

Decision No. 14132

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of )  
CORY G. HOFF, for Certificate of )  
Public Convenience and Necessity )  
to operate Passenger and Parcel )  
carrying service between Fullerton )  
and Placentia. )

Application No. 10179

Cory G. Hoff, applicant in propria persona.  
E. T. Lucey, for A. T. & S. F. Railway.  
W. A. Souders, for American Railway Express.  
N. C. Folsom, for Pickwick Stages, Northern  
Division and Murrietta Mineral Hot  
Springs Stage Line, protestants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Cory G. Hoff has made application to the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate passenger and parcel carrying service between Fullerton, an incorporated city, and Placentia, an incorporated territory contiguous to Fullerton.

A public hearing herein was conducted by Examiner Williams at Fullerton.

Applicant now conducts local bus service within the municipal limits of Fullerton. He proposes to use the same equipment used in his local service, giving fourteen round trips daily between termini approximately one hour apart but none later than 9:30 in the evening, and extend his service a distance of about two miles from Fullerton to a point in the Placentia district. For this service he proposes a one-way

fare of 15 cents and a round trip rate of 25 cents. Applicant provided no rate in his application for the carrying of parcels, but stipulated at the hearing that he would accept a limitation of fifty pounds on each parcel at a rate of 10 cents for each package of that weight or less.

Protest was withdrawn by the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railway and the American Railway Express. The only protest received was from the Pickwick Stages, Inc. and its subsidiary line, the Murrietta Mineral Hot Springs Stage Line. The last named line passes through Placentia and has been conveying passengers to Anaheim where the passengers transferred to stages of the Pickwick Stages, Inc., and were transported to Fullerton. By this journey passengers were required to traverse two sides of a triangle and pay a maximum fare of 35 cents. Applicant proposes to travel directly between the termini at the base of this triangle, making a direct connection and much saving of time, and at a cheaper rate.

Applicant was supported by Cora Bue and Grace M. Ford, both of Fullerton and both employed in Placentia. They testified that each required and would use the service proposed by applicant and that scores of others employed in the citrus industries of Placentia and living in Fullerton would use the same.

G. A. Raymer, Secretary of the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce, testified that the Chamber conducted an employment agency for the purpose of supplying labor to the citrus regions in Placentia, and that the need had been developed for a more direct method of transportation than is now provided. Charles E. Lee, Secretary of the Placentia Chamber of Commerce testified that the establishment of the service proposed by applicant had been the subject of a referendum vote of the 325 members of the Chamber and had almost unanimously been approved by them.

Protestant Pickwick Stages, Inc., and Murrietta Mineral Hot Springs Stage Line introduced F. E. Burdette, superintendent of the Murrietta Line, who testified that there are three services each way between Anaheim and Placentia, and that these services connect with the half-hourly service of the Pickwick Stages, Inc., between Anaheim and Fullerton. He also testified that the fare between Placentia and Anaheim is 25 cents one way, and between Anaheim and Fullerton is 10 cents, and that during the six months ending July 31, 1924, but 503 tickets had been sold between Placentia and Anaheim. He also testified that the Murrietta Line has forty vacant seats daily between Placentia and Anaheim to take care of passengers offering themselves, and in addition has equipment to take care of any excess.

It is apparent from the testimony that a need exists for the service proposed by applicant. He now operates to the city limits of Fullerton. To extend this service two miles further will meet all the requirements of both Placentia and Fullerton districts and provide a transportation service where none now exists and whereby the inadequacy of the roundabout method both by rail and stage now in force will be avoided. In addition, the service established will serve both the rail and stage lines in Fullerton and provide for direct access to Santa Ana and Los Angeles.

We, therefore, find as a fact upon the record herein that public convenience and necessity require the service proposed by applicant herein, and that the application should be granted.

## ORDER

Cory G. Hoff, having made application to the Railroad Commission for certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate passenger and parcel carrying service between Fullerton and Placentia, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted, and now being ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES, that public convenience and necessity require the operation by applicant herein of a passenger and parcel carrying service, restricted to packages of not more than fifty (50) pounds, at a rate of ten (10) cents per package, such packages to be carried on passenger vehicles only, between Fullerton and Placentia, over and along the following route:

Beginning at the intersection of Spadra Avenue and Commonwealth Street in the City of Fullerton, thence east to Cornell Street, thence north to Chapman Avenue, thence east on Chapman Avenue to Main Street, Placentia, thence south on Main Street to the intersection of Bradford and Main Streets, and

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

1. That applicant, Cory G. Hoff, shall file within fifteen (15) days from date hereof his written acceptance of the certificate herein granted, and shall file within thirty (30) days hereof, duplicate tariff of rates and time schedules in accordance with General Order No. 51 of the Railroad Commission, and that service shall begin within thirty (30) days after date hereof.

II. That applicant, Cory G. Hoff, 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.

III. That no vehicle shall be operated by applicant unless such vehicles are leased under an agreement satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4<sup>th</sup> day  
of October 1924.

H. A. Brundage  
Dwight Martin

J. T. Whitley  
Commissioners.