Decision No. 19535

BEFORE THE RAILROLD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of NEVADA-CALIFORNIA-OREGON RAILWAY for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate an auto stage line for the transportation 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.

ORDER

Nevada-California-Oregon Railway, a corporation, seeks in the above entitled application, sutherity 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 Bidwelll and Lake City to points on or reached by the rail-road 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

HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by the Nevada-California-Oregon Railway of an automotive service for the transportation of passengers and baggage between Cedarville and Fort Bidwell, via Lake City and intermediate points, as an extension of its existing operating right between Alturas and Cedarville.

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

l.-Applicant 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, in duplicate, tariff of rates and time schedules within a period of not to exceed twenty (20) days from date hereof; such tariffed rates and time schedules to be identical with those attached to the application herein; and shall commence operation of said service within a period of not to exceed sixty (60) 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 assignement has first been secured.

3.-No vehicle may be operated by applicant herein unless such vehicle is owned by said applicant or is leased by him under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this & day of

May, 1924.