Eagleville and Lake City. The tariffs of this transportation service are on file with the Commission. This is but a seasonal service and we believe that the public in the territory proposed to be served by the applicant should have the opportunity to use the year-round service. A number of residents of Fort Bidwell and vicinity, in a petition filed with the application proposing the year round service, ask that the certificate sought be granted.

We believe that this is not a matter requiring a public hearing, and that the application should be granted.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

