

Decision No. 14685

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of
SAN RAFAEL-LAGUNITAS AUTO STAGE CO.
for certificate of public convenience
and necessity to operate auto stage
passenger, express and baggage service
between San Rafael and Lagunitas.

Application No. 10581

Leo Friedman, for Applicant.
C. E. Smith and J. J. Geary for North
Western Pacific Ry. Co., Protestant,
Stella Donavan, for Pacific Auto Stages,
Walter E. Robinson, for Stafford Stage
Line, Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

John J. Kravitz and Clara Kravitz, under the name of
San Rafael-Lagunitas Auto Stage Company, have petitioned the
Railroad Commission, in accordance with their amended application,
for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity re-
quire the operation by them of an automobile stage line as a com-
mon carrier of passengers and express between San Rafael and
Lagunitas, serving San Anselmo, Fairfax, Manor, Woodacre, San
Geronimo, Forest Knolls and intermediate points.

A public hearing on this application was conducted
before Examiner Satterwhite at San Francisco on January 19, 1925,
the matter was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

Applicants propose to charge rates and to operate on a time schedule in accordance with amended Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" attached to said application and to use equipment described in Exhibit "C."

The Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company and Stafford Stage Line protested the granting of said application.

The evidence of the applicants shows that San Rafael and San Anselmo are the communities at which considerable buying is done by the residents of all the communities proposed to be served by said applicants. The record shows that this particular territory is served by the protestant rail carrier and has also been served for a short period of time by a stage service operated by A. S. Stafford under the authority of this Commission in Decision 13580 in Application 8986, but it was shown by said applicants that A. S. Stafford abandoned his service in October, 1924, and has never resumed such service. Applicants offered testimony to the effect that the train service of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad is unsatisfactory and inconvenient for the reason that but four passenger trains operate from Lagunitas to San Rafael, the first of which leaves Lagunitas at about 6:00 o'clock in the morning, the second about 7:00 a.m., the third leaving Lagunitas about 4:00 p.m., and the last leaving Lagunitas about 5:30 p.m., so that between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. no trains are operated from Lagunitas to San Rafael, nor are there any daily trains operated between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Applicants propose to maintain a continuous service between the points proposed to be served, as indicated in their time schedule. It also appears that there is no means of securing by any transportation service supplies or express matter from San Rafael between the hours of about 8:15 a.m. and about 6:00 p.m., except when extra trains are operated on certain days

in the week. It was shown that the proposed stage service will meet the demand and desire of the housewives of all this section who desire to do their shopping at San Anselmo and San Rafael in the middle of the day and return at an earlier hour than that afforded by the train service. Many school children attend the High School at San Rafael and this bus service will afford them a more direct and convenient service without the necessity of any transfer or delay en route.

After a careful consideration of all the evidence in this proceeding, we are of the opinion and find as a fact that public convenience and necessity justify the granting of the application.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled application, the matter having been duly submitted, the Commission being now fully advised and basing its order on the finding of fact as appearing in the opinion which preceded this order,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION hereby declares that public convenience and necessity require the operation by John J. Kravitz and Clara Kravitz, co-partners under the name of San Rafael-Lagunitas Stage Company of an automobile stage line as a common carrier of passengers, express and baggage between San Rafael and Lagunitas, serving San Anselmo, Fairfax, Manor, Woodacre, San Geronimo, Forest Knolls and intermediate points, provided however, that the express service herein authorized is hereby restricted to a weight of 60 lbs. per shipment and is to be carried only on the passenger stages of applicant, no general express privilege being herein authorized.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and the same is hereby granted

to said applicants, subject to the following conditions:

Applicant shall file his written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed ten (10) days from date hereon; shall file, in duplicate, tariff of rates and time schedules within a period of not to exceed twenty (20) days from date hereon, such tariff of rates and time schedules to be identical with those attached to the application herein; and shall commence operation of said service within a period within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days from date hereon.

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.

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 19th
day of March, 1925.

H. R. Rundick
C. S. Seaver
Egerton Shore
George D. Quinn
Emmuel Reed
Commissioners.