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Decision No. 15837

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
COAST LINE STAGES, Inc., for certifi-)
cate of public convenience and necessity)
to operate passenger, baggage and freight) Application
service between Fort Bragg and Duncan Mills;) No. 12319
and Fort Bragg and Rockport, California.)

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER

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Coast Line Stages, Inc., has petitioned the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the operation of an automobile service for the transportation of passengers, baggage and freight between Fort Bragg and Duncan Mills and between Fort Bragg and Rockport.

Applicant proposes to charge fares and rates in accordance with the tariff marked Exhibit "A"; to give service in accordance with the time schedule shown in Exhibit "B"; and to use equipment as shown in Exhibit "C"; all exhibits being attached to the application herein and being a part thereof.

Coast Line Stages, Inc., is now operating between Fort Bragg and Cazadero and intermediate points. The instant application is for a certificate permitting utilization by the applicant of a new highway along the coast of Mendocino County, extending from a point near Stewart's Point to Jenner, thence to Duncan Mills passing through several communities and territory not at present enjoying public transportation service of any kind. This is particularly true of the coast territory between Stewart's Point and Jenner. In the territory north of Fort Bragg, as far as Union Landing, there is an auto service for the transportation of passenger and freight operated by F.W. Thompson, under authority of the Railroad Commission. He serves between Fort Bragg and Union Landing.

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Applicant herein declares that it does not desire to operate locally between Fort Bragg and Westport. As no complaint exists against the local service as rendered by Thompson, this exclusion should be extended to Union Landing, a point about 10 miles from Rockport, which is a new town and lumbering center.

Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company, after notification of the filing of the application herein, has advised the Commission that it had no desire to oppose the granting of the certificate prayed for.

In view of the facts as set forth in the application herein, we are of the opinion that this is a matter in which a public hearing is not necessary 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 of an automobile service by Coast Line Stages, Inc., for the transportation of passengers, baggage and freight between Fort Bragg and Duncan Mills and intermediate points, via Jenner, and between Fort Bragg and Rockport and intermediate points, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity for such a service be and the same hereby is granted to Coast Line Stages, Inc., subject to the following conditions:

1- That no local service shall be given by Coast Line Stages, Inc., between Fort Bragg and Union Landing, and intermediate points, which points are served locally by Fort Bragg-Union Landing Auto Line, operated by L.F. Thompson, under authority of the Railroad Commission.

2- That the service authorized herein shall be operated in conjunction with and as part of the service now being given by Coast Line Stages, Inc., between Fort Bragg and Cazadero and intermediate points.

3- Applicant shall file within fifteen (15) days from date hereof written acceptance of the certificate of public convenience and necessity herein granted.

4- Applicant shall file within twenty (20) days from date hereof, in duplicate, a tariff of rates and time schedules satisfactory to the Railroad Commission and covering the service to be given under the certificate herein authorized and the service now being given between Fort Bragg and Cazadero.

5- 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.

6- No vehicle may be operated by applicant 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.

7- For all other purposes the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of January, 1926.

H. B. Brundage

C. C. Seaver

George W. Spence

Leon Whitell
COMMISSIONERS.