

Decision No. 14389

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
Lewis A. Monroe, Agent on behalf of
Pickwick Stages, N.D., Inc.
Pickwick Stages, Inc.
Marietta Mineral Hot Springs Auto Stage Line
Packard Stage Line
West Coast Stage Lines (Oregon)
Boyd & Mattly Stage Company
California Transit Company
Crown Stage Line
Kern County Transportation Company
Motor Transit Company
Valley Transit Company
Auto Transit Company
For an order granting permission to
establish through routes and publish
joint passenger fares between the different
Stage Lines.

ORIGINAL

APPLICATION NO. 10355

N.C. Folsom for Applicant

Jesse H. Steinhart, for San Francisco-Sacramento Railroad.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application filed by Lewis A. Monroe, acting as joint Agent for the Pickwick Stages, N.D., Inc., Pickwick Stages, Inc., Marietta Mineral Hot Springs Auto Stage Line, Packard Stage Line, West Coast Stage Lines (Oregon), Boyd & Mattly Stage Company, California Transit Company, Crown Stage Line, Kern County Transportation Company, Motor Transit Company, Valley Transit Company, and Auto Transit Company, seeking authority to establish through routes and publish passenger fares between points served by the participating

carriers.

A public hearing was conducted in San Francisco December 19, 1924 before Examiner Geary and the proceeding, having been submitted, is now ready for an opinion and order.

The routes and fares to be established are set forth in Exhibit A, attached to and made a part of the original application, and those set forth in the amended application filed September 30, 1924.

The intent of the application is to place on sale through passenger transportation between points located in Southern California and points in Northern California, and between certain local points in the southern part of the State adjacent to the city of Los Angeles. The proposed fares are combinations of authorized local fares of the different carriers and will eliminate the necessity of passengers purchasing separate tickets at each of the junction points when making a through journey over two or more Stage Lines. It is not the intention, and no consideration is here given to the operation of through stages, the service is to be conducted exactly the same as at the present time; that is, passengers will change to connecting stages of the independent companies at the transfer points as heretofore.

The testimony of applicant's witnesses was to the effect that there is a constant and persistent demand for through transportation and that at the present time the service is actually being rendered, but the traveler is purchasing separate tickets instead of one ticket for the entire journey.

The routes established and practically all of the fares in the same general territory are those now in effect in connection with the Motor Transit Company, Valley Transit Company, California Transit Company and West Coast Stage Company, as authorized by this Commission in Application No. 9800, and the granting of the instant

application will merely be adding to the through routes and joint fares now in effect to many of the points involved in this proceeding.

The San Francisco-Sacramento Railroad, while entering an appearance in opposition, withdrew its objection after the intent of the application had been explained and it was shown that no transportation would be sold through Oakland to Sacramento or between points locally served by the railroad.

After careful consideration of all the exhibits and the testimony, we are of the opinion that there is a public convenience and necessity for the establishment of through routes and the sale of joint passenger transportation between the points involved, as set forth in Exhibit A and in the amended application and that the application should be granted.

The tariff, when issued, should provide an index of the contents and give the name of the carrier in connection with the stations shown in the headlines and sidelines of the different sections.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled application, evidence having been submitted by the applicants, and the Commission being fully advised, the Railroad Commission of the State of California hereby declares that public convenience and necessity require the establishment of through routes and joint passenger fares, both one way and round trip, between certain points

served by the applicants, as set forth in the exhibits.
attached to and made part of the application.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the applicants shall
publish and file tariffs setting forth the joint fares to
be assessed over the through routes, such fares to be
those shown in the exhibits attached to and made part of
the application.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22^d
day of December, 1924.

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Darius M. Travis
Egerton Shore

J. K. Whittey
Commissioners