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Decision No. 15469

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALLFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of TONOPAH TRUCKING COMPANY, INC., for certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate passenger, baggage and express service between Big Pine, California, and Oasis, California.

Application No. 11.548.

BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPINION AND ORDER

Tonopah Trucking Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the operation of an automotive service for the transportation of passengers, bassage and express between Big Pine. California, and a point on the California-Nevada State Line near Oasis, California, as part of a mail transportation service to be given by the applicant under contract with the United States Government between Tonopah, Nevada, and Big Pine, Calif.

It is proposed to charge rates and give service in accordance with the tariff of rates and time schedule marked Exhibit "A" and "B" and attached to the application herein and made a part thereof. and to use equipment as set forth in Exhibit "C".

Under its contract with the United States Post Office Department, Tonopah Trucking Company is required to transport the mail three times a week between Tonopah, Nevada, and Deep Springs and Big Pine, California. Applicant seeks authority to transport passengers, baggage and express on the auto cars or tracks used in the mail transportation service, claiming that the right to so serve the traveling public will provide/convenience for many persons living along the route traversed by the mail stage. Abe Ransom, owner of Deep Springs Auto Stage Line, operating an auto passenger service between Big Pine and Deep Springs, has advised the Commission, in writing, that he has no objection to the granting to the Tonopah Trucking Company, the certificate herein applied for. A similar waiver has been filed by V. G. Smith, owner of the Big Pine & Zurich Auto Stage Line, serving between Big Pine and Zurich. Smith, however, waives opposition to the application herein, with the understanding that no local service is to be given by applicant, Tonopah Trucking Company, between Big Pine and Zurich and points intermediate thereto.

We are of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary, particularly in view of the advices received from competitive carriers that they will not oppose granting of the application, and that the application should be granted.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HERE-BY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation of an automotive service for the transportation of passengers. baggage and express between Big Pine, California, and a point on the California-Nevada State line near Oasis. California, and intermediate points, said service to be given as part of a mail transportation service between Tonopah, Nevada, and Doep Springs and Big Bine, California, and IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a cortificate of public convenience and necessity for such a service be and the same hereby is granted to Tonopah Trucking Company, a corporation, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. No service shall be given locally between Big Pine and Zurich, including Zurich and points intermediate thereto.
- 2. Applicant herein shall file with the Railroad Commission its 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 tariff of rates and time schedules to be identical with those attached to the application herein; and shall commence operation of said service withma period of not to exceed thirty (30) days from date hereof.
- 3. The rights and privileges herein authorized may not be discontinued, sold, leased, transferred nor assigned unless written consent of the Railroad Commission to such discontinuance, sale, lease, transfer or assignment has first been secured.
- 4. No vehicle may be operated by applicant herein unless such vehicle is owned by said applicant or is lessed by it under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.
- 5. For all other purposes the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date horeof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11 day

of September, 1925.

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Commissioners.